

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HANTS & DORSET AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ITCHEN IMPERIAL ROWING CLUB, SOUTHAMPTON, ON SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 2015 at 10.30am.

Prior to the formal start of the meeting delegates stood in silence to remember two members of the Association who had passed away in recent months – Les and Maria Foad – of Itchen Imperial Rowing Club.

There were 31 delegates in attendance when the Chairman Martin Bradbeer opened the meeting with all Clubs represented except Worthing and all events issued with a permit represented except the Bryanston/Wessex Junior Regatta. Apologies were received from Royston Carver and Mark Sims from Christchurch.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were agreed to be a true record on a proposal from Bob Sivier, seconded by Alan Wigmore. The Matters arising from previous meeting that would not be covered in the agenda were – 1) Westover R. C & Bournemouth Regatta failure to send any representatives to meetings where the Associations Secretary had written to them to express the Associations concern. 2) Concerns regarding Coastal boat building - John Bailey of Southampton A. R. C updated the meeting – stating that the “Marlin” will not be available from Burgashell for a year. 3) E Mail only communication only, with four exceptions, had now been fully adopted. 4) Southsea Regatta. The recommendations from Race Officials and Council had been forwarded to the Southsea Regatta Committee. 6) Pete Staddon, on behalf of the H&D ARA was pursuing the offer from the Mayor of Swanage who had offered to carry out repairs that were needed to some of the Swanage Regatta Trophies. 10) Regatta Secretaries were canvassed, via E Mail, by the Association Secretary, as requested, to establish their views on the entries closing date being reduced to two weeks but the majority had indicated that they did not want this change so it would not be adopted at this time.

The Secretary's Report on the 2014 Season had been previously circulated so was not read at the meeting – but was accepted without amendment on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by John Bailey [see attached. Appendix 1.]

The Association Secretary then reported on the correspondence he had received and undertaken on behalf of the Association since the Council Meeting in November noting that all matters of correspondence that relate to Agenda items would be reported on and considered at that point in the meeting. He reported that he had undertaken all the usual correspondence relating to Hants & Dorset ARA activities including preparation of information on the 2014 season for the British Rowing Almanac and South Coast Rowing handbook. He had made arrangements and sent out notices for the Racing Officials Meeting at BTC in January and the Water Safety Meeting at Itchen Imperial in February and had provided secretarial services to both these committees. An Association Bulletin were sent out in March with the notice and Agenda for the AGM this meeting which included the minutes of the October Council meeting and various documents and papers required for the AGM. All these were all sent to the Executive Officers, Life Vice Presidents and Club and Event Secretaries and in line with the agreed procedure they were all sent by electronic mail with the exception of four Live Vice Presidents who do not have E Mail addresses who were sent hard copies. He reported that prior to this move all Race Officials, Club Rowing Safety Advisers, Club and Event Secretaries, Life Vice Presidents, Executive Officers and our only Hon. Member and the vast majority have agreed to E Mail only communication. The various forms required by Clubs and Events for the forthcoming season will also be sent out by E Mail – and will available to be downloaded from the Hants & Dorset ARA Web site once some details are finalized. This will include Entry Forms, Registration Form; Points claim form, additional registration form – and the entry amendment form which has been slightly amended to include a section on event change for crews/scullers that have been promoted from Novice status after close of entries. For events – this will include the permit application form, results sheet, SCC Levy return form and the Event Safety Audit Form. The Association Secretary also advised that he is happy to receive all these completed forms electronically by E Mail. Hard copies would be provided on request. The Race Officials would all also be sent there forms – BR Insurance claim, Event Report, Report on an Assistant and Regatta de-brief form electronically and they can be completed and returned in this format – and these forms can also be downloaded from the web site – with hard copies again available on request. British Rowing records with regards to Club and event contacts and the 2014 Fixture list have been updated. Correspondence had been received from Phil Challen, the CARA Secretary, who is compiling an addition to the history of the first 50 years of the South Coast Rowing Championships – covering the last 10 years – and in preparation for this he is trying to get his records up to date – many of which he apparently lost in a recent house move. Some information has been provided but he has apparently contacted every H&D Clubs with the information his is missing on their clubs records – notably first names of winning crews but only Ryde have responded so far and Clubs were asked to respond as soon as possible. Information has been provided to both the Wimbleball and Herne Bay South Coast Championship Regatta Organizing Committees. This has included historical information, program content and some advice. It would appear neither event has an established web site as yet – the only information on either event available on-line at the moment is on the H&D Web Site – under the SCC Tab. There were only twenty-eight fines imposed for Late Scratching and one for failure to attend a pre-regatta briefing, with six the subject of appeals - which were reviewed by the Associations Executive Officers at the delegates meeting with five appeals upheld and the fines refunded. The list of Association Officers and Club and Regatta officers and fixture lists from both CARA and WEARA have been received – and the same details from our Association have been provided to them. On behalf of the Association the Secretary has attended, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings and National

Water Safety Meeting held since the Autumn Council meeting in his capacity as Regional Rowing Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Dorset Safety Commission. He also attended most of the meetings of the Associations Rules and Competitions Sub Committees and the de-brief meeting of the 2014 South Coast Championships organizing committee. Following the Annual Presentation Dinner in November he wrote to Paula Williams to thank her for organizing the event last year - and to Barbara Carr to keep her informed on whom won the Trophy donated in memory of her late husband Hank. The Hants & Dorset ARA Web – at www.hdara.co.uk has been maintained – and is reasonably up to date – although information often changes and so keeping it completely up to date can be a challenge. Anyone spotting out of date or incorrect information should let me know via the contact option on the web site – as a few have – and these are usually corrected within forty-eight hours. It is worth keeping an eye on the “update” page where the latest information is posted – and any updates posted are also automatically sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its Facebook page. Where possible Event invitations and draws are added to and can be downloaded from their respective calendar entries on the Association Calendar on the home page. Further additional information is being added to the site – the minutes of all the H&D Meetings are available to download from the site, there is an expanding safety sections including links to safety related videos and documents and I have started, but not completed, adding maps to event locations and event course maps – see each event entry in the events section. I have received some positive feedback regarding the web site, its expanding content and simple, uncluttered format. Site visits average 1,560 per month with a monthly average of 3,128 page views. The H&D Twitter feed has 201 followers at the moment. The website also hosted the website for the 2014 South Coast Rowing Championships- in a special section – which had a well-publicized “quick link”. It is therefore no surprise that the page views the website receives which usually averages around a thousand doubled during August, 2014 and peaked at 4,282 page views in the week leading up to the Championships. As advised at the Autumn Council I received two requests for additional Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Medals for 2014. One from BTC on behalf of Richard Hume in the men’s Senior Four and one from Ryde on behalf of Andy Hicks for the Men’s Junior Senior Fours. The Executive have analyzed the results as per the procedure and concluded that Andy Hicks of Ryde qualified but Richard Hume of BTC did not – and this recommendation was accepted by the meeting.

