

LEICESTER ROWING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2023 BY ZOOM

Present: Liz Pulford (President), Alex Wellings (Captain), Anne Hock (Secretary), Nicola Henry (Treasurer), Hazel Ward, Sally Horrocks, Graham Clark, Howard Marsh, Tim Walton, Kim Clark, Angela Holohan, Joe Holohan, John Sephton, Jean McNeil, Sue Porter, Ben Pickering, Rhian Evans, Simon Whitaker, Luke Marston, Natalia Wadowska, Fran Gonnella, Harry Lilley, Kelly Rogers, Kam Sandhu, Riyaa Sandhu, Fiona Wingate, Clare Wildin, David Smith, Stephen Playdon, Matt Bowles, Alison Gosling, Isaac Gosling, Lucy Blasé, Barbara Bogusz, Lucas Bredariol, Peter Mather, Ruth Connolly, Matt Connolly, Heather Butler, Frances Mitchell, Alison Scott, Laraine Porter, Kieran Blacker, Rob Fox, Clare Gough, Eleanor Gough

1. **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS** **Presented by Liz Pulford**

Welcome

Welcome everyone and thank you for joining this, the Leicester Rowing Club AGM 2023. As a committee we took the decision to run the meeting over Zoom again, as this has work really well for the past couple of years. It is a shame not to see you all in person but at least it is efficient!

Meeting Organisation

- Some points about how the meeting will be conducted:
 - The intention is to keep the meeting as brief and concise as possible. All the reports have been issued in advance and are available on the club website for you all to read. Reports will not be read out in full this evening. Instead, this evening the officers will give a very brief summary of the reports and be able to answer any questions you might have. If you haven't looked at the reports already, please do read them after the meeting.
 - We are not intending to hold any voting during the meeting. All the nominations for the committee are uncontested, so no voting should be required there. All the reports have been issued in advance, and everyone has had the opportunity to read and comment on them, so the intention is to take their acceptance as read. That doesn't stop attendees raising questions or making additional points during the meeting.
 - The meeting is being recorded so that we have a record of the meeting and to assist Anne in generating the minutes. If any of you have an objection to this please let us know.
 - All participants will be muted, except for the person speaking at the time.
 - If you wish to make a point or raise a question, please use the 'chat' or 'raise hand' functions. Hazel has kindly offered to monitor these functions and will make sure you get the opportunity to speak if at all possible.
- All members are encouraged to read the written reports. They all contain a number of thank you messages. For my own part, I really would have preferred to give these thanks in person and publicly, but time doesn't permit me to do so. So please do read the reports as I really don't want my appreciation of you all to be lost in the ether.

Review of the Past Year

- So, 2023 has been another successful year for the club, with Alex picking up the captaincy and, supported by the vice captains and squad leads, has really pushed the club forwards.
- We had an absolutely awesome regatta again, and I'm sure there will be more about this in the other reports, so suffice it for me to say it was an exceptionally good day, with fantastic support from the whole club to make it really successful and enjoyable. Particular thanks to Clare for

picking up the entries secretary role, and to Rob who continued to manage the regatta infrastructure. Great job both of you so, thank you very much indeed.

