

**COUNCIL MEETING of 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2018.**

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. Saturday, 4th August, 2018, after Bournemouth Regatta - staged at Poole.**

A Meeting of the Association Council was called on Saturday, 4th August, 2018 after Bournemouth Regatta (staged at Poole) to confirm the 2018 Hants & Dorset ARA Championships and to select crews to represent the Association at the South Coast Rowing Championships at Deal on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

In attendance was the Association President Jeff Watling, Chairman, Martin Bradbeer, and Association Secretary - Steve Bull - along with Life Vice Presidents - Denis Woodford and Pete Staddon when the Association Chairman - Martin Bradbeer - opened the meeting. The following Clubs and Events were also represented - SOUTHSEA, RYDE, SOUTHAMPTON, BTC, ITCHEN, COALPORTERS, LYMINGTON, CHRISTCHURCH, BOURNEMOUTH and POOLE Clubs and Regattas plus the Head of the Stour, Itchen HERR, BTC HERR and the Southampton Coastal HERR and Itchen Junior Regatta. There were no representatives present from NEWPORT, DOLPHIN, SHANKLIN or WORTHING Rowing Clubs. Note. Swanage Regatta as an Association organized event does not use its vote.

Apologies were received from: the Association Treasurer Sue Sothcott.

- 1) Confirmation of Hants & Dorset ARA Champions. The meeting agreed that these were as follows -
  - Men's Senior Fours - ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up - BTC.
  - Men's Junior Senior Fours - BOURNEMOUTH. Runners-up - Poole.
  - Men's Junior Fours - BTC. Runners-up - Christchurch.
  - Men's Novice Fours - won jointly by SOUTHAMPTON and POOLE.
  - Ladies Senior Fours - COALPORTERS. Runners-up - Southampton.
  - Ladies Junior Fours - CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up - Itchen Imperial. Ladies Novice Fours - CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up - BTC.
  - Masters/Veteran Fours - LYMINGTON. Runners-up - BTC.
  - Ladies Masters Fours - CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up - BTC.
  - Men's Senior Pairs - BTC. Runners-up - Itchen Imperial.
  - Men's Junior Pairs - BTC. Runners-up - Southsea, Poole and Christchurch.
  - Ladies Senior Pairs - SHANKLIN. Runners-up - Christchurch.
  - Ladies Junior Pairs - CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up - BTC, Coalporters & Bournemouth.
  - Men's Senior Sculls - James Foad of ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up - Adam Ratcliffe of BTC.
  - Men's Junior Sculls - Will Mahoney of SOUTHSEA. Runner-up - Alex Murphy of Poole.
  - Men's Novice Sculls - a three way tie between - CHRISTCHURCH, POOLE & LYMINGTON.
  - Ladies Senior Sculls - No championship awarded. H&D Rules require 3 points to be awarded - only two were awarded - Faitfull of Shanklin and Bennett of Poole. A 3<sup>rd</sup> event was held - won by Harrision of Southsea but no point awarded as not registered.
  - Ladies Junior Sculls - Milly Paul of BTC. Runners-up - Monika Matusova of POOLE.
  - Ladies Novice Sculls - POOLE. Runners-up Lymington, BTC and Itchen Imperial.

As a result of the above there were no H&D Championship row-offs required.
- 2) The meeting then considered if the Association will enter 3rd crews in Championship events if SCC Rule 23 is invoked. This rules states -  
*If one of the Associations cannot fulfil their full representation, even if the Association can only submit one crew in any one status, then the other two Associations may enter an additional crew in that status without charge. The Association that cannot fulfil their representation must try to give the other two Associations as much notice as possible, being not later than the closing date of entries for the Championship of their failure to fulfil.* The meeting agreed that if invoked and if the

Association had an appropriate and qualifying club crew that wanted to take up the opportunity they could do so - but no Club crew would be forced to or be penalized if they did not wish to. The meeting agreed that, where possible they should agree a "stand-by" crew in case this situation did happen but they would have the option to withdraw.

- 3) The Associations representative crews for the South Coast Championship Regatta were agreed as follows -
- MENS SENIOR. ITCHEN IMPERIAL as Champions and BTC as Runners-up proposed and agreed by the meeting. Stand-by Club/Crew - Coalporters.
  - MENS JUNIOR SENIOR - BOURNEMOUTH as Champions and POOLE as Runners-up proposed agreed by the meeting. No Stand-by Club/Crew nominated.
  - MENS JUNIOR - BTC as Champions and CHRISTCHURCH as Runners-up proposed and agreed by the meeting. Stand-by Club/Crew - Southsea.
  - LADIES SENIOR - COALPORTERS as Champions. SOUTHAMPTON were Runners-up but had advised the Association that they were unable to take up the place as they only have one senior lady that is available to row. All there other senior ladies are either injured or are away on holiday. They considered using junior ladies or even novice ladies, but they do not have any of these rowers who fulfil the criteria required. They apologised and confirmed that they fully support the SCC event. Worthing were arguably next in line - but they have not competed the necessary number of H&D Events to qualify and have no oarswomen registered with the Association. Next in-line was CHRISTCHURCH and they were duly proposed and accepted the nomination. Stand-by Club/Crew - Poole.
  - LADIES JUNIOR - CHRISTCHURCH as Champions and ITCHEN as runners-up proposed and agreed by the meeting. Stand-by Club/Crew - BTC.
  - MASTERS/VETERAN 40 - LYMINGTON as Champions and BTC as runners-up. Stand-by Club/Crew - Itchen.

In the event of SCC Rule 23 being invoked if either CARA or WEARA failed to nominate all their representative crews in any Championship Event - the stand-by Clubs/Crews would be invited to represent the Association but could decline the opportunity without penalty.

- 4) Any Other relevant Business -
- i) The Association Secretary briefed the meeting on the situation with regards to the Championships in CARA and WEARA - who both still had Regatta's to complete. CARA were expected to have full representation but the situation with WEARA was less clear.
  - ii) The Association Secretary advised the meeting that he had queried two aspects of the organisers entry E Mail -
    - 1) Under the "Open Events" they list the "Veteran/Masters Coxed Fours 40+" twice - should one of these be "Veteran/Masters Coxed Fours 50+" or "Veteran/Masters Ladies Coxed Fours"?
    - 2) They state - "SCC Rules do not allow Mixed Crews in Junior Events" - but I believe that the 2018 SCC AGM approved a rule that reads "That in the J14 and J16 boy's events clubs can have one female person as a member of the crew." - so these events can be mixed. No response from the SCC organising committee had been received at the time of the meeting.
  - iii) The meeting was reminded that entries for the 2018 SCC closed on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> August and that there were no late entries at a South Coast Championship Regatta.
  - iv) Delgates expressed their concern regarding the lack of information emerging from the 2018 SCC Organising committee. The Association Secretary advised that the little he had received had been forwarded to all Clubs and the selected H&DARA Race Officials - who had not received anything to date. He also advised that this information had been posted on the SCC section of the H&DARA web site and that he would continue to do this and forward to Clubs and race Officials any information received.