

Dolphin Rowing Club – 3rd AGM 5.30-6.30pm

Venue: Emsworth Community Centre, Mountford 3.

Attendance: Committee 2018-2019: Jesse, Chris, Anya, Julia, Alison

Alison	Andrew	Anne	Anya	Belinda	Chris	Dee	Elaine P	Emma	Eros
Gail	Ian	Jenny	Jesse	Julia	Katy	Sandra	Shahnaz	Steve	

Juniors: Katie (2 Adult in attendance)

Apologies: Annika Bianca Franklin Kate

Circulation to other members: 30 full members; 2 students; 5 Juniors.

Meeting started at 5.33pm

Minutes of last meeting. 21th July 2018 (2nd AGM) Agreed as a fair representation, signed off by chair and on the website.

1. **Chair's and Captains Report: Jesse Loynes**

Dolphin Rowing Club is three and a half years old. We formed to provide safe, inclusive sliding seat rowing in Chichester Harbour. Since the last AGM the club has grown from 20 members to 37. It has been our busiest year with 176 outings since last spring. Our largest outing saw 50+ people on the water through the FISA taster day in Spring. Other "full seat" outings where every available seat was filled included Chris's sunset August Bank Holiday outing which was beautiful and memorable. Thanks to Chris for efforts all year – the committee recognised this and have awarded him Life Membership.

The FISA day marked the start of a move to Northney Marina, giving easier access to water, protect shore launches, greater tidal access and options for directions of travel. The committee is still finalising details of the move – full information will be sent out when it is available. Our thanks to Emsworth Yacht Harbour for their generosity in our first years.

Competitive rowing enthused us to get fitter and although it was cancelled 9 crews entered the British Rowing Offshore Champs. We still benefited from the training and joined the South West League at Plymouth (there are no affiliation fees with this league – just affiliation to British Rowing. Internationally Jenny entered the World Championships in Hong Kong as a single scull and came 18th and Anne joined her in the doubles event where they came 28th. Fantastic representation – congratulations.

This is a non-profit club that relies on generosity. Julia and Steve are ever generous with their time, coxing and maintenance, helping crews get on the water, gain fitness, fine tuning technique and permitting the use of their boats. Thank you, Steve and Julia. Whilst our members have cared for, repaired and improved our fleet and equipment Anya and Elaine worked to upkeep our rowing responsibilities. There is now a safety notice board which is regularly updated. The British Rowing Audit has been submitted and we are one of only five clubs that have had it signed off as complete and compliant. Thank you, Anya and Elaine. We would also like to thank Alison for keeping the club accounts and we shall hear from her next.

We are very much a club supported by commitment, enthusiasm and enjoyment of our members – Thank you all.

2. **Treasurer's Report – Alison**

Starting with accounts from April 2018/2019 these were relatively simple as at that time the income and outgoings were matched and we were at Emsworth Yacht Harbour. (See Accounts Sheet Distributed). There was a £361.71 surplus at year end. Some of this years annual membership is within this so a mental adjustment

needs to be made. The amount in the club including £1000 – gift donation in 2018 that the committee agreed to invest in training and sustainability of the club

Opening Balance April 2018	£1,582.07
Current Balance April 2019	£1,949.38
Current Bank Balance April 2019	£1,949.38

A mid-year update for 2019-2020 was given.

Income - £2456.00

Expenditure - £1826.19

With the increase in membership, income is more positive. Our fixed costs are also changing for example the committee agreed to maintain British Rowing affiliation but since we have not taken part in Hants and Dorset Coastal Rowing events nor are we able to participate in all the meetings/responsibilities the committee has opted out of Hants and Dorset and therefore the club will not be paying the affiliation nor the defibrillator fees this year.

ACTION: Secretary to send further letter of thanks to Hants and Dorset maintaining membership to BR but not Hants and Dorset until further notice.

Club Assets include: One wooden double (Sculling), One wooden pair (Sweep), One wooden quad/four with interchangeable riggers (these are also used on the pair to permit small boats) (These currently have Free storage space in a member's garden). 10 Pairs of Sculling blades; 6 Sweep Oars – Cleavers; 6 Sweep Oars – Macons; 5 Life jackets. 1 onboard quad first aid kit.

Other boats have been decommissioned, sold on or disposed of and it is hoped that they will bring in some funding for the club to ensure that as we grow, we have enough seats to get everyone who wants to on the water in Chichester Harbour.

Thank you, Ian, for giving tips and auditing the accounts.

3. Election of officers

Secretary offered up the statutory and other club roles in accordance with the club constitution

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chairperson	Jesse	Julia	Dee
Rowing Captain	Dee	Alison	Ian
Treasurer	Alison	Jenny	Emma
Secretary	Anya	Mike	Anne
Membership	Julia	Ian	Dee
Safety	Elaine	Anya	Jesse
Online content and correspondence	Chris	Gail	Sandy
Regatta/Race	Jenny	Dee	Emma

All roles were unanimously agreed by show of hands.

The secretary offered to membership at the meeting other club roles that they may wish for the next year including importantly welfare which has responsibility for child and vulnerable adult protection.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Welfare	Sandy	Alison	Eros
Social – including kit orders	Eros	Alison	Jesse
Bosun	Steve	Ian	Emma

All roles were unanimously agreed by show of hands.

ACTION: Secretary to give new contacts to British rowing. The first meeting of the committee will allow for handing over to new incumbents.

4. Adoption of policies

Since the club has grown, a motion was put forward to change quorate percentages for meetings in the constitution to show quorate at 33%, in line with British Rowing's minimum quorum and a provision for any changes to the constitution to be made by no less than 51% of the club. This motion was proposed by Ian seconded by Jesse and agreed unanimously.

Action: Secretary to change the constitution in line with the motion and ensure it is on the website.

We adopt all BR policy and signpost members to these policies.

Health and Safety practice is unique to the club and must be read understood and adhered to by all members it places responsibility for safety at the hands of all of us. The H&S lead advised members to only do what is within their experience and capabilities. The logging in process was recapped and must have direction of travel – written in the onsite book. Winter rules are now in place and these include all outings having a communication device in the wet bag, the small first aid kit and access to a throwable life jacket on each boat.

There are four qualified first aiders others first aid certificates have expired. Up to date first aid training was offered by Shanaz and those who wish to attend need to sign up. Five renewals include Anya, Julia, Jenny, Steve and Dee. Thank you, Shanaz.

To progress coaching sustainability the committee has agreed grant Level 2 coaching course fee support to Dee in 2019-20.

5. Any other business – proposals and suggestions for the committee to progress were put forward by members of the meeting and include:

New Strategic Plan -The initial 3-year plan has been realised and achieved it is time for the new committee to develop a new 3-year plan to enact.

Local National Offshore Championships– Mike will be invited to the next committee meeting.

Juniors Plan – Katie will be invited to a committee meeting for junior's initiatives possibly including Releasing Potential, Junior Rowing Captain etc.

Thanks to all who attended

Meeting closed 6.25 pm followed by an informal supper of veggie chilli
A very enjoyable meeting and all within the hour.

Suggested Committee Meeting dates post row eg 2 hrs after high tide on :

November 30th, 2019.

January 25th, 2020.

March 28th, 2020.

June 27th, 2020.

October 3rd, 2020.

AGM 28th June 2020 or 1st November 2020 – 5.30pm.