- Over the year we have seen some outstanding performances and achievements across all the squads. I'll leave Alex to cover these in detail but will just take the opportunity to formally congratulate Lauren Henry who continues to excel on the world stage, now as a full member of the senior team. I am sure you are all already aware of the fantastic performance that she put in at the World Rowing Championships in September, where she and her crew in the W4x won the gold medal. It was an absolutely epic race, it had me on the edge of my seat and screaming at the telly - and I'm sure I wasn't the only one! We are incredibly proud of Lauren and everything that she has achieved so far and we wish her every success for the future. I'm sure we shall see her in Paris next year.
- As you will see from Nicola's report shortly, our financial position continues to be good and our membership levels have increased significantly since last year. You will see that we have made some fairly significant investments in new equipment this year, and I'm sure Alex will cover that in his report later. Football car parks continue to bring in an important proportion of our income, between £8000 and £10000 each year, a very significant sum, so thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to take a turn in running the car park – but if you haven't already done so, please do put your names forward. One important point though is to make sure that the takings are banked as soon as possible after the game. We realise this won't be easy for some of you, but if that is the case, please just pass the takings on to myself or Howard, we can easily pay the money directly into the club account, which will help not only our cash flow, but also make sure Nicola isn't having to chase around at the end of the club FY to keep the accounts straight.
- We have however lost the income from our parking agreement with Riverside. As with many organisations, working practices have changed, so they now have fewer people in the office, so the arrangements to park their staff cars on our grounds were no longer required. However, it would be good to find another organisation that we can work with in a similar way, so if anyone knows of a company or organisation who are short of parking, please do let us know. We can put all the arrangements in place – we just need some contacts.
- You may remember that last year I spoke about the agreement we were putting in place with Castle Mead Academy, which aimed to start getting their scholars out on the water rowing. Well, I'm pleased to report that it has been a great success, with several of the scholars joining as members of the club, and most of them continuing to row with the school again this year. We've also taken on a new cohort so we now have 28 scholars signed up to the programme. The school have been successful in securing further funding from the Henley Royal Regatta Charitable Trust to support the programme for the current academic year, which helps to fund the coaching required. I'm also delighted that Sophie Connolly has agreed to take the lead with the programme this year, supported by Lucy, Erin and Jack (from DMU). It's going really well so far and I understand that the school are planning to enter some relay teams into the BR Indoor Championships in December. We wish them all the very best of luck.
- It's been great to see so many people out on the water, and training on-land over the year. It feels like we have a great atmosphere within the club at the moment, with lots of individuals helping with coaching, so thanks to all our coaches and squad leads for the fantastic work that they do both in organising crews and working with everyone to up their skill levels and fitness. We are very lucky to have so many talented and enthusiastic coaches at the club so many thanks to Alex, Howard, Sophie, Hazel, Peter, Graham, Paul, Angela, Sally, Sophie, Tim and everyone else who has picked up a bike and coached. You all do a great job so thank you all very much.
- Now, there are many people who have contributed to the club over the year. These include all of our hard-working committee – to whom I am very grateful. But there are many others, who do a huge amount to help. Tim Walton, Joe Holohan, Mike Watson, our rec squad and our junior

parents, plus many more. We really do appreciate all the volunteer effort that goes into keeping the club up and running. Thank you all.

