

## MINUTES FROM AGM 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT CLIFF HOUSE

There were approximately 40 members in attendance

**Apologies:** Neil Jephcott, John Gunstone, Emma Grey, Kimberley Pollard, Gill Pollard, Tracy Baker, Danielle Howitt, Steve Billows, Dr Bob, Emma Farrell, Melissa, Justine, Chris

**Minutes of the 2010 AGM:** Approved, signed, proposed: Faith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Hutch

No matters were arising from last year's minutes

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman to send out by separate email but in brief:

Chairman thanked everyone for coming and for helping the club during the year, behind the scenes and the efforts of all are noticed and appreciated even if there doesn't appear to be thanks at the time.

Regarding the gig shed lease, there is going to be development of this area of the gig shed and the Chairman has spoken to John Carter who is thinking about us and bearing us in mind for somewhere for SERC to have as a permanent home

Chair feels that the club is in a good place at the moment, SERC is going from strength to strength, lots of travelling including Holland, Ireland, London to name just a few. It is a shame that the SERC regatta was cancelled but this led to the Devon Cup, which may not otherwise have happened, and this was a great day and much appreciated by all.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer to send out by separate email but in brief:

This year the club made a loss of £322 but this is mostly Kukri kit that is in stock at the moment, plus the fact that we did not have our regatta

The Devon cup did not make us any money and we had to buy the trophies, so we are likely to make money next year

Dave Pollard also added that he still has £80 from a barrel of beer

SERC are also hoping to get sponsors of the Devon Cup trophies so will also get money from this.

**Club Subs:** A proposed rise was submitted to the committee. This was to try and get the adult subs away in price from the Junior price to try and encourage more juniors to join and also take into account the fact that the Juniors have a relatively short season. Geoff Goodier proposed these increases and Julia Wingate 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was then a vote and 32 members voted for the rise and 2 against. It was also noted during the general discussion that there were no family members. Fiona Flews suggested that this may be due to the price and more people might be encouraged to take out family membership if the price of family membership was cheaper and there was a category of family membership to be 1 adult and 2 children. The cut off for the child would be age 16. It was decided that this will be discussed at the next committee meeting but people proposing this are to email the Club Secretary.

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| 2011        | 2012        |
| Adult 65    | Adult 70    |
| Family 150  | Family 155  |
| Student 30  | no increase |
| Under 16 25 | no increase |
| Friend 25   | no increase |

### **Presentations:**

Presentations were made to the outgoing Club Secretary, Treasurer and Gail (Fundraiser)

The Chegwyn Trophy was presented to Sue Hutch and all those that helped out with the junior rowing this year.

The Pin and Plank Award, for the biggest ‘foul up’ of the year was given to Dave Pollard and Tony Doige. Tony and Dave managed to, in front of all the Sunday rowers on the quay, and having had a discussion about the bung, managed to launch one of the small boats and then left wondering why all their belongings were floating, only to find that they had left the bung out of the boat!!! A definite Faux Pas in the rowing fraternity!!!!

The Club has also been given a lovely trophy on behalf of James Fortesque, who rowed, until recently with the super vets. It is to be used for a competition involving the older members of the club. Chris Spenser Chapman said that James kept them all on their toes, and particularly remembers James for often `making the super vets do so many pyramids. James was rowing up until 6 months before he died, and always used the Concept 2 for 20 mins every day. The competition that this will be used for will be thought about and discussed at a later date.

### **Vote on New Constitution**

Geoff Goodier outlined the changes that the committee would like to make to the constitution. An outline of these can be seen in a separate email if anyone would like to see these, but basically involves electing a Vice Chairman, bringing new committee members onto the committee if a post is created, about vacancies on the committee, minutes for committee meetings must be open and available for all members to see and finally all committee members have 1 vote each even if they have 2 posts.

This was proposed by Madie Steer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Pollard and all attending members voted in favour

### **Elections**

|                             |                |
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| <b>Chair</b>                | Justin Harmer  |
| <b>Vice – chair</b>         | Vanessa Barton |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Madie Steer    |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | Jason Nickols  |
| <b>Membership secretary</b> | Julie Robinson |
| <b>Men’s Captain</b>        | Geoff Goodier  |
| <b>Lady’s Captain</b>       | Sharon Jarvis  |

**Super Vets Captain** Brian Bayliss  
**Lady's Vets Captain** Jill Bremner  
**Men's Vets Captain** Dave Pollard  
**Junior Gig Captain** Fiona Flews  
**Children's Rowing Captain** Phillipa Howitt-Wotton and Sarah Mimpriss  
**Newcomers Rowing Captain** Jane Krater  
**Boson** Tony Doige  
**Safety Officer** Chris Spencer- Chapman  
**Welfare Officer** Faith Constantine

#### **Non-committee posts**

**Website and Trailer Boards** Gail Allen  
**Press** Kate West?  
**Notice Boards** Faith Constantine  
**Assistant Ladies Captain** Kimberley Pollard  
**Assistant Ladies Vets Captain** Kate West  
**Assistant Newcomers Rowing** Kate West

The following post has not been filled, so please do consider if you can help in any way, and contact any of the committee members for more information

#### **Fundraiser**

#### **AOB**

Chris Spencer- Chapman made everyone aware that there is a missing radio and everyone needs to look out for this

Dave Pollard offered thanks to the Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.53pm