The meeting then considered the Treasurer's Report and balance sheet which was circulated at the meeting [see attached. Appendix 2].and included the accounts of Swanage Regatta and the Hants & Dorset ARA Presentation Dinner. They showed the Associations accounts to be in a reasonable situation with a very healthy South Coast Championship fund. There was a query regarding payment for the First Aid cover at Swanage Regatta that the Association Secretary would investigate. The Association auditor confirmed that he had audited the accounts and found them to be all in order. The meeting then adopted the accounts – including the accounts from 2014 Swanage Regatta and the 2014 Hants & Dorset ARA Presentation dinner accounts on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Peter Locke.

The Election of the Association Officers for 2015 then took place as follows -

President – John Purkess, BTC, was re-elected as President for a second and final year on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Bob Siver and unanimously agreed by the meeting. Chairman – Martin Bradbeer of Itchen Imperial was unanimously re-elected for a second year on a proposal from Pete Staddon, seconded by Jeff Watling. The incumbent Treasurer, Keith Warland, had already advised the Association of his intention to stand down at this meeting, after eighteen years in the role. He was replaced, on a unanimous vote, on a proposal from Keith Warland, seconded by John Bailey by Sue Sothcott of Poole A. R. C. A vote of thanks to Keith was passed by the meeting. It was noted that arrangements would have to be made to change the signatories on the bank accounts – which Keith and Sue would organize. The Association Secretary – Steve Bull – was also unanimously re-elected on a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by Adam Radcliffe and this included the agreement of a continued Secretaries Honorarium of £500. Following his re-election the Association Secretary made the following statement to the meeting – *“I have been giving my position as Association Secretary some serious consideration and with my personal circumstances liable to change significantly over the next couple of years I thought it appropriate to give the Association a “heads-up” as I don’t want to “drop the Association in it”. As it stands at the moment, but without anything being set in stone, it would be my intention, assuming I am nominated, for the role of Association secretary again at the 2016 AGM, to accept the nomination – but I am likely to want to stand down from this role at the 2017 AGM – and certainly by 2018 when I will have completed 25 years in the role”. The meeting thanked Steve for making his intentions clear and briefly discussed ways of spreading the workload of the Association Secretary and beginning to hand over some of the roles.* The Hon. Auditor – Pete Staddon was unanimously reelected on a proposal from Martin Bradbeer, seconded by Sue Sothcott and the Trustees to the Association - John Bailey, Ian Hutchings and Mike Green were re-appointed unanimously on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Bob Siver. It was noted that Hon. Member Jimmy Jewell and the Associations Life Vice Presidents – I. Hutchings, B. Hartland, E. Shergold, S. Moody, M. Green, P. Glover, P. Trist, K. Warland, S. Bull, J. Bailey, D. Woodford, R. Siver, M. Viner, A. Wigmore. J. Bryant, K. Ayles, J. Purkess, John Adams and S. Sothcott retained their positions. Colin Eales, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council and Southsea R. C was added to the list of Life Vice Presidents on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Keith Warland.

The meeting was advised that the South Coast Rowing Handbook is due for publication in May, in the same format as last year and at a similar cost so there is no need to increase the Club contribution.

The South Coast levy on entry fees - currently £1 per seat – was reviewed by the meeting and there was a brief discussion on whether there was need to increase this in view of the three year cycle between hosting the event but, on a proposal from Gary Joyce, seconded by Pete Lock it was agreed to keep this the same.

The rates of subscription permit fees and entry fees for the year were then discussed by the meeting and it was agreed on a proposal from Gary Joyce, seconded by Sue Sothcott that these should also remain unchanged at - Subscriptions - £2.50 per registered member/minimum £60 + £46 Handbook contribution making minimum £106; Regatta permit - £20; Entry fees - £4.00 per seat + £1.00 South Coast Levy total per seat - £5.

The Regatta dates for 2015 were confirmed as follows - .

REGATTA DATES – 2015

			<i>H&D ARA Championship Regatta's are shown in CAPITALS.</i>	<i>Approx. start time if known.</i>	<i>Earliest Date Entries can close. (3 week rule)</i>
Sun	8 th	Feb	Itchen Eights & Fours HERR.		
Sat	7 th	March	BTC River & Coastal Boats Head.		
Sun	22 nd	March	Christchurch Hd of the Stour.	10.00	01/03/15
Sat	18 th	April	Southampton Coastal HERR.		28/03/2015
Sat	23 rd	May	CHRISTCHURCH.	9.30	02/05/2015
Sat	30 th	May	LYMINGTON/MILFORD.		09/05/2015
Sat	6 th	June	RYDE.	12.30	16/05/2015
Sun	7 th	June	SHANKLIN.		17/05/2015
Sat	20 th	June	WOOLSTON.		30/05/2015
Sat	27 th	June	SWANAGE.	10.30	06/06/2015
Sat	4 th	July	NEWPORT.	11.50	13/06/2015
Sun	5 th	July	NEWPORT Junior & SMALL BOATS.	12.45	13/06/2015
Sat	11 th	July	SOUTHSEA.		20/06/2015
Sat	18 th	July	BOURNEMOUTH.	11.00	27/06/2015
Sat	25 th	July	POOLE.	10.30	04/07/2015
Sat	8 th	August	ITCHEN.	10.00	18/07/2015
Sat	15 th	August	BTC.	10.35	25/07/2015
Sat	22 nd	August	COALPORTERS.		01/08/2015
Sun	23 rd	August	Championship/SCC selection row-offs – if reqd	11:00	Dock Head.
Sat	12 th	September	South Coast Championships. Wimbleball.		22/08/2015
Sun	13 th	September	South Coast Junior Regatta. Wimbleball.		22/08/2015
Sat	3 rd	October	Itchen Imperial RC Junior Regatta		

It was confirmed that there would be no Wessex Junior Regatta at Bryanston in 2015 but that it would hopefully return in 2016. There was also some discussion on GIG rowing at Swanage – and if they could be involved in Swanage Regatta – but it was noted that they had been approached on a number of occasions but had shown little interest – although something on the Sunday may be an option – although many saw an involvement with gig racing as a step backwards. It was also noted that BR was planning a re-vamp of Explore Rowing with some form of low level racing involvement – which seems to be something of a contradiction in terms. The inclusion of J16 events should continue to be encouraged – especially in Coxed Quads.