- Those of you who were at the Club Dinner will know that this year I presented the Service Award to John Sephton. John has saved the club a staggering amount of money by using his immense expertise to get both the gate and the lift back in action. Regarding the lift, basically John has completely reverse engineered, the whole lift control system, rectified the various faults, and brought it in line with the very demanding specifications required by the LOLA statutory body, something the 'professional' lift companies we spoke to said was impossible! We are currently awaiting the final LOLER inspection, which is scheduled to take place on 16th November. If all goes well the lift will then be back in action – it's an absolutely staggering achievement. The amount of time and effort that John has put in for us is phenomenal and he has literally saved us about £30,000! So many, many thanks John. I for one am in awe of your skill and expertise.
- With regards to our committee, it's fantastic to see that most of the committee have put their names down to serve again. Clearly the committee meetings aren't quite as boring as I thought! Particular thanks to Nicola who does an outstanding job of managing our finances and accounts. We are all absolutely delighted that you have agreed to continue. Thanks to Sally for her work as Water Safety Officer; to Anne, our club secretary and the squad lead for our highly popular recreational squad, but who also works hard and done her level best to keep C&RT on their toes, Kim our Welfare Officer, and of course Alex, our Captain, and Peter and Sophie our vice Captains. Thank you all very much for your input over the past year.
- I am sure that, like me, you are all delighted that Alex has agreed to stand as Captain again this year. Alex has worked tirelessly to run L2R courses, grow our squads, improve our skill levels, get our boats to races, expand our fleet, purchase new ergos, repair boats, managed the room bookings, and done so many other things throughout the year. It's a tough gig, absolutely relentless, but Alex has been incredibly committed and I am sure you will all join me in thanking him for all his efforts. We are all delighted you have agreed to continue.
- Now there are a couple of last year's committee who have decided to stand down this year. These include Riyaa, our junior rep, who has done a great job representing the juniors at the committee and presenting their ideas. I'd also like to thank Riyaa, along with Agi and Jeremy, who's efforts were integral in securing a grant of £3000 from the rowing foundation, which contributed 50% of the funds required to refurbish several of our boats. This was fantastic news for us to receive and I echo the words of Jeremy Dale, one the Foundation trustees, "Please thank Riyaa, Agi and Jeremy for their excellent letters which were integral to the success of the application". Thank you all and well done.
- Also standing down is Peter, our men's vice-captain, who has done a great job of getting the men's squad organised and motivated. It was great to see a Leicester crew taking to the Thames and doing so well at the Eights Head earlier this year. So well done and thank you Peter. You will be missed.
- Before I close, I just want let you all know about is that we are planning to run club races again this year. We haven't quite fixed a date yet but will do so shortly and more details will be available closer to the time. As in previous years we will also use the occasion to host a club social event so please do your best to join us – it's always a fun day.
- So, before we close and move on to the business of the meeting, I just want to say a final thank you to you all for your continued loyalty and your contributions to the club. It's fantastic to see the club going from strength to strength and growing stronger each year. I think you will all agree that we have a great atmosphere and that is driven entirely by you guys – our members and volunteers, so thank you all, both for your loyalty to the club and for your friendship and support. I think Leicester Rowing Club is a great organisation to be part of. Thank you all very much.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Malcolm Neal, Michelle Dempsey, Steve Bowyer, Sue Shaw, Sally Ann Sephton, Shelisha, Michelle ?same one

3. MINUTES

It was noted that the nomination and agreement of Ben Pickering as a Vice President in recognition of his work during the covid lockdowns and restrictions had been omitted from the Minutes.

Subject to the addition of this nomination and addition to the list of Vice Presidents, the Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th November 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Howard Marsh and seconded by Sally Horrocks and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(i) CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Presented by Alex Wellings

Introduction

Following my first year as club captain, I have a number of key reflections on the past 12 months. Firstly, it's important to note that whilst I was excited for the role of Club Captain, I was not fully prepared for the challenges and trials that I would face. I feel like we've made good progress this year and this is a reflection of the impressive efforts of all of our committed volunteers, many of which I will go on-to thank directly within this report.

What I am most proud of this year is the engagement of our members - I don't have data to support it, but I am convinced over the last year we have become larger, more diverse and a stronger group. I believe this engagement is key to our future development as a club and I hope that we continue to move forward with a strong club culture and enjoyable atmosphere that helps us attract new members and makes LRC a positive place to be.

I am extremely grateful for the support I have personally received. I would like to thank first and foremost the committee, some of which will be stepping down, for their efforts in helping support the club over the last 12 months. For those stepping down, please accept my gratitude for your efforts. For the new members that will be elected at this year's AGM, I would like to warmly welcome you into the committee - I look forward to working with each of you over the next 12 months.

Results

This year the club has posted an impressive 90 wins, which is an increase of 25 from the previous season. This is a return to the number of wins that we enjoyed pre-covid and something that I am hoping we can build on as the club continues to grow.

There have been some notable results and performances this year which need to be mentioned:

- Lauren Henry won a World Championship Gold Medal in the Quadruple scull for Great Britain. Lauren has been rowing in/around Leicester for a long time, having been coached by Howard on her way to the GB Senior Squad. I know that the whole club is rightfully proud of this achievement. I want to wish Lauren the best of luck in her future rowing career, we're all excited to see what you continue to achieve.
- Dave Smith and Gualter Graca winning the Masters B/C Coxless Quad at the Vesta Masters

Head of the River Race. This is a race that showcased the quality of two strong athletes competing at a really high level. This form was continued later in the season at the European Masters Championships in Munich, with both Dave and Gualter performing well and winning in Leicester colours.

