

TWICKENHAM ROWING CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3RD AUGUST 2008

THE CLUBHOUSE EEL PIE ISLAND

Present

Colin Hunt, Christine Maddox, Avril Vellacott, Gayle Farmer, Ian Bell, Peter Crush, Henry Rogers, Edgar Harborne, Dave Wallington, Bob Scott, Haydn Davies, Michael Salzman, Martin Francis, Luxmi Selvarajah, Sue Abel, Samantha Grant, John Wastnage, Jonathan Cox, Tony McCrae, Rob Turner, Ben Stanberry, Matt Davis, Margo Cooper, Vicky Owen, Gillian O'Beirne, Roy Dixon, Calvin Turner, Keith Baldwin, Robert Bailey, John Sewell, Peter Hunter, Mark Ormiston, Kay Plumtree & Sally Howard

Apologies

Don Ross, Suzanne Dungey, Colin Margetson, Vicky Cheevers, Peter Chandler, Colin Tether, Erica Hamnett

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Trevor Staplehurst pointed out a correction to attendance listed (Staplehurst not Stappleton)

Approval of the minutes of the 2007 AGM Meeting was proposed by Martin Francis, and Seconded by Luxmi Salvarajah. All voted in favour

TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2008

The adoption of the Annual Report was presented by the chairman and thanked all for contributions during the year. Sue Abel proposed the report and Avril Vellacott Seconded. All in favour.

TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2008

The meeting were advised that funds were required to support the building s ongoing maintenance, plus costs of boat maintenance with a larger fleet. The year delivered a deficit of £4,000. It was agreed to meet this deficit this year by transferring money from the boat fund which is not desirable given that this impacts the boat stock medium to long term.

The Proposer was Kay Plumtree and the Seconder was Larry Grant. All voted in favour.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The meeting were advised that the Committee had agreed unanimously for Mark Ormiston to continue as **President** for the fourth year . All voted in favour. Thanks to Mark for his significant contribution to the Club.

Captain

The nomination this year was John Wastnage for Captain for a third term. Proposed by Colin Margetson and Seconded by Suzanne Dungey. All voted in favour

Treasurer

The nomination for Treasurer this year was Peter Jennings for the second term. Proposed by John Sewell and Seconded by Sally Howard. All voted in favour

Membership Secretary

The nomination this year was Margot Cooper for Membership secretary. Proposed by Suzanne Dungey and Seconded by Colin Margetson. All voted in favour

Bar Steward

The nomination this year was Jonathan Cox . Proposed by Mark Ormiston & Seconded by Colin Margetson. All voted in favour.

Auditor

The President advised that John Sewell had agreed to act as an auditor for the Club . Proposed by Kay Plumtree and Seconded by Peter Jennings. All voted in favour

Safety Officer

Mark Ormiston had agreed to continue as Safety Officer . All voted in favour

The following **Committee Members** had been nominated

	Proposer	Seconder
Luxmi Selvarajah	Avril Vellacott	Sally Howard
Erica Hamnett	Luxmi Selvarajah	Martin Francis
Avril Vellacott	Kay Plumtree	John Sewell
Vicky Cheevers	John Wastnage	Sally Owen
James Easton	Erica Hamnett	Sally Howard
Ben Stanberry	Martin Francis	Sally Howard

A block vote was taken. All voted in favour

The **Captain, John Wastnage**, then addressed the meeting and advised that his challenge was seeking a balance between supporting athletes and recreational members in terms of resources. He praised the racing squads who had put in excellent results this year and also highlighted the success of the Junior section who were represented strongly at the Schools Head and at the National Schools Regatta. For the first time at Twickenham Rowing Club Juniors had the opportunity to trial for GB.

The Captain also praised the fantastic efforts put in for the Learn to Row courses that has supported the development squads with good athletes. And thanked all the coaches for their great results this year.

Looking forward to next year John advised that the new part funded coach (ARA) main objective is to bring in new members. John also highlighted the importance of continuing the relationships with Universities. And continued ambitions to be represented at Henley Royal Regatta.

TO CONFER UPON THE CAPTAIN THE POWER TO APPOINT VICE CAPTAINS

Proposed by Sam Grant Seconded by Calvin Turner. All voted in favour.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Prior to the meeting the proposed rule changes, available with these minutes, as a separate document, Appendix A, had been circulated to all members.

Community Amateur Sports Club changes

The meeting were asked to vote on the change in rules required to become a CASC accredited club following the Committee's recommendation. This involved changes to Rules 2, 3, a new Rule 4, and changes to old Rules 8 and 10.

Calvin Turner raised some concerns about the additional information that the Inland Revenue would require which could be onerous for the Club. This was to be investigated prior to the ratification of this rule change. The proposed rule changes were put to the meeting -

Proposer Mark Ormiston Seconded Peter Jennings. All in favour to proceed to ratification.

Subscription Rule Changes as follows:-

Change to Surf Boat Category of Membership (new Rule 6(i)(v)).

Proposed by John Wastnage & Seconded by Luxmi Selvarajah. All voted in favour

New category Family Membership (new Rule 6(i)(vi))

Proposed by Martin Francis and Seconded by Calvin Turner. All voted in favour.

Proposal for the Committee to make increases in the annual subscription by up to plus or minus 10% (new Rule 7(i))

Proposed by Sam Grant and Seconded by Rob Bailey. All voted in favour.

Proposal for providing a discount to the new category of Family Membership (new Rule 7(vii))

Proposed by John Sewell & Seconded by Mike Spence. All voted in favour.

Proposal to support a discount for early payment of subscriptions to Club Members (new Rule 7(viii))

Proposed by Martin Francis and Seconded by Luxmi Selvarajah. All voted in favour.

Proposal that Treasurer can sign a cheque up to a specific amount.

Proposed by John Sewell and seconded by Mike Spence. All voted in favour.

ADOPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION INCREASES

The President requested approval for the increase in Subscriptions.

Proposed by Peter Jennings and Seconded by John Sewell. All voted in favour.

TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President recognised to all the great debt that the Club owed to George Plumtree who sadly passed away earlier in the year. In addition the Club were sad with the loss of Peter Ament who had contributed greatly to the Club.

The President reminded Club Members of the significant improvements to the club including the security to the club and key fob.

The Club Dinner had been a great success and some new sponsors had been found including the recent Delhi Durbar gift of £1,000.

Everyone make every effort to join the 100 Club as this provides much needed funds every year to the Club.

Martin Francis advised Club Members that the Planning approvals had been provided for the new extension and there was a very significant effort required to raise funds of between £300k and £400k.

Dave Wallington advised all that there needed to be more organisation of equipment and materials at the Club.

It was pointed out that the Remenham Club 150th Anniversary Dinner was being held the Saturday before Henley Royal Regatta.

There was some discussion about arranging the AGM earlier in the year.

Henry Rogers commended the Committee for the new doors to the Veranda.

Meeting Closed at 1.45pm

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Twickenham Rowing Club on 17th August 2008 the rule changes approved by the AGM were ratified.