With the balance sheet for Swanage Regatta having already been approved by the meeting the format of the Committee was given consideration and with most of the Clubs and individuals who had supported the event in recent years pledging their continued support the meeting agreed that the existing format should continue with the Association Secretary coordinating the preparations as he had in the past few years. The buoys, weights and ropes purchased by the Association were now available for the event and the large “sailing” buoys that the Association had agreed to purchase would be available in time for this year’s event.

A report on the recent South Coast Council Meeting and changes to the South Coast Council Rules was then reviewed – a report on the AGM having been circulated in advance by Hants & Dorset ARA SCC delegate Denny Woodford .[see attached – Appendix 3.] This includes a report on the SCC Rules changes agreed at the meeting – but none of these are particularly significant – with the proposal to make Masters 50 a Championship event rejected. Denny Woodford reported that the H&D Delegates would attend a site meeting Wimbleball on the 11th April and expressed his concern that the organization was once again a bit on a “one-man show” with limited support coming from the hosting Association (WEARA). It was felt that they need to take greater responsibility for an event organized in their name The H&D Association Secretary expressed his concern at the plans for the Friday reception where it appeared that the issue of invitations would

be passed over to local Association Secretaries. The organizers were also looking for volunteers to help crew safety boats – but they would have to have RYA2 Qualifications.

The Race Officials for the 2015 South Coast Rowing Championships at Swanage, following the recommendation from the Race officials meeting were then appointed, on a proposal from Adam Radcliffe, seconded by Bob Siver, as follows –

Championship/Open Regatta. Saturday, 12th September.

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Pete Staddon.
STARTER – John Purkess,
JUDGE – John Adams.
OPEN UMPIRE – Andy Parsons.
RESERVES – Martin Bradbeer

Junior Regatta. Sunday, 13th September.

STARTER – John Purkess.
JUDGE – Keith Warland.
OPEN UMPIRE – Ian Hutchings.
RESERVES – Pete Staddon/Andy Parsons/John Adams.

Boat Inspections – Steve Bull & Mark Viner

and the Associations delegates to the South Coast Council - Bob Siver, Denis Woodford, and Andy Sothcott were unanimously re-elected on a proposal from Steve Bull seconded by Adam Radcliffe. [Note. H&D Life Members of the South Coast Council are - Brent Hartland, Ted Shergold, and Keith Warland.]

The meeting then approved the Final Accounts of the 2014 South Coast Championship Regatta (see attached – Appendix 4), subject to a final adjustment, which will marginally increase the excess of income, but with no need for approval, on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by John Bailey.

The meeting then considered the venue and organization of the 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta, the next one to be hosted by the Association – and with the South Coast Council expecting to be given this information at its next meeting in March the meeting was under some pressure to make a decision. At the Autumn Council Meeting, in October various options were considered including Western Shore, a return to Dorney or Swanage or Poole Harbor and it was agreed that all Clubs or groups of local clubs should give this consideration and that it should be an item for discussion at the 2014 SCC de-brief meeting. Since then Poole, who has shown some interest in staging the event in Poole Harbor, had been forced to withdraw because their envisaged course was not suitable. Contact had also been made with Dorney Lake to see if that venue could be available again and their initial response had been positive with September the 2nd or 9th September, 2017 the likely dates – although the 9th could be an issue as the school returns that weekend (this was also an issue in 2007 and 2011 but the school agreed to our using the facility). They advised that the 16th would almost certainly not be available as they usually hosted large triathlon that weekend. With Poole having withdrawn their offer and no other Clubs coming forward the only other option appeared to be a return to the 2014 venue of Swanage – and although the Town Council were apparently enthusiastic there was much concern expressed about the Coastal venue and the high risk of cancellation or disruption – which added to the pressure placed on organizing committee members. After some further debate where the advantages and disadvantages of Dorney and Swanage were discussed the meeting agreed to pursue Dorney as the venue for the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championships on the 2nd or 9th September and to advise the South Coast Council accordingly at the next minute. Tim Bull was to be asked to formally apply to Dorney Lake for use of the venue for the Championship & Junior Regatta on one of those dates with a preference for the 9th September. Mike Green would follow this up in person with Ivor Lloyd at Dorney as he was due to visit the venue over the next few weeks.

The notes from last meeting of the Competition and Rules Sub Committee which had been previously circulated were briefly discussed – with Adam Ratcliffe confirmed as Chairman and Jeff Watling as Secretary, before the meeting moved on to consider the amendments and additions to Association Rules that resulted from the Sub Committee Meetings, the consultation process and proposal from Clubs. This included the annual review of the number of wins a Novice is required to get before promotion and the meeting agreed to leave this at one for Fours and two for Scullers.

The meeting then discussed the proposed rule changes, agreeing in advance to consider and vote upon the principle/intention rather than going through every line and word of the changes, which sometime spread across several sections of the Associations Rules. It was accepted that the wording of some accepted rule changes may subsequently require “tweaking”. The Association Secretary also agreed that as soon as possible after the meeting an amended set of rules would be E Mailed to all Executive Officers, Life Vice Presidents, Honorary Members, Affiliated Clubs and Events and Race Officials and they would be uploaded to the Rules section of the H&D Web site – but hard copies would not be sent out unless requested.

