

Newhaven Gig Rowing Club AGM
Saturday 5th May 2018
TS Defiance, Chapel Street, Newhaven



Minutes

Committee Members Present: Nikki Tweedie (Chair), Chloe Sands, Rachel Beardsworth, Caroline Dean, Tracy Day, Mark Beaumont, Nicky Rattray, Dex Allen, Isabel Allen, Mark Syrett.

Committee Member Apologies: Andy Siese, Bob Rattray.

Other Attendees:

Name	Membership Type
Esther Thorpe	Full
James Tweedie	Non-Member
Lee St Clair	Full
Louise Willard	Full
Rosie Miller	Full
Dan Wittenberg	Full
Rhiannon Williams	Full
Cllr June Dyer	Non-Member
Heidi Rollinson	Full
Damon Rollinson	Full
Jane Gray	Novice
Noel West	Non-Member
Rhoda Funnell	Full
Jane Mitchell	Full
Olivia McGuckian	Full
Roy Francoud	Full
Jane Whitaker	Non-Member

1. Welcome and Introductions (Nikki Tweedie)

1.1 All Committee members and Trustees were introduced.

2. History & Vision (Nikki Tweedie)

2.1 The history of NGRC was outlined and the highlights of the years so far included:

- Year 1 (2016/17):
 - Laura Jane arrived in June.
 - 1st Team day
 - 1st Lewes row
 - Waves for Hope
 - 1st Committee meeting
 - Founders purchased Amelie
 - First charge for rowing
 - First coxes training session (coxes Caroline Dean, Dan Wittenberg and Rachel Beardsworth have successfully completed this training and were handed out awards in the meeting).
 - Gig Shed
 - Maintenance
- Year 2 (2017/18):
 - 1st Sea Cadet row
 - 1st race against Lewes in Raft Race
 - First competent cox
 - Fitness training began
 - Midwives go rowing
 - 2nd race – Great River Race
 - Membership launched
 - Winter maintenance
 - Christmas Dinner
 - Joined Cornish Pilot Gig Association
 - Won Aviva bid
 - Became a Charity
 - 1st Quiz night
 - Signed lease on our own clubhouse
 - 3rd Race – Appledore Supervets

2.2 Things to look forward to in the near future include:

- Second boat – Seven Stars
- London Cornish Regatta, Appledore Supervets, World Champs
- Junior Rowing
- Ouseday Grudge Match with Lewes
- Moon Row
- Nature Rows
- Visiting other clubs for social rowing
- Land-based training
- Big push to raise the money to buy Amelie
- Waterbourne – our own regatta

- Mental health rowing for recovery
- New cohort of coxes-in-training

3. Treasurers Update (Caroline Dean)

- 3.1 The following incomes updates were provided:
- Total income March 2017-March 2018 = £11,000
 - Most revenue from Row Dough – remains at £3 per row
 - Row Dough income May 2017-September 2017 = ~£450 per month
 - Current Bank Balance = £1,600
 - Current Paypal Balance = £1,120
- 3.2 The Expenditure for last year of £9,300 consists of:
- Rent
 - Mooring Fees
 - Insurance
 - Gig Maintenance and Equipment Costs
- 3.3 The introduction of a new membership system in September 2017 became very popular. There are a current total of 119 members which consist of:
- 54 = Annual Members
 - 3 = Associate Members
 - 62 = Novice Members
- 3.4 Aims for the next financial year include:
- Raise the remaining £10,500 for NGRC to become the owner of Amelie; already paid off £3,000.
 - Raise enough money through funds and grants to purchase another gig to replace Seven Stars.

4. Funding Update (Lee St Clair)

- 4.1 The fundraising team were introduced. The team is: Lee St Clair, Louise Willard, Rhoda Funnell, Damon Rollinson, Fiona Siese, Dinah Longden, Olivia McGuckian.
- 4.2 There are many upcoming events with fundraising opportunities and would like to hear from anyone willing to help and get involved. This is a good way to get to know people and have fun whilst raising money.
- 4.3 The team are open to ideas for events and are trying to be more ambitious.
- 4.4 There is an upcoming opportunity of 25 spaces on Harvey's Brewery Tour which have been donated to NGRC and will be sold for a fee.

5. Juniors (Isabel Allen)

- 5.1 The following was outlined:

- Coxes are currently getting DBS checks to allow for the introduction of junior crews.
- Looking to promote teamwork, physical fitness and enjoyment of the water.
- Will ensure the youth have a voice in the club by putting together a junior committee.

6. Safety Commitment (Dex Allen)

- 6.1 It was outlined that NGRC has a clear commitment to health and safety both on and off the boat and when using any equipment. Coxes are all trained and all understand the control measures that are in place.
- 6.2 The Health and Safety policy and risk assessments are available.
- 6.3 NGRC is keen to support people to get into or back rowing if there is a medical issue.

7. Vote on Constitution (Mark Syrett)

- 7.1 Now NGRC is an incorporated charity, part of this application is to have a confirmed structure which is set out in the constitution. This has to be agreed by club members.
- 7.2 It was noted that committee members have a fixed term of 2-4 years with the position being up for a vote at the end of the term. This rotation will be later decided but the Chair has to stand for 4 years. This means that everyone has a chance to be on the committee.
- 7.3 It was asked if anyone had any amendments to make on the constitution. Mark Syrett put forward an amendment to include a staggered timetable for the election of committee members.
- 7.4 The adoption of the constitution with the above amendment was put to a vote. There was a unanimous decision to accept.

DECISION: Unanimous. To adopt the constitution to include the proposed amendment.

8. Vote on Committee (Nikki Tweedie)

- 8.1 Both the current Fundraising Officer (Nicky Rattray) and Membership Officer (Bob Rattray) are standing down from their roles. Formal thanks were given to both for their time and effort that they have given to the club. An extended thank you was also given to Mark Elliott for his website design and continued support.

8.2 The following roles were voted on:

Role	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by	Decision
Chair	Nikki Tweedie	Rachel Beardsworth	Mark Syrett	For - Unanimous
Safeguarding & Welfare Officer	Andy Siese	Rhoda Funnell	Mark Beaumont	For - Unanimous
Health & Safety Officer	Dex Allen	Mark Beaumont	Tracy Day	For - Unanimous
Treasurer	Caroline Dean	Esther Thorpe	Chloe Sands	For - Unanimous
Publicity Officer	Rachel Beardsworth	Nicky Rattray	Damon Rollinson	For - Unanimous
Club Secretary	Chloe Sands	Heidi Rollinson	Rosie Miller	For - Unanimous
Membership Officer	Rhiannon Williams	Rhoda Funnell	Lee St Clair	For - Unanimous
Fundraising Officer	Dan Wittenberg	Mark Beaumont	Chloe Sands	For – 15 votes
	Mark Syrett	Rachel Beardsworth	Tracy Day	For – 3 votes
CPGA Rep	Mark Syrett	Esther Thorpe	Mark Beaumont	For – Unanimous
Junior Officer	Isabel Allen	Esther Thorpe	Olivia McGuckian	For - Unanimous
Ordinary Member	Mark Beaumont	Chloe Sands	Caroline Dean	For - Unanimous

The meeting was closed and it was announced that the next AGM would be held on Saturday 22nd June 2019