

AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the JRC held at ARA Headquarters on Saturday 8th January 2005

Present:

Lee Stampton (Chairman), Geoff Brook (Vice Chairman/Secretary), Jo Birtwistle (North West), Robin Walker (West Midlands), Nick Chmarny (Wessex), Chris Brooking (WAGS), Peter Sheppard Chief Coach (Juniors) Simon Dickie (ARA YDO), Chris Llewellyn (Nat. Comp. Comm.)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mrs Di Ellis (Chairman ARA), David Warburton (North), Daniel Hetherington (East), Richard Boulton (Thames Upper), Gordon Reay (WAGS), George Hammond (National Schools), and Peter Shakespear (ARA Performance Development Manager).

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th September 2004

The minutes had been circulated and those present at that meeting agreed their acceptance.

3. Matters Arising:

a. Reduced Subscription for first year junior rowers

There had been no news on this matter, it was agreed to keep it on the agenda.

b. Schools Rowing Association

There had still been no further action on this front that the secretary was aware of.

c. Coaching Bursaries 2005

A report would need to be tabled at the next meeting.

Action 1 Colin Brown 28/02/05

d. Publicity

The Chairman reported that a JRC section should soon be available on the web site.

Action 2 LS to Raise with Sophie Mc 28/02/05

4. Junior Inter-Regional Championship

a) **2005** - The JIRC would remain on the 17th April, having been asked to move from the originally agreed date of the 24th. by the Competition Committee. The views of Leicester City Rowing Club were noted but unfortunately nothing could now be done.

Regions were reminded that they should considering how to select their teams and that they must provide 4 volunteers to help with the event on the day.

Action 3 Junior reps from each region to inform Team manager of this requirement

Action 4: Pam Davies to arrange for entry form to be altered to record each region's volunteers for the event 4 people = each volunteer putting in half a days help. Entry form to record areas in which they can assist – eg marshalling, raft, entries, etc.

Persephone Wynn had agreed to act as treasurer.

The Rowing Foundation had removed its funding for the event, it was agreed that £1000 a year should be drawn down from JRC funds to help cover the cost.

Action 5 LS to contact PD with information on this funding – JIRC to come back to JRC with funding requirements for 05 event

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- b) **2006** – Chris Llewellyn said that there were many problems trying to fit all the Nottingham events into the period around Easter. It was unlikely that the IRC could be run, on its usual date, in Nottingham. A move to Dorney had been suggested but the charges are higher than Nottingham and it lacked the central location necessary for this competition.

Action 6 Pam Davies would be asked for her team's comments.

The general feeling of the Commission was that the JRC should become more pro-active and look at the problems of the JIRC along with a general review of junior racing in the country.

Action 7: Jo Birtwistle agreed to chair a sub-group to review junior racing programmes at this level in UK and report back to JRC at next meeting with recommendations for 2006 onwards following consultation with regions April 05

Team JB, SD, PS, other members to be seconded

5. National Championships

The National Championships Committee had wished to remove J14 racing this year, and J15 racing in 2006. The problem being the racing distance for these age groups and the wish to substitute different events into an already crowded time table. Very strong views had been received in all quarters and this proposal had been squashed for the present. The outcry emphasised the problem of ARA committees and Commissions taking junior rowing decisions without consulting and taking the advice of the JRC.

Feedback facts:

38 emails, 2 phone calls, all responses in favour of keeping J14 and J15 events at Nat Champs, split on distance 50% in favour of 2K 30% in favour of shorter distances 20% no preference

This problem was to be addressed in the new JRC review of Junior racing which would look at 2006 and beyond.

See action 7 above for 2006 and beyond-

The NCC would be asked to consider the following proposals so that these age groups would, at least, race at the National Championships:

- i) J14s to race over 1000m and the J15s 1500m (preferred)
- ii) J14s/J15s to race over 1500m
- iii) Both age groups to race over 2000m

Action 8 for 2005 – CL to raise at Jan NCC meeting and feedback to JRC by 28/02/05

6. Reports

- a) World Class Start
Report tabled

7. ARA COMMunicate system

The JRC members had a demonstration of the COMMunicate system by Colin Brown

8. Other Reports

- b) Coaching and Development tabled at the meeting
- c) GB/France Match
Verbal report

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Pete Sheppard informed the Commission that the event would be held in Nottingham on the 11th July. The date of final trials tba

d) Coupe

Selection would take place through normal International trials.

e) Regional Reports

No regional reports had been tabled.

Action 9: The Chairman again emphasised the need for these reports to be tabled before the meeting and the suggested headings used –

- 1) National Junior Rowing Programme
- 2) Issues with Junior Rowing in the Region
- 3) Good Practice and achievements

To be completed by regional reps 2/3/05

9. Any Other Business

Drowning at Reading Rowing Club

A statement had been put on the ARA web site.

10. Date of Future Meetings

This was confirmed as the 2nd April 2005.

NB: Reports to be submitted by the 2nd March 2005.

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