The proposals to introduce Ladies Masters “A” (40+) and Ladies Coastal Junior Pairs as Hants & Dorset Championship Events was unanimously approved by the meeting following a proposal from Adam Ratcliffe, seconded by John Bailey as was the proposal, from John Adams, seconded by Pete Lock that a win at a higher status should count as a win at their

current status and the meeting ratified the rule put in place last year that two wins were required before promotion from Coastal Junior and Junior Senior status.

There was a lengthy debate regarding the introduction of regression from Senior status. Some delegates expressed their surprise and concern regarding some of the individuals who had put their name forward for regression – although the meeting accepted that the rules had been followed and all were eligible under the envisaged rule. Other delegates expressed their surprise and disappointment that after a lengthy consultation process with the Clubs and at Sub Committee meetings and a debate and agreement on the wording and format of the rule at the Autumn Council Meeting a number of Clubs appeared to have changed their view. After a further lengthy discussion an amendment to the proposed rule change was proposed by John Bailey to exclude from regression anyone who had won a South Coast or Hants & Dorset ARA Senior Championship but the amendment was defeated by 15 votes to 8. The meeting then voted on the original proposal – to allow a Senior Oarsman to regress, if requested in writing by 31st January, providing they had not won a Hants & Dorset Senior event in the last five years – but this proposal was rejected by the meeting by 17 votes to 11.

There was also a brief discussion on the hierarchy of competition where it was agreed that priority should be given to South Coast Championship event plus Novice Fours with other event included based on entries received.

The Election of Racing Officials for 2015, a report on the Officials Meeting of 18/1/15 [see attached. Appendix 5] and Election of the Umpires Committee was then discussed and agreed. The Umpires committee had decided that Pete Diffey of Poole should be returned to Assistant official status as he had not officiated for some time. The Racing Officials were re-elected en bloc, as follows - FULL OFFICIALS - John Adams, John Bailey, Steve Bull, Pat Glover, Carole Wall, Ian Hutchings, John Purkess, Pete Staddon, Mark Viner, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore, Denis Woodford, Martin Bradbeer, Andy Sothcott, Alan Stewart, Andy Parsons, Pete (17). Pending promotion to full Official - Sharon Ayles, Penny Budd, Karen Fancett, Ray Murphy (4). ASSISTANT OFFICIALS – Pete Diffey, Simon Clements, Pete Lock, Bill Dalby, Max Maxwell, Dave Lathem, (6) on a proposal from Alan Wigmore, seconded by Roger Hames. The umpires committee was also agreed as follows - Chairman – Andy Parsons. Commission Members - John Purkess, John Bailey, Martin Bradbeer, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore – and all other recommendations proposed by the Race Officials meeting were accepted by the meeting including the £100 charge, per official, for each club staging a Hants & Dorset ARA Event where a permit was issued, that failed to provide two race officials who were available for at least three events.

Colin Eales, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council gave a brief report on the Wessex Region's activities and on British Rowing including the appointment of the new CEO. The meeting agreed, on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Gary Joyce to make a financial contribution from the Hants & Dorset ARA to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of - £250 for 2015 – and it was suggested that a similar contribution be sought from CARA – although the H&D donation would be “ring fenced” for activities involving Hants & Dorset Clubs. Jeff Watling took the opportunity to outline the Wessex Regions development plan which had been developed following extensive consultation with the Wessex Region Clubs and had been well received by British Rowing.

The meeting then reviewed the report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting of 7/2/15 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting [See attached Appendix 6] with all the recommendations made accepted by the meeting and a Safety Committee for 2015 of - Chairman – Mark Viner and Sub Committee Members – Steve Bull, Gary Joyce, Mick Gisborne and Adam Radcliffe appointed. Steve Bull, as Wessex Region SA updated the meeting with regards to the drowning of a Rowing Coach on the Thames at the end of January – but there were few details available and speculation was pointless and unhelpful. Colin Eales commented on Life Jackets and the need for regular servicing.

The Prize Presentation Evening, where the balance sheet for 2014 had already been adopted by the meeting and which was scheduled to take place on Saturday, 7th November at the Novotel in Southampton was discussed briefly – with Paula Williams, of Coalporters re-appointed as the organizer with the thanks of the Association.

There were no items of Any other business discussed –

It was agreed that the date, time and place of the Autumn Council Meeting would be agreed by the Associations Executive Officers once the Southampton F. C. Fixtures were known – and the Chairman then brought the meeting to a close at 2.25pm.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary, April, 2014. The attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

Chairman, Hants & Dorset ARA.
Date: _____

List of appendices attached –

Appendix 1. The Secretary's Report on the 2014 Season.

Appendix 2. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet. Including Swanage Regatta and Presentation Dinner.

Appendix 3. Report from AGM of the South Coast Council AGM

Appendix 4. SCRC Swanage 2014 Final Accounts

Appendix 5. Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting

Appendix 6. Report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting

Appendix 1. The Secretary's Report on the 2014 Season.

The Association Secretaries Report on the 2014 Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association Season.

Disruption to the Associations pre-season Head Races, where half were cancelled due to the weather led to concerns for the approaching Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Regatta Season but while some regatta's were staged in true Coastal Conditions, with all the challenges that presents, all thirteen Regatta's were completed although the odd event was lost due to the prevailing conditions or time and tide constraints.

Entries across the thirteen championship regattas, including non-championship events, were 1758 – a healthy 199 increase on the 2013 season – with the entries at ten regattas exceeding 100. Southsea Regatta, an event covering two Associations had, as ever, the largest entry at 255. Poole with an entry of 175 was the largest with Hants & Dorset ARA only regatta, just ahead of the ever popular, Association run Swanage Regatta which had an entry of 166.

BTC comfortably won the Men's Senior Fours Championship with 9 wins and points, the limited opposition coming from Itchen, Lymington and Christchurch, who won one regatta and point each. BTC and Itchen went on to represent the Association at the South Coast Championships where they finished 2nd & 3rd behind CARA's Bexhill.

Ryde dominated the Men's Junior Senior Fours Championship, winning nine of the ten events staged, there only defeat coming at Southsea Regatta – won by Herne Bay – with Lymington in 2nd place and Ryde back in 3rd. These two went on to represent the Association at the South Coast Championships – where, unfortunately, the result at Southsea was repeated. The Lymington J/S crew also competed in the Senior Fours Championship event after South Coast Council Rule 21B was invoked following the West of England ARA's failure to provide a full quota of Championship crews.