Women's squad

Sophie Connolly has taken on the women's squad lead role this year, and has overseen an impressive period of growth under her leadership and guidance. The squad now is as vibrant as I can remember seeing it in recent years, and has developed a feeling of togetherness which I am confident will act as a strong foundation for the squad growth and results moving forwards.

Sophie will take a step back from this role in the coming season so I would like to thank her for what she has done this year.

Moving forwards Hazel Ward will be taking over as the Women's Captain and has keen ambition to continue the good work that has been done over the last 12 months. I wish her all of the luck moving forwards, but I am sure she won't need it.

Men's squad

Peter Mather has looked after the men's squad now for a period of 2 years, and has done an impressive job of supporting the squad in their development. The standout achievement within that time is the squad's attendance at the Head of the River Race in 2023. This is a huge achievement, the first time in 5 years that Leicester has posted a crew at this event.

Peter is stepping down this year, so I would like to extend my thanks for his commitment to the squad over the last two years.

Moving forwards Ross O'Brian will be taking over as the Women's Captain and has keen ambition to continue the good work over the last 12 months. Ross is a keen rower and importantly a great motivational presence within the team. I know there is big ambition within the squad this year and I look forward to supporting Ross over the next 12 months.

Junior squad

Liz and Ang have continued to work together to run the junior squad this year. The squad continues to grow, and provide a fun and encouraging atmosphere for all athletes. The work with Castle Mead is a real success within the junior area which I look forward to seeing move from strength to strength.

Several coaches are involved in supporting both Castle Mead and the junior squad at LRC, in recognition of that I would also like to highlight the positive impact of Sally Horrocks, Sophie Connolly, Howard Marsh and Tim Walton.

Riyaa Sandhu will be standing down as the Junior Representative on the committee this year. Thank you to Riyaa for her work supporting the junior squad this year and for reporting their activities and achievements to the committee each month.

Recreational squad

The recreational squad continues to be one of the most popular at the club, which is influenced heavily by the dedication of Anne. It's really positive to see so many people enjoying the sport, and more from this squad getting out and racing.

Anne and Kim represented the club at this year's Euro Masters Regatta and more recently the squad has raced at Ancholme coming away with a medal.

The squad continued this year to go on tours this year and create an inclusive environment in which

people can develop and enjoy the sport.

Leicester Rowing Club is volunteer led and the rec squad are key contributors in many aspects of the club, and form a large part of the committee. I would like to say thank you to the squad for their continued support and contribution to Leicester Rowing Club.

Performance squad

The performance squad continues to provide a platform for top athletes to reach their potential. This year a number of positive achievements have been reached, with notable and encouraging seasons for Teddy Sherman, Sophie Connolly and Molly Varley.

Howard continues to set a really good example for all squad leads and coaches within the club. As the performance squad grows with new talent, I look forward to seeing the great work continue. I am confident that it will lead to a great season and really positive achievements for all squad members.

Equipment

Equipment purchases and maintenance this year has been wide ranging, with notable purchases listed below:

- 5 new Concept 2 erg's
- 2 x 2nd hand single sculls
- 1 x 2nd hand Hudson double/pair -
Multiple refurbishment projects

The investment in new equipment this year will have hopefully been enjoyed by many athletes at the club, and we will hopefully be able to continue to invest in equipment where appropriate moving forwards.

I also must mention the contribution of John Sephton, amongst many others, in working hard to fix the disabled access lift. This is a great service to the club and has given us the financial stability this year to continue to invest in new equipment for our members.

Thank you's

I wrote earlier that Leicester Rowing Club is a volunteer-led club, and we have an exceptionally hard working and dedicated membership base, for which I am really grateful. The commitment of all members to creating a positive club is inspiring, and whilst there are too many contributors to mention them all by name, I would like to express my gratitude to all contributions that our members have made, no matter how small.

