

BRITISH RAFTING
Minutes from the Annual General Meeting
Held on Sunday 17 September 2017, 12 :30 at Lee Valley White Water Center

1. Welcome

Chair welcomed all those present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from U23 Men/Women and Masters Men Teams

3. Minutes from the previous AGM

These were approved as an accurate record and agreed for sign off by Chair.

4. Chairman's Report (Malcolm Ferris-Lay)

MF-L thanked the Events Team for all their time and effort in making the Open Event such a success.

MF-L then presented his report in which he thanked the Committee for their contribution to the success of British Rafting and gave special thanks to Sean Clarke for his work on the Constitution and Membership and Gill Wayland for her work on Welfare and Safeguarding Policies. MF-L highlighted how far British Rafting has progressed in his first year as Chair and thanked staff and management at British Canoeing who have assisted British Rafting with its transition and policy compliance.

MF-L highlighted the growth in British rafting and the many successes achieved over the year. MF-L also looked to the future and announced that we are moving forward with 'Personal and Coaching Performance Awards'. He also looked at further growth in rafting and reported a start had been made with new rafts purchased and spread across more locations to encourage further participation.

He concluded his report by asking for support of our newest and youngest rafters who will be the future of rafting.

A copy of the full Chairman's Report is attached.

5. Financial Report (Sean Clarke)

SC reported that the current bank balance showed a credit amount of £5k. £2k has been ringfenced for the International Women's Day Event which will be held the second weekend in March 2018 leaving a £3k surplus.

SC said that of the £3k surplus it would be prudent for British Rafting to always keep a balance amount in the account and reported that the Committee had agreed to ringfence an amount which would, at any time, cover the cost of two replacement rafts. Agreement was given that an additional £2k would be ringfenced.

A questioner from the floor asked whether hard copies of the Financial Report was available, it was agreed that this should be posted on the British Rafting website.

6. British Canoeing

It was reported that BC were very supportive of what BR had achieved and its plans going forward. There is however at present a lack of funding available for BR. It was reported that building on our existing success and a growth in participation numbers could help to secure BC funding.

7. Constitution

MF-L thanked SC for his work on the Constitution. One change was put forward to section 2.8 and that was to make the addition of Age Discrimination. The Constitution was carried unanimously.

8. Election of Committee

Charlotte Painter resigned her role on the Committee.

Malcolm Ferris-Lay was re-elected as Chair

Sean Clark was re-elected as Treasurer

Gill Wayland was re-elected as Welfare

Wendy Daley was re-elected as Secretary

Kim Snape was re-elected as Equipment Officer

SJ and Jess were re-elected as Events Officers

Luke Dorbin volunteered to undertake safety as well as skills set data

9. IRF Representative

Deb Cook is the GB IRF representative but will not be in Japan to attend the Congress meeting. Deb has asked SC to represent BR in her absence.

10. Any Other Business

Phil Pidgeon – Manager of the U19 women's team – proposed that a role for a Youth Commissioner could be looked at. PP said that a strategy for Youth would be popular at LV but could be rolled out over the UK. This will be looked at with a view to develop within the next 12 months.

Jess – Events Officer – suggested that as well as growing the younger teams more focus also be put on encouraging over 40s (in particular women) to participate/continue rafting.

Team Oarsome – MF-L&SC...my note on this item is not detailed but what I think I have is a question regarding how BR/BC allocate new rafts??

LV Travel to Teeside??

A list of BR members/parents with safety/skills qualifications to be compiled to assist the Events Team with the allocation of tasks at BR races.

The R4 Selection Event was confirmed as taking place at HPP possibly the first weekend in February 2018.

A question from the floor asked If a GB2 team could be considered for the WRC. Clarification was given that GB1 teams had 6 weeks prior to an event to confirm their intention to participate after that time the next team (GB2) would be given the opportunity to attend.

U19 selections clarified that although the existing GB teams were the R6 teams for two years there was only one R6 WRC event in that time span. An R4 team would still need to attend and win at selection to qualify for GB R4 status.