In comparison the Men's Coastal Junior Fours Championship was a closely contested competition with five Clubs winning, which should significantly boost the J/S status for next season. Poole and BTC - with two different winning combinations - were the main players, each finishing the season with four points with Newport and Southampton gaining two each. It all looked like it would be a battle between BTC and Poole at the last regatta of the season as to who would take the Championship but a surprise win from Shanklin put paid to this forcing a rare, but not unique "row-off" for the Hants & Dorset Championship in the South Coast Championship event where BTC and Poole were representing the Association along with Shanklin who accepted a Rule 21B nomination – which was declined by the other two winning clubs. Poole's 3rd place in the Championship event was enough to the Hants & Dorset title.

The Men's Novice Fours Championship – with a return to the "one win" for promotion format was also closely contested with seven different Clubs winning. BTC took the Championship with four wins, with Christchurch runners-up with three, Southsea with two and Itchen, Ryde, Shanklin and Coalporters with one a piece.

The Ladies Senior Fours Championship was won, once again by Coalporters, with nine wins and points with Itchen runners-up with three and Southampton taking the other available point. So Coalporters and Itchen represented the Association at the South Coast Championships – where the order was reversed – but neither was able to claim the crown – finishing 2nd and 3rd.

However there was South Coast Championship success for the Hants & Dorset Junior Coastal Ladies Fours, the Champions – Itchen – who had taken the title with eight wins, winning the Championship race with BTC, runners-up for the Hants & Dorset Championship, with five points finishing in 2nd place.

The Ladies Novice Fours event, which also returned to the one win for promotion format, was dominated by two Clubs – Christchurch – who took the Championship with an impressive six wins and from Itchen with an equally impressive five wins – along with Southampton and BTC with one win each.

In the Masters 40 plus Championship Poole seven wins secured them the Championship with BTC runners-up with four with Itchen taking the other two points. Poole and BTC represented the Association at the South Coast Championships with Poole adding to their achievements by taking this title as well.

In the Coxless Pairs events the Senior Men's Association Championship were Itchen narrowly defeating Lymington by five points to four with Christchurch winning twice. But the Men's Junior pairs was dominated by Shanklin who won took ten of the twelve points available Southampton winning the other two and Itchen were nearly as dominant in the Ladies Senior Pairs winning eight of the eleven events with Southsea winning twice and Christchurch once.

Mark Wardell of Itchen won the Men's Senior Sculls title winning six times, with his Club colleague Jonathon Riceman's two wins giving him the runners-up slot from Kenny Chalk and Chris Schreiber of Lymington, with Dave Cosens of Coalporters and Richard Hume of BTC each winning once. Alex Robertson of Shanklin was the clear winner of the Men's Junior Sculls Championship with nine points won – Harry Foley from Christchurch and Ollie Hayward from Newport taking two points and one point respectively and Lymington's five wins in the Men's Novice Sculls gave them this Championship with Newport's two wins making them runners-up and single wins for Southampton, Christchurch and Westover.

In the Ladies Single Sculling, where Championships were awarded in all three events for the first time in a number of years, Robyn McGregor-Ritchie, of Itchen's six wins gave her victory in the Senior Sculls with two Itchen colleagues Jess Bull and Paige Emery taking the other two available points. Jaz Hunt of Christchurch won all five available points to win the Ladies Junior Sculls Championship and Itchen's three wins gave them the Novice Championship with Westover and Newport in the runners-up slot – each with two wins with Poole securing one.

These results led to Itchen Imperial comfortably retaining the R. S. O. "Hank Carr" Trophy for the Championship Club – with BTC runners-up and their performance at the South Coast Championships also earned them the Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for the best performing Club in the Championship and open events at the South Coast Championships.

Entries in the trial events for Ladies Masters fours and Ladies Junior Pairs were encouraging – less so for Masters 50+ - and these two events are likely to gain Championship status in 2015 but the format of Junior – J14/J16 racing – remains a challenge to resolve.

The prestigious Coxswain of the year Trophy went to Lewis Butchers of Lymington with Itchen's Sasha Moore runner-up. Two safety awards – for completing the season with no faults found in boat inspections – went to Southampton and Southsea.

Finally The Evening Echo Trophy, presented in memory of Arthur Chatfield, to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Hants & Dorset and Coastal Rowing was awarded to Sue Sothcott of Poole.

Registration at 808 showed a small increase (of 8) on 2013 with Christchurch the largest Club and BTC 2nd and Coalporters third. 461 of those registered were men, 347 women. Over 50% of those registered were Novices at the start of the season (441) – and 76 were over 40 (Masters).

With entries well-up and registrations slightly higher the Association can feel relatively comfortable about its situation – and although the actual Championships wins at the South Coast Championship Regatta were disappointing podium places for our representatives crews still gave the Association the Eileen and Eric Crow Aggregate Shield as the best Association in the Championship races and the performances of Hants & Dorset ARA Crews in the Open and Junior Events gave us these aggregate trophies as well and so we can still claim to be the best of the three South Coast rowing Associations. Plenty of challenges remain – not least our relationship with British Rowing – and there must be concern regarding the relatively poor standard and entries in the higher statuses – but in comparison both Novice statuses have shown an encouraging increase in both the standard and numbers giving us grounds to be optimistic for the future.

Steve Bull,
Association Secretary,
November, 2015.

<u>ASSETS</u>		
	<u>2014</u>	
	QTY	£
CHAMPIONSHIP CUPS		44206
SOUTH COAST MEDELS	204	1160.8
COXSWAINS CAPS	7	245
UMPIRES KIT		85.92
REGISTRATION CARDS	930	82.72
POINTS CLAIM CARDS	1810	166.38
BLANK CARDS	350	30.08
RULE BOOKS (OBSOLETE)	7	14
CHAMPIONSHIP MEDELS	187	712.14
MEDAL RIBBONS	80	22.32
PAST PRESIDENT MEDALS	6	121.25
TIES	15	97.5
<u>TOTAL</u>		46944.11

<u>DEBTORS</u>		£
BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY SEASON 2003-4		106

Swanage Regatta Accounts/South Coast Levy and Balance Sheet.