Special thanks goes to:

- Tim Walton, John Sephton and Joe Holohan. These three have worked together on a number of facility and maintenance projects this year to great success. The most notable is the disabled access list, where due to the commitment of these individuals, we have been able to save significant club funds.
- The squad leads for their work to ensure that all people in the club are supported and empowered to make the most out of their experience at Leicester Rowing club.
- Joe and Angela Holohan for kindly allowing the club to borrow their vehicle for towing on a number of occasions this year. This has allowed us to facilitate racing at a much more economical cost level.
- Sally Horrocks for working closely with the committee to ensure that we're operating sensibly and safely in all activities.
- Brian Robbins for helping to generate funds for the club by volunteering to support the football car parks at the club.
- Howard Marsh for providing a great coaching example to follow, and providing many members at the club training plans, guidance and support.

- Liz Pulford for her tireless work as Club President. Liz has been instrumental over the years in shaping the club into a place we can all enjoy. Further to that, Liz has been a great support for me as Club Captain for which I would like to thank her whole-heartedly.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Clare Wildin and seconded by Anne Hock and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

(ii) SECRETARY'S REPORT
Presented by Anne Hock

Riverside and Agencies

Council

Work on the towpath and riverside has been very limited, but the Council has now confirmed **SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER** for a council supported clean up. This time we hope to focus cutting back the overgrowth both on the riverside and towpath. The Council are allowing a team of 20 to cut back on the riverside, but we are limitless on the tow path and club side, so release your inner Edward Scissorhands and join in!

C&RT

I still have paint for the railings which was donated by the C&RT, and am waiting for better weather to organise a session. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard to clean the path this year, and wielded paint brushes.

Environment Agency

It was very disappointing again that the EA did not do their usual weed clearance this year. I was told this was due to severe staff shortages and the lack of a barge, usually on loan from the C&RT, to take the weed away. However the consequent growth of pennywort in particular has now been recognised as a huge problem, and talks continue on how best to deal with it.

It should be noted that all the agencies are suffering from restricted and reduced funds, and their ability to contribute at all to keeping the riverside and tow path in good order is severely limited. Both the Council and C&RT rely on volunteers, which means a loss of skills and knowledge of the Straight, and whether they are prepared to work on the Straight rather than Aylestone Meadows or Watermead. In addition I am told insurance prevents unsupervised work on the riverside, and limits Council staff to only work in good weather over the winter months, now ending 1 March.

DMU are equally concerned about the amount of weed and silting up in the canal and basin, and are actively looking at whether they could bring in contractors to help clear the basin. Despite contacting 5 companies recommended by Boston RC and the EA, they have yet to receive a positive response, and we continue to discuss what can be done over the next few months.

Committee meetings

The Committee have continued to use zoom meetings throughout and will continue to do so.

Joe Humphries Memorial Trust – CPR and Defibrillator training

Steve Humphries and his team came in for their annual training session in October, during SADS week. They provide invaluable information on CPR and use of the defibrillator, and provided an excellent and informative session. Our thanks to Steve Humphries and his colleagues for the time they spend with us on these sessions – they too are all volunteers.

Recreational Tours and Events

The recreational tours this year have suffered from weather conditions. The Good Friday Row was most enjoyable with 12 recreational rowers taking part. However our venture to row on the Danube in Austria had to be abandoned after two days due to rain and flood conditions, and our row on the Broads was brought to an abrupt halt when a motor cruiser backed into one boat taking the rudder off, and another had a minor collision. Unfortunately the British Rowing Tour on the Severn was also affected by torrential rain, and although our rowers kept going to the end, several other crews abandoned the row because of the cold and extremely wet conditions. We hope for better luck next year!

ENERGY COSTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Several members raised issues around the energy costs incurred by the Club, and whether there were measures to be taken to reduce them and also to improve environmentally friendly practices. This was a topic to be discussed at a General Meeting, but as that was postponed, it was never taken any further. If there is still interest, I will arrange a meeting to discuss this.

