

**NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL. Saturday, 20th August, 2016 after BTC Regatta – held at Coalporters Rowing Club.**

A Meeting of the Association Council was called on Saturday, 20th August, 2016 after BTC Regatta to confirm the 2016 Hants & Dorset ARA Championships and to select crews to represent the Association at the South Coast Rowing Championships at Herne Bay, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016.

In attendance was the Association President – Chairman, Martin Bradbeer and Association Secretary - Steve Bull - along with Life Vice Presidents - John Bailey, Denis Woodford, Mark Viner, John Adams, Keith Warland, Kevin Ayles and Ian Hutchings when the Association Chairman – Martin Bradbeer – opened the meeting. The following Clubs and Events were also represented – SOUTHSEA, RYDE, SOUTHAMPTON, BTC, SHANKLIN, ITCHEN, COALPORTERS, LYMINGTON, CHRISTCHURCH and POOLE Rowing Clubs and Regattas plus the Head of the Stour and Itchen Junior Regatta. There were no representatives present from Dolphin, Newport, Westover and Worthing Rowing Club. Note. Swanage Regatta as an Association organised event does not use its vote.

It was noted that when the “voting slips” were handed out during the Regatta a number of Clubs commented that the meeting “did not concern them” so would not be attending. Clubs are reminded that regardless of whether they had potential championship crews or not the selection of crews to represent the Association should be of concern to ALL affiliated clubs.

Apologies were received from: Sue Sothcott, Treasurer. *Belated apologies were received from Kieran Pulford of Westover by E Mail after the Secretary had left for BTC Regatta so were not recorded at the meeting.*

Confirmation of Hants & Dorset ARA Champions – subject to final points claims. The meeting agreed that these were as follows –

Men’s Senior Fours – ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up – BTC.  
Men’s Junior Senior Fours – CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up – BTC.  
Men’s Junior Fours – CHRISTCHURCH. Runners-up – Westover & Poole.  
Men’s Novice Fours – COALPORTERS. Runners-up – Westover & Itchen.  
Ladies Senior Fours - ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up – BTC.  
Ladies Junior Fours – POOLE. Runners-up – Southampton.  
Ladies Novice Fours – a three-way tie – CHRISTCHURCH, COALPORTERS & RYDE.  
Masters/Veteran Fours – ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up – BTC.  
Ladies Masters Fours – SOUTHAMPTON. Runners-up – BTC and Poole.  
Men’s Senior Pairs – POOLE. Runners-up – Itchen.  
Men’s Junior Pairs - SOUTHSEA. Runners-up –Poole.  
Ladies Senior Pairs – ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runners-up –Coalporters.  
Ladies Junior Pairs – LYMINGTON. Won all available points  
Men’s Senior Sculls – Mark Wardell of ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Runner-up – Alex Robertson of Shanklin.  
Men’s Junior Sculls – Adam Ratcliffe of BTC. Runners-up Dale Buckett of Ryde and Harry Miselbach of Shanklin.  
Men’s Novice Sculls – RYDE. Runners-up –Southsea.  
Ladies Senior Sculls - Jess Bull of ITCHEN IMPERIAL. Won all available points.  
Ladies Junior Sculls – Anna Webb of NEWPORT. Runner-up – Paul of Itchen, Gooch & Hume of BTC.  
Ladies Novice Sculls – a two-way tie – WESTOVER & SHANKLIN.  
There were no row-offs required.

2) The meeting then considered if the Association will enter 3rd crews in Championship events if SCC Rule 25 (B) is invoked. This rule states – *(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 – and it was noted that WEARA had already declared that they would have no Senior crews in attendance – either Men or Women - so the Rule could be invoked for both these events.

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

MENS SENIOR. ITCHEN IMPERIAL and BTC. Stand-by Club/Rule 25B Crew – COALPORTERS.

MENS JUNIOR SENIOR – CHRISTCHURCH and BTC. Stand-by Club/ Rule 25B Crew – none nominated.

MENS JUNIOR – CHRISTCHURCH. The H&D Championship runners-up were WESTOVER and POOLE – but neither crew was attending the Championships. Shanklin were asked if they would fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> slot but declined – as some of the crew was “doubling-up” in the Open Junior Senior event. Southsea agreed to consider taking up the second place and would advise the Association Secretary as soon as possible. Stand-by Club/ Rule 25B Crew – none nominated.

LADIES SENIOR – ITCHEN and BTC. Stand-by Club/ Rule 25B Crew – none nominated.

LADIES JUNIOR – POOLE and SOUTHAMPTON. Stand-by Club/ Rule 25B Crew – RYDE nominated.

MASTERS/VETERAN 40 – ITCHEN and BTC. Stand-by Club/ Rule 25B Crew – COALPORTERS nominated.

*Subsequent to the meeting – Southsea declined the opportunity to represent the Association in the Men’s Coastal Junior Fours – so a final appeal was made to the H&D Clubs with open entries – after which Ryde agreed to switch their open crew to the Championship event so securing the H&D a full quota of crews.*

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 – but he had received little information from either since the mid-season result had been published – although he had been made aware that WEARA would not have any Senior Crews – Men or Ladies – in the Championships and that CARA may only have one Masters crew.

ii) SCC Friday evening reception/Championship draw. Association had been limited to 50 invitations and Executive Offered had agreed to distribute these as follows – H&D Executive Officers, two per affiliated club, SCC Race Officials and H&D SCC Delegates – a total of 54 – which unfortunately left none for Championship crews unless they were given their Clubs allocated Tickets. The Association Secretary had asked that those Clubs not attending to return their invitations to him for redistribution among Clubs with Championship crews. *Note: As of 26/8 – Dolphin and Lymington had returned their invitation which had been redistributed as follows – two to Itchen and two to BTC. Westover had claimed not to have received their invitations and Newport had not responded.*

iii) Max Maxwell mentioned that there had been some complaints that there were no small boat events at the Championship – and he would like to see this discussed again at SCC Council for future events as he – and others felt – that this discriminates against those who only compete in small boat events – but who make a contribution to funding the Championships in least in the H&D via the Seat Levy. However, others at the meeting disagreed believing that the South Coast Championships had

traditionally been a fours regatta and should remain so. It was agreed that the issue should be discussed further.

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

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. 26/8/16.