SWANAGE REGATTA ACCOUNTS 2014

	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
	£		£
ENTRIES	2148	INSURANCE	106
LATE ENTRIES	264.76	JARVIS SOUND	75.6
PROGRAMME		PETROL	24.24
SALES	37.6	TROPHYMAN	720
MR MRS SOTHCOTT	100	ROGER MARSH	150
EXTRA INCOME	8.55	SOUTH COAST LEVY	469
<u>TOTAL</u>	2558.91	<u>TOTAL</u>	1544.84
<u>PROFIT</u>	1014.07	FIRST AID ?	
		CHEQUE NOT DRAWN 000427	158.28

SOUTH COAST SEAT LEVY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
	£		£
2004	1954.5		
2005	1661		
2006	3138		
2007	4011		
REPAID	3946.07	DORNEY	6853.5
2008	3718		
2009	3724		
2010	4001	DORNEY	1000
SPONSORSHIP	100	SPONSORSHIP	100
2011	3921	DORNEY	10402
2012	3483		
2013	4359		
2014	4843	SWANAGE	7000
<u>TOTAL</u>	42859.57	<u>TOTAL</u>	25355.5
<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>17504.1</u>		

Hants & Dorset ARA Presentation Dinner Accounts.

Hants & Dorset Presentation Dinner 2014

Saturday 8th November 2014

Novotel Southampton

Balance Sheet

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Ticket Sales		Hotel	7080.00
295 x £26	7670.00	Balloons	40.00
Raffle Profit	289.80	DJ	150.00
		After Eights	24.00
		Heads & Tails	50.00
		Raffle Prizes	326.00
		Paper & Printing	foc
			<u>£7670.00</u>

Balance £289.80 Banked by K. Warland

2015 Dinner Details

Saturday 7th November 2015 Novotel Southampton

Paula Mare Williams.

AUDITED
N. J. Warland
18/03/15

Appendix 3. Report from AGM of the South Coast Council AGM

REPORT FROM DENIS WOODFORD – SCCRC DELEGATE – ON SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS COUNCIL MEETING AND AGM - HELD SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY 2015.

In attendance were three delegates each from H&D, CARA, WEARA, Hon.Sec. Colin Eales and John Purkess as Chairman of the 2014 Swanage Championships.

John advised council that the H&D had held a wash-up meeting and recorded the findings for future use. Various questions were raised both positive and negative and

all were answered to the satisfaction of Council. The all-round opinion was that the H&D had delivered a very good regatta for the competitors and the decision to cancel the Sunday events on Friday 12th was a good call allowing clubs to plan the weekend.

Rule Changes and Amendments

Rule 1

These Regattas shall be called The South Coast Rowing Championships and the South Coast Open and U16 Rowing Regattas. Due to the new heading minor word changes will be made to Rules 13-15-15c-16-20-21a-24-25a-26-30-32-60-62-65-68

Rule 23a

Be amended with wording after Open Regatta “in Four’s Events (Pairs and single sculls events are exempt)”.

Rule 23b

Be amended “The U16 Regatta shall be regarded as a separate regatta in which competitors will be permitted to enter more than one event but will be subject to meeting the regatta timetable. Entrants in the U16 Regatta may also enter the Championship Regatta but will be subject to the conditions laid down in Rule 23a but any selected Championship crew will not be allowed to race in the same Championship Four or in any other Open Four Race.

New Rule

Proposed by CARA 50+ Masters/Veteran Coxed Fours be added to Championship Events. This was not carried but advised to refer to 2016 AGM.

Finance

Balance for December 2014 = £2013.87 2013 = £1766.65

Wimbleball 2015 Update

Sat 12th September

Championship and Open Regatta.

Starting time 10am approximately, subject to entries.

Over 2000 metres.

Starting from the Dam, finishing at the enclosure.

Sunday 13th September

Under 16 Regatta.

Over 1000 metres

Starting at the road bridge.

Finishing at Enclosure.

Facing the Lake, dam is to the right and the road bridge is to the left.

Courses - Will be buoyed at 100 metres both sides of lake.

Prize Giving - Will be Saturday and Sunday

Reception - Friday – 50 tickets per Association.

Food - All day Saturday.

Fish and Chips, pasties, jacket potatoes by outside caterers.

Sandwiches, burgers etc., by Wimbleball Club.

Tea Rooms and toilets permanent on site.

Limited shower and changing rooms.

Parking - £5 - £7 per car.

Safety

Wimbleball is a deep water lake. The water is colder than the sea. Swimming or throwing of coxswains in is dangerous and strictly forbidden.

Qualified safety boat drivers – RYA2

Camping at Lake

A campsite is available for tents and caravans. Details will be forwarded to all Clubs and is unlimited providing booked by advised dates.

Water Levels

2012 – 2014 – were good for racing.

Return of Trophies

These can be returned Friday 11th September only in a clean and presentable condition.

2016 Championships

These will be hosted by Herne Bay ARC on Saturday 3rd September over a one day event. **Reserve Venue – Folkestone**

2017 Championships

Hosted by H&D venue to be confirmed.

2018 Championships

Hosted by WEARA – at present no clubs have come forward. This is an item for discussion at the March AGM of WEARA.

SCCRC

A special meeting will be convened at Wimbleball on Saturday 11th April for inspection of course and facilities. Items from H&D AGM can be advised to your delegates.

Denny Woodford. H&D South Coast Council Delegate, January, 2015.

