

## Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association.

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## NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. Saturday, 9th August, 2014, after BTC Regatta.

A Meeting of the Association Council was called on Saturday, 9th August, 2014 after BTC Regatta to confirm the 2014 Hants & Dorset ARA Championships and to select crews to represent the Association at the South Coast Rowing championships at Swanage, on the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

In attendance was the Association President – John Purkess, Hon Treasurer - Keith Warland, Hon. Secretary - Steve Bull and Hon. Auditor - Pete Staddon along with Life Vice Presidents - Pat Glover; Ted Shergold, John Bailey, Denis Woodford, Bob Siver, Mark Viner, Kevin Ayles and Ian Hutchings when the Association Chairman – Martin Bradbeer – opened the meeting. The following Clubs and Events were also represented – SOUTHSEA, RYDE, SHANKLIN, SOUTHAMPTON, BTC, ITCHEN, COALPORTERS, LYMINGTON, CHRISTCHURCH, WESTOVER, NEWPORT and POOLE Clubs and Regattas plus Head of the Stour and Itchen Junior Regatta. There were no represntatives present from Worthing Rowing Club. Note. Swanage Regatta as an Association organised event dose not use its vote.

1) Confirmation of Hants & Dorset ARA Champions. The meeting agreed that these were as follows -

Men's Senior Fours – BTC. Runners-up – Itchen Imperial.

Men's Junior Senior Fours - RYDE. Runners-up - Lymington.

Men's Junior Fours - to be decided as a tie, with four points each between BTC and POOLE. The row-off to decide the Championships was discussed – which was scheduled to take place the next day at dock head, Southampton. However the meeting was aware of the poor forecast for the following day – making any row-off unlikley to take place. However Poole and BTC had discussed the situation prior to the meeting and agreed that, assuming both Clubs were selected to represent the Association at the South Coast Championships, they had agreed that the Championship race would be the row-off – the first of these two clubs/crew to finish taking the Hants & Dorset Championship. The meeting agreed to this proposal.

Men's Novice Fours – BTC. Runners-up – Christchurch.

Ladies Senior Fours - COALPORTERS. Runners-up - Itchen.

Ladies Junior Fours – ITCHEN. Runners-up BTC.

Ladies Novice Fours – CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up – Itchen.

Masters/Veteran Fours - POOLE. Runners-up - BTC.

Men's Senior Pairs – ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up – Lymington

Men's Junior Pairs - SHANKLIN. Runners-up — Southampton.

Ladies Senior Pairs - ITCHEN. Runners-up - Christchurch and Southsea.

Men's Senior Sculls – Mark Wardell of ITCHEN. Runner-up – Riceman of Itchen.

Men's Junior Sculls – Alex Robertson of SHANKLIN. Runner-up – Foley of Christchurch.

Men's Novice Sculls - LYMINGTON. Runner-up - Newport.

Ladies Senior Sculls - Robyn McGregor-Ritchie of ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up - Bull and Emery of Itchen.

Ladies Junior Sculls – Jasmine Hunt of CHRISTCHURCH. No other points awarded.

Ladies Novice Sculls – ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up Newport & Westover.



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2) The meeting then considered if the Association will enter 3<sup>rd</sup> crews in Championship events if SCC Rule 25 (B) is invoked. This rules atates -

(b) 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 so - but no Club crew would be forced to or be penalised if they did not wish to. The meeting agreed that, where possible they should agree at "stand-by" crew in case this situation did happen.

3) The Associations representative crews for the South Coast Championship Regatta were agreed as follows -

MENS SENIOR - BTC and ITCHEN. Stand-by Club/Crew – LYMINGTON.

MENS JUNIOR SENIOR - RYDE and LYMINGTON. Stand-by Club/Crew – WESTOVER

MENS JUNIOR - BTC and POOLE. Stand-by Club/Crew – SHANKLIN.

LADIES SENIOR - COALPORTERS and ITCHEN. Stand-by Club/Crew - No stand-by crew nominated LADIES JUNIOR - ITCHEN and BTC. Stand-by Club/Crew – No stand-by crew nominated.

MASTERS/VETERAN 40 – POOLE and BTC. Stand-by Club/Crew – ITCHEN.

In the event of SCC Rule 25B being invoked if either CARA or WEARA failed to nomiate all their represntative 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 – as far as he was aware – noting that WEARA were being quite posotive about the number of represntative crews they would have – but that they still had five regatta's to go the last being just the week before the Championship Regatta.
- ii) The Association Secretary apologised to the meeting for the problems with the South Coast Entry pack – and reminded them that entries closed on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August – and that there were no late entries allowed.
- iii) The Association Secretary also reminded the meeting that this was a H&D ARA hosted South Coast Championships Regatta – and that posotive support was needed from everyone in the Association – especially for the small group of dedicated Association members who were serving on the organising committe – who had faced some difficult and challenging situations and suffered from a lack of support in some areas.

They're being no other business the meeting closed at around 4.00pm with thanks to the BTC Rowing Club for their hospitality.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. 11th August, 2014.