Fiona Wingate raised the impact of energy costs on the club and felt the club should take this seriously, both as a benefit to the environment and to the club finances. Ask the Committee to push this forward and make serious inroads to address these issues. LP suggested Fiona joins a meeting and to put this on the agenda as a special item. Maybe set up a working group to look at this.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Liz Pulford and seconded by Graham Clark and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

(iii) SOCIAL CHAIR'S REPORT – no report

There is a volunteer, Fran Gonella, who is going to try to promote more club social events.

(iv) CLUB SAFETY AUDIT AND SAFETY REPORT

Presented by Sally Horrocks

Members continue to make regular reports via the British Rowing online system and there have been 43 reports submitted since the last AGM. It is striking how few of the incidents we report relate to actual or potential collisions between rowing crews, testimony to the efforts made by club members to ensure they are steering accurately and being considerate to each other. 10 of these incidents were simple capsizes. The majority of navigations concerns were caused by barges, and incidents on land continue to occur regularly. I would also note that there were a couple of incidents that involved club members assisting members of the public who found themselves, or in one case their dog, in difficulties close to the club.

Anne continues to lobby for signage and other improvements to our rowing environment, but the reduction in funding available to the Canal and Rivers Trust and the decline in water quality are matters of significant concern from a safety perspective. This is particularly the case given the increasing frequency of extreme weather events that impact on our activities.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club by spending time on the bank supervising crews or fishing all sorts of debris out of the canal or has worked to extract weed from the basin. All of these activities contribute to the safety and wellbeing of club members. With membership numbers on the increase and more people out on the water, especially in singles it is more important than ever that we continue working together to keep everyone safe.

Needs to have a list of qualified First Aider to add to the BR Safety Audit, so if anyone does have the qualification, to please let Squad Lead or Sally know.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Alex Wellings and seconded by Howard Marsh and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

(v) JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT
Presented by Riyaa Sandhu

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone on the committee for all of the hours dedicated to making rowing and racing away possible for the juniors. I would particularly like to thank Liz and Ang for coaching the juniors and running three sessions a week. I would also like to give my thanks to Howard, Sally and Tim for coaching the juniors along the bank as well as all of the coaches and other members of the club, especially Alex, for dedicating time and effort for the juniors to have the opportunity to race.

The juniors have completed another fantastic year of training and racing:

- Nottingham head of Trent
Op. 4X beginners (Isaac, Oleksii, Josh and Igor)
- Leicester Regatta
Op. 2X band 2 (Josh and Lucas)
WJ15 1X (Eleanor)
- Shrewsbury regatta
WJ15 1X (Eleanor)
- Burton Regatta
J15 1X (Igor)
- Burton sprint
WJ15 1X (Eleanor)
J15 1X (Igor)
WJ16 2X (Imogen and Fran)
- St Neots sprint regatta
J15 1X (Igor)
- We also had juniors representing East Midlands in the junior Inter regional regatta this year:
WJ15 1X (Eleanor)
J16 4X (Igor, Isaac, Oleksii and Henry)
WJ16- (Imogen and Fran in a composite four)
- Finally, we had Eleanor and Igor representing Leicester at the Peterborough Junior Championships:
WJ15 1X (Eleanor) - awarded silver
J15 1X (Igor)

It has been really great to see the progress of the Castle Mead students over the course of the last academic year. They have been attending regular Monday and Thursday sessions ran by Teddy, Stanley, Howard and Liz and will now be ran by Sophie. The sessions have been successful and we have had some new members to the Juniors from the Academy. These new juniors have already participated in races, we are very happy to see them enjoying the sport.

We have run a couple of learn to row sessions over the year, a big thank you to the coaches and juniors who helped out with these sessions. As a result of these sessions, we have had some new juniors join the club.

I would like to thank Rhian and Hazel for organising the club annual dinner this year. It was a fantastic evening and it was lovely to see the club coming together and enjoying the social evening, it was great fun and enjoyed by all.

The club Christmas races were great fun last year, it was great to see the whole club coming together racing. In addition to this, we had a smaller junior race evening on the ergos. It was great to see the newer and less experienced juniors racing together.