Appendix 4. **SCRC Swanage 2014 Final Accounts**

SCRC Swanage 2014 Accounts

FINAL March 2015

Income

Starting Balance	£670.80	
Sponsorship	£1,775.00	
Entry Fees	£2,192.00	
SCC Council Payment	£735.00	
Programme Sales	£429.00	
Merchandise Sales	£425.00	
Transfer from H&D	£7,000.00	
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Expenditure

SCC March Meeting	£81.00
Programme	£1,356.00
Reserve Course PHC	£300.00
South Coast Levy	£262.00
Insurance	£212.00
Postage, etc.	£354.44
Racing Numbers	£134.99

Friday Reception	£1,131.55	
DJ	£300.00	
Umpire Boats	£800.00	
Safety Boats	£316.13	
Trophies, etc	£2,158.73	
Souvenir Mugs	£1,250.40	
Marquee Hire, etc	£1,406.00	
Toilets	£370.67	
Security	£535.50	
Road Closures	£287.50	
Refuse	£60.00	
First Aid	£193.00	
PA System & Radios	£817.20	
Control Trailer Hire	£125.00	
Officials Lunches	£250.50	
Signage	£59.50	
Miscellaneous	£98.40	
Gifts	£59.50	
		£12,920.01
Closing Balance		£306.79

Appendix 5. Summary of the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting, Saturday, 17th January, 2015, held at the BTC Clubhouse, Southampton.

All Existing Full and Assistant Race Officials had agreed to E Mail only communication only – except Carole Wall – who’s present circumstances prevented her from doing so.

The Umpires Committee Chairman, Andy Parsons, then presented his Chairman’s report and gave a report on the National Umpires Committee meeting he had recently attended. It was noted that CARA was not represented at the National Umpires Meeting and it was commented on that there had been no contact with or from Roger Smith their representative. It was also noted that there was a shortage of umpires nationally and that some regions were training umpires remotely.

The paper produced by Southsea Regatta after concerns regarding their 2014 regatta was discussed with the following recommendations made – and sent to the Southsea Regatta for consideration -

1. One of the umpires boats to be a running Umpire or stationed mid-course.
2. Marquee/tent at start – clearly segregate – admin from race officials.
3. Consider bias on course at turns to elevate advantage of inside positions.
4. Speaker coverage – cover the whole of the boat park.
5. Boat changes to be allowed for finals.
6. Consider shortening course in rough conditions.

With regards to the membership of the Umpires Committee the meeting agreed to recommend to the Association’s Annual General Meeting that the following be appointed and that the terms of reference for the committee should remain unchanged – Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club; Commission Members - John Bailey, Southampton A. R. C.; Keith Warland, Coalporters A. R. C.; Alan Wigmore, Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club; Martin Bradbeer, Itchen Imperial R. C. and John Purkess, BTC Rowing Club. Plus Andy Parsons and Keith Warland would organise and allocate the Assistant Race Officials. **AGM to confirm.**

The examination of Full and Assistant Racing Officials The full officials due to take their three year exam before the start of the season are – John Adams, Pat Glover, John Bailey, Denis Woodford, John Purkess, Alan

Stewart and Carole Wall. It was noted that these would be the first examination since the revision of the rules – which would present a new challenge. The following Assistant Race Officials were to be assessed for promotion to full official – Sharon Ayles, Penny Budd, Ray Murphy and Karen Fancett. The criteria assistants had to meet before promotion to full official was to be re-examined and published.

It was agreed Race Officials should continue to submit individual reports for all events they officiate at – including Head Races and Junior events – and that the combined de-brief report should continue.

Most Race Officials availability forms the 2015 season had been received and have been sent to event secretaries.

The charge made on H&D Affiliated Clubs who run a Regatta but who do not provide a minimum of two racing Officials available for at least three Regattas was reviewed (currently £100 per official) – and it was agreed that this should remain unchanged. The analysis of race officials availability in the 2014 season means that Southsea would be charged £200, Westover £200 and Newport £100. **AGM to confirm.** P JohnB s Bob

The Race Officials for the 2015 South Coast Rowing Championships at Wimbleball were then agreed – **Championship/Open Regatta. Saturday, 12th September.**

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE	–	Pete Staddon.
STARTER	–	John Purkess,
JUDGE	-	John Adams.
OPEN UMPIRE	–	Andy Parsons.
RESERVES	–	Martin Bradbeer
Boat Inspections	-	Steve Bull & Mark Viner.

Junior Regatta. Sunday, 13th September.

STARTER	–	John Purkess.
JUDGE	-	Keith Warland.
OPEN UMPIRE	–	Ian Hutchings.
RESERVES –	-	Pete Staddon/Andy Parsons/John Adams.

AGM to confirm.

It was agreed that the method of selecting the H&D Coxswain of the Year should remain unchanged and the “Cox of the Day” award should continue to be encouraged.

The report from H&D ARA “Rules” & “Competitions” Sub-Committees was discussed in some detail with the meeting agreeing with main proposals from the sub-committees –

- introduction of Ladies Masters 40 4+ as a Championship event
- individuals winning above status should count as wins at current status
- Regression of status for seniors (men and ladies) after 5 years without a win. The drafted regression rule would be circulated to clubs before the end of the year so applications in anticipation of AGM approval of the new rule could be submitted before the deadline – and some interest has been shown.
- There was also a possible need to agree a hierarchy of events to guide regatta secretaries if they are unable to offer all championship events due to time/tide constraints

Clarification of existing rules and to consider any recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM. Lengthy discussion around some lack of clarity in the rules for someone winning a race at a higher status. There was also a lengthy discussion around the starting procedure with the idea that the “set” instruction should be dropped in favour of a simple “Go” the idea of trialling this process at one regatta was considered was rejected. The J16 Rules were also clarified.

Insurance of Officials via British Rowing Membership – the meeting agreed that a recommendation to continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a Silver membership of BR should be put before the Associations AGM. AGM to confirm.

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The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting with the substitution of an alternative -Pump Action Emergency Horn agreed. Around £300 had been spent to bring the Kits & Life Jackets up to standard for the 2015 season. The provision of four large racing for the use of the Association Clubs/events was noted.

Any other business.

BR awards. It was noted that and the meeting congratulated Andy Parsons of Coalporters, Pete Jacobs of Poole and the 2007/11/14 South Coast Championships Organising Committee who had all received BR Volunteer Awards in 2014.

- Clarification was sought as to whether Newport was going to restrict the number of events someone could enter at their Junior Regatta. It was thought that this was now in place – with a maximum of 2 or 3 The Association Secretary to confirm this with Newport.
- There was some concern that with Coalporters as the last Regatta of the H&D Season – if it ran late then there might be difficulties with the Council Meeting that usually takes place after the last regatta to confirm H&D Champions and South Coast selection.
- Pete Staddon sought clarification over which Race Officials had not received their medals following the South Coast Championship Regatta.
- Concern was expressed over the time race officials were required to officiate for at some regattas – and that a “shift” system could be employed at the longer regattas if there were sufficient race officials available.

