



WOMEN'S ROWING COMMISSION

COUNCIL 27/11/04

A meeting of the Women's Commission took place on Saturday 13th November 2004

The agenda item for discussion was as follows:

'The Council of the Amateur Rowing Association has asked the Women's Rowing Commission to consider whether there is any merit in retaining the WRC in view of the fact that it has not met for three years'

Five members attended the meeting with feedback received electronically from five other members. Regional input came from four regions Thames, SE Coast, SE River and the NW.

1. Having fully discussed the role of the WRC and what it had achieved, the meeting then addressed the areas where some sort of support, input into women's rowing would be required if the Commission were not retained.
2. It was felt that a voice for women's rowing would be advantageous on both the Coaching and Competition Committee's, OARA would be useful in that it would provide a interactive link and that any region in the short term or longer wishing to retain a woman's representative on their regional council should do so.
3. An area identified as generally useful for both men and women in providing assistance, coaching, networking and identifying volunteers was the General Training Weekends as previously organised by the WRC. It was proposed that two of these should be reintroduced with support from paid staff, as these weekends were invaluable to clubs with little or no coaching resource available to them.
4. The WRC currently have a small amount of funds in their account it was approved by the meeting that these should be administered by the nominated trustees as agreed.
5. The meeting unanimously agreed that the Women's Rowing Commission should not be retained.

Recommendation:

The ARA Council approve the removal of the Women's Rowing Commission from the rules of the ARA as 5 and in doing so consider favourably the proposals under items 2,3 and 4.

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