

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The 5th AGM of Alnmouth Community Rowing will take place at the Village Hall, Lesbury NE66 3PP on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm.

We would like to collect 2019 subscriptions on the night if possible; could members please bring their cheque books or cash with them.

### **Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Annual Report (attached)
5. Accounts and Examiner
6. Approval of Membership subscriptions for 2019 (attached)
8. Election of Committee for 2019 (attached)
9. Any other business
10. Next meeting.

Papers attached:

Annual report

Membership subscriptions for 2019

2019 Committee – 2018 Committee member intentions

## Annual Report for 2018

As you know, Dave Foote has been concentrating on the new build and so the Committee has reshuffled a bit to accommodate this. I have been acting Chairman since the build started, so I have produced this report.

I won't go into the detail of the build as it has been well covered in the build blog on the website and by Dave's frequent emails on progress. Members have been helping with the build in any event so are up to speed. It will just be really good to have 2 skiffs on the water together in 2019.

We certainly need more rowing capacity. This has been a very successful year in attracting interest in rowing and as of now we have over 60 members, a good number of whom have joined this year, having taken part in the "new to rowing" sessions. We have more Alnmouth resident members than in 2017. Overall, the log book we maintain of launches showed twice as many launches as the previous year.

A number of members have commented on how much fitter they have become by regular rowing, as well as improving their technique and learning coxing skills. The pool of members prepared to take their turn coxing is happily getting bigger, which will become essential with two skiffs next year. It takes time on the water to become a fully-fledged cox, but a willingness to steer the boat in calm conditions is a handy start.

We regularly held club rowing 4 times a week – Sunday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening and Thursday early morning (with breakfast being provided by members). When you consider that each session often had 3 crews launching, in peak weeks that equates to 60 rowing seats. On top of that we had a number of away trips including The Lakes, Dumfries (River Nith), Berwick (Tweed Row) and North Berwick (Regatta) and for the first time took part in a couple of Scottish Coastal Rowing competitive events. We are now the proud holders of the 2018 Nith Raid trophy. Although rowing around Holy Island eluded us again, two crews managed to row round Coquet Island, which was a first for the club.

None of the activity described above is possible without the effort of a dedicated core of members in organising and co-ordinating social and rowing events, website, Facebook, finance and administration. I won't embarrass them by naming them, but they know who they are.

During the year we signed a new agreement with Alnmouth Parish Council for the rental of the Lifeboat House, securing our tenure for another 5 years. We are so lucky to have such a location to use as our base and to launch from. The Boathouse always attracts a steady stream of interested beachgoers who stop for a chat and a look round; our members act as Ambassadors for Alnmouth!

The club has participated in Alnmouth village events during the season, including Volcano night and the RABC Push the Boat Out weekend and also displayed the skiff and promoted membership around the village during the Arts Festival weekend. We also held our autumn social at Hindmarsh Hall.

So looking forward to 2019.....

- We have the second skiff to build, paint, name and launch.
- We will be participating in the World Championship (Skiffieworlds) in July, being held at Loch Ryan, Stranraer. We will be forming as many crews as we can and training beforehand to be as competitive as we can be. Please take part- it's for all members.
- Defending the Nith Raid as trophy winners.
- We would like to continue growing as a club and attract people to rowing and the social side of rowing, being simply a nice group of people getting together and messing about in boats.

As I mentioned earlier, we need members to step up and help organise, either by volunteering for certain tasks during the season or by joining the Committee. The Committee normally comprises Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and 4 members. The Committee meets monthly and the meetings are an opportunity to discuss matters, put across different points of view and agree on actions. New blood and new ideas are essential. We were lucky in that a number of the new members who joined in 2017 took on Committee and organising roles in 2018 and we hope that more members will step forward for 2019.

If anyone fancies taking on the website and upgrading it to make it tablet and smartphone friendly, we welcome you with open arms!

David Cant

Acting Chairman

1<sup>st</sup> November 2018

### **Membership Subscriptions for 2019**

The 2018 subscriptions were as follows:

Adult :£25
Social:£15
Junior £10
Visitor £5 per day redeemable against full membership

The maximum family cost was capped at £60, with each member completing a membership form.

The Treasurer has produced budget expenditure figures for 2019 of £1,400, reflecting the additional costs of maintaining and insuring two skiffs rather than one and the increase in Boathouse rental costs following the signing of the new rental agreement. It would be prudent to add a 25% contingency for unexpected repairs and renewals (for example if the generator packed up).

If we allowed for £1,750 of expenditure and divided it over the number of adult members for 2019, the range of possible subscriptions is as follows:

40 adult members: £43.75 subscription

50 adult members: £35 subscription

60 adult members: £29.16 subscription

We closed the 2018 season on 60 members, but we don't know how many will renew in 2019 until the new season starts.

Also note that members lent approximately £1,250 in 2018 to the club for the new build, which will require repayment. The above figures do not take the repayment into account.

We are proposing the following for 2019:

Adult: £35
Social: £20
Junior: £12.50
Visitor £5 per day redeemable against full membership

The maximum family cost is capped at £82.50.

Note also each new member must complete a membership form, and sign that they 'have read the policy for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults' displayed in the boathouse, and is also on the website under 'Important Documents'.

It is proposed that existing members do not need to submit a membership form/sign safeguarding policy unless they wish to change any of their contact details.

## 2019 Committee

The intentions of the 2018 Committee are as follows, giving rise to 3 vacancies:

Chairman	Dave Foote	The constitution sets out that a Chairman can only be appointed for 2 consecutive years. DF willing to remain Chairman for 2019, his second year.
Treasurer	Mike Ewen	Willing to remain as Treasurer
Secretary	David Cant	Not planning to stand for a further year, having been on the Committee since 2016.
Committee members	John Ellis and Claire Edgar	Willing to remain on the Committee.
Committee member	Pauline Fearey	Is happy to continue helping but from off the Committee.
Committee member	Charles Jones	Retired during 2018; position is vacant.