Thank you for having me as junior rep, it has been an honour and I have learnt so much. The behind the scenes work that the committee do is incredible which I could only appreciate as junior rep. I have no doubt that the new junior rep will do a great job on the committee.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Angela Holohan and seconded by Kim Clark and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

4(vi) MAINTENANCE REPORT (no report)

5. TREASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS Presented by Nicola Henry

Thank you to Nicola for her contribution and keeping the financial records. Also to John Wilson for ongoing support, and to Steve Parker (auditor). Steve is retiring next year, so we need an auditor and all contacts welcome.

Income has significantly improved along with membership numbers. Last year there were a couple of significant items hanging over the accounts, but pleased to report the financial liability for a lift replacement has now been resolved. Riverside have closed their arrangement including all financial issues, so that too has been resolved.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Liz Pulford and seconded by Alex Wellings and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

- (i) Proposed rates for subscriptions and rack rents – *attached Appendix A*
- (ii) **Resolution:** *To amend Para 9(xi) All subscriptions shall be related to that for Full Members by the following percentages, (with odd sums rounded up to the nearest pound)*
 - **Under 18 (J15 – J18) 50% - increase to 70%**
 - **It was noted (J15-J18) must be deleted and the rate applies to all juniors**

Acceptance of the recommendation was proposed by Angela Holohan and seconded by Alison Gosling and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following nominations had been received and were approved:

	POSITION	CANDIDATE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
1	President	Liz Pulford	Angela Holohan	Sally Horrocks
2	Captain	Alex Wellings	Sophie Connolly	Hazel Ward
3	Secretary	Anne Hock	Kim Clark	Mike Watson
4	Treasurer	Nicola Henry	Liz Pulford	Sophie Connolly
5	Vice Captain - Men	Ross O'Brien	Hazel Ward	Alex Wellings
6	Vice Captain - Women	Hazel Ward	Alex Wellings	Lucy Blase
7	Junior Rep	Isaac Gosling	Clare Wildin	Joe Holohan
8	Safety Rep (Committee)	Sally Horrocks	Kelly Rogers	Angela Holohan
9	Committee	Graham Clark	Kim Clark	Anne Hock
10	Committee	Kim Clark	Anne Hock	Mike Watson

11	Committee	Sophie Connolly	Kelly Rogers	Hazel Ward
12	Committee	Rob Fox	Anne Hock	Hazel Ward
13	Committee	Alison Gosling	Kim Clark	Mike Watson
14	Committee	Angela Holohan	Liz Pulford	Howard Marsh
15	Committee	Howard Marsh	Angela Holohan	Sally Horrocks
16	Committee	Clare Wildin	Kim Clark	Mike Watson

Acceptance of all nominations was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

7. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The following were proposed by the Committee, seconded by and **UNANIMOUSLY** elected as Vice Presidents:

Lord Mayor of Leicester, Rob Fox, Mike Holman, Martin Jones-Gerrard, Howard Marsh, Jose Mills, Malcolm Neal, John Nicholls, Ben Pickering, Liz Pulford, Sue Shaw, Paul Shaw, Rodger Smart, Tim Walton, Mike Watson, and John Wilson

Acceptance of the election of all Vice Presidents was proposed by Graham Clark and seconded by Clare Wildin and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

*John Sephton, Sally Horrocks and Nicola Henry were proposed as Vice Presidents by Liz Pulford and seconded by Anne Hock. Anne Hock was also proposed as a Vice President by Liz Pulford and seconded by Kim Clark. All the nominations were **AGREED** to add as Vice President.*

Lauren Henry was proposed as a Life Member by Liz Pulford, in recognition of her great achievements as a member of the GB rowing squad and her contribution to Leicester Rowing Club.

Acceptance of the election of Lauren Henry as a Life Member was proposed by Liz Pulford and seconded by Alex Wellings, supported by Tim Walton and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY**.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business, and the President thanked all members for their attendance.

After thanks from the President for attendance, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.