Steve Bull, Association Secretary, February, 2015.

See attached Appendix 6.

Summary of the Hants & Dorset ARA (Wessex Region) Safety Meeting on Saturday, 7ST February, 2014 at Itchen Imperial Rowing Club.

The only H&D Rowing Clubs not in attendance were Poole who sent their apologies and Worthing.

Prior to the formal start of the meeting Steve Bull the Regions Rowing Safety Adviser (RRSA) briefed the meeting on what little was known following the feared drowning of a Rowing Coach on the Thames earlier in the week.

He confirmed that nearly all Club and Event Rowing Safety Advisers (CRSA & ESA) had agreed to E Mail only communication. They were reminded that it was very important that their E Mail addresses registered with both the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association/Wessex Region and British Rowing were kept up to date to ensure safety information reached the correct person quickly.

The new BR “Collision Avoidance Video” was shown to the meeting.

Club Safety Audits The RRSA reported that all Wessex West region clubs duly had completed the 2014/2015 BR Club audit – except two Clubs that are part of others Clubs - Canford Crocs and Winchester’s Ikena. It was noted that Langstone Cutters, Bournemouth Surf Club & Gig Clubs as well as water sports centres (SWAC, Hengistbury Head Outdoor Education Centre etc...) are not BR affiliated clubs - so don't have to complete an audit. The RRSA has been unable to establish what safety procedures they have to have in place to be endorsed by BR.

Analysis of the Club Audit is difficult due to the amount of information supplied. The “to be addressed” items, by number across Wessex West Clubs where more than five clubs had stated “to be addressed” were discussed and solutions sought.

The BR on Line Incident Reporting procedure was then discussed and delegates reminded of the process and the limited number of improvements introduced during the last and the improvements planned for the future. The disarray at the National Safety Committee during the year and the lack of IT and financial support during the last year had had an impact on this. The national statistics showed that there had been more than 2000 incident reports submitted nationally between 1st January and 30th September - but it is known that there is still much under reporting of incidents – nationally and within the Wessex Region. Nationally collisions – the majority with a moving object (i.e. another boat) are by far the biggest incident type reported – with over 1600 recorded – and this

is a cause for concern at national level. Capsize is the 2nd largest incident at around 300. There were 103 incidents reported in the Wessex and South East Coastal Region in 2014 - 5 of these were linked or duplicated, 7 were from Coast ARA Clubs (for analysis purposes Worthing are regarded as a CARA Club/Southsea H&D.) and 4 related to Hants & Dorset ARA Event boat inspections. So the total separate incidents reported by H&D/Wessex Clubs was 87 (last year – 86). Incidents at Events are under reported - Officials reports indicate 36 safety related incidents at Hants & Dorset ARA events during the season – but only seventeen of the incident reports received indicate that the incident occurred during competition. All H&D Clubs reported at least one incident. In contrast to the national trend – capsizes were the biggest single reason for Incident Reports within the region.

Boat Inspections were undertaken by the H&D ARA Safety Committee at four H&D events during the season – Ryde, Coalporters, Christchurch and Bournemouth Regattas. A total of 89 boats of all types were inspected with 29 faults found – some boats having more than one fault. As ever over two thirds of the faults found were with heel restraints, others were – no boat ID, long rigger bolts and compromised buoyancy tanks. Two Clubs – Southampton and Southsea – went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the inspections – and received an award in recognition on this. The boat inspection at Christchurch Regatta was a full heel restraint check on every boat present and a full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was undertaken. The BR Incident reporting system was used to summarise the results of the boat inspections and by opening these for comment ensured the Club Safety Advisers were advised of the issues with their boats as quickly as possible and were able to comment – and some did! This procedure will continue for the 2015 season.

All H&D (Wessex) events submitted an event safety audit with risk assessments, safety and communication plans – with emergency plans accompanying most. These were reviewed and approved by the RRSA and BR advised so that the BR Event Public Liability Insurance would be issued by BR on payment of the appropriate fee. All H&D Events except Newport use the BR Public Liability insurance scheme – Newport use another provider. In 2014 the cost was £206 per day – will increase to £209 in April, 2015.

The policy in 2014 had been that - re-audits would only be undertaken where requested or where concerns were raised and on an occasional random basis - and it was agreed that this policy should be continued for 2015.

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting with the substitution of an alternative -Pump Action Emergency Horn agreed. Around £300 had been spent to bring the Kits & Life Jackets up to standard for the 2015 season. The provision of four large racing buoys for the use of the Association Clubs/events was noted.

BR is currently in the process of re-writing/revising “row-safe”. The BR safety working group is trying to identify pairs of people who can work together on each topic and the assumption is that Phil (McCorry) and Steve Bull as RRSA’s for the two Coastal Regions will be asked to champion the revision of the “Coastal Section” and this was also one of the areas for action identified Wessex development plan. The meeting agreed that – in consultation with the National safety Committee and Phil McCorry from CARA - a small team of Mick Gisborne, Jeff Watling, Mike Green and Gary Joyce with Steve Bull coordinating would tackle this. BR still don’t really understand what we do – and confuse it with Open water and gig activity – and the view was expressed that there was some merit in splitting the Coastal Section into Coastal/inshore and off shore – and perhaps a separate section of other disciplines like Gig Racing.

Membership of the Associations Rowing Safety Committee. The meeting recommended that the H&D Safety Committee should be made up of the following - Chairman - Mark Viner, Lymington Rowing Club and Sub Committee Members - Steve Bull, Ryde R. C. & Wessex Region RRSA and Gary

Joyce, Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Adam Radcliffe of BTC and Mick Gisborne of Southsea and that the term of reference for the Sub Committee remain unchanged. H&D AGM to confirm.

The Venue for 2016 and future meetings – according to the rota this should be Poole – and it was agreed that they would be asked to host the next safety meeting on a date to be agreed in February, 2016.

Steve Bull, H&D Safety Committee and RRSA, Wessex Region. February, 2015.