

TAMAR & TAVY GIG CLUB AGM 2019

15 November 2019 (7.30pm Bere Ferrers Church Hall)

PRESENT: Anya Anstey, Sara Boulter, Sian Dennison, Cate Taynton, Martin Painter, John Rogers, Jane Rogers, Hannah Rogers, Julia Egerton, David Egerton, Ben Egerton, Rowan Egerton, Debbie Farmer, Denise Nixon, Helen Samson-Hill, Lucy Bryant, Fiona MacInnes, Jeremy Lawrence, Amy Ross, Stuart Ross, Chris Dill, Simon Grylls, Tracy Grylls, Mark Cockings, Sue Parish, Peter Clarke, Ginette Nobbs, Brian Nobbs, Simon Howes, Simon Luke, Jason Grylls, Graeme Barclay, Devon Jackman, Tom Gardner, Sue Douglass, Angie Douglass, Tom Bickle, Katharine Hoare, Lavinia Lake, Paul White, Jasmine Lake, Sue Murrin, Tom Murrin, Katie Murrin, Scott Grylls, Mel Cotton, Lynn Renton, Nelson Bowden, Heather Singleton, Andrew Singleton, Rob Mackintosh-Smith

APOLOGIES: (Helen Lloyd, Jane Dumeresque, Becky Mingo, Paul Mingo, Kevin Penny, Rob McDermott, Jon Overnell, Elliott Overnell, Simon Arscott)

MINUTES AGM 2018 No matters arising. Proposed John Rogers, seconded Jeremy Lawrence

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David welcomed everyone to the AGM and noted that it was great to see over 50 members present, and a real mix from across the whole Club. A great chance to get to know other members we may not bump into during our usual rowing sessions.

Huge thanks to the ladies' squad members for a lovely meal.

Big thanks to Angie and Tom for producing a video clip showing highlights of the past year; apologies that we are not able to show it this evening due to a technical hitch! A link will be circulated to everyone.

2019 has been a great year, many achievements to be proud of, lots of fun.

i) Outstanding rowing successes!

- **Tamar Valley Winter league regatta**
 - Whole Club pulled together to run a very successful regatta with positive feedback from visiting clubs
 - Wins for LA and MVs, and we won the regatta!
 - Strengthened links with local clubs
- **Best ever results for the ladies' squad**
 - **Three Rivers**- superb result for LA(16th) & LB (71st)
 - **Scilles**- we had a really wonderful IOS weekend, loads of fun on the beach, lots of media exposure, brilliant result for LA (33rd but 17th in long race) and LB (136th including a heat win)
 - **Newquay**- awesome performance by LA to come in 23rd, finishing one place higher than last year
 - Great rows at the **Vets Champs** (semi-final) and 12th at recent **Supervets** Champs
 - Some great summer racing with trophies at Clovelly (LB) and the **Tamar Challenge** (LSVs)
- **Great progress for the men too**
 - A & B crews neck & neck at **Three Rivers** (46th & 47th)
 - Improvement at **IOS** (65th and 95th despite a broken rudder)
 - Increase in squad numbers and great to see a men's crew racing at **Newquay County Champs** for the first time in some years
 - Although we couldn't get a crew for the **Vets Champs** we did well at the **Supervets** (22nd)

- **Fantastic commitment from our juniors**
 - Junior squad has turned out every Friday night come rain or shine
 - Raced at every possible regatta, usually against much bigger & stronger crews but never giving up, always trying their best, and getting some great results
 - The same six rowers have stuck together as a crew, always messing around on the beach or in the water having fun together
- And to cap a great competitive season, it was absolutely awesome to have four rowers representing our Club in the second **Inter County Championships**. We should be really proud of Anya, Jason, Tom and Rowan- well done! Let's try and match or beat this next year!

ii) **We also had lots of fun on great club rows and events open to everyone:**

- **Ramsey Island** was a great weekend, a fantastic row in a beautiful part of West Wales, great for the Club to be part of this tribute to Ralph Bird
- **Great River Race**: successful GRR with two boats again. One crew came second in the mixed class without really intending to race, the other crew gave a chance to many new folks to take part for the first time.
- **Totnes to Dartmouth** was a lovely relaxed and scenic row in August, with a pint and an ice cream for lunch in Dartmouth.
- **Round the Islands Race** from Teignmouth equally scenic but not so relaxed, with a brutal finish into wind and tide but a very satisfying row
- **Summer pub rows** were a bit disrupted by weather and events, but we did manage a couple of local pub rows

I hope we have struck a good balance between entering lots of races & competing hard but also enjoying ourselves on rows where we mix it up and all row together.

A big thank you to the squad captains and all the coxes, towers and organisers who make these rows possible.

iii) **Renewed a significant amount of EQUIPMENT**

- Replaced many life jackets and renewed all the safety buckets
- Bought two sets of oars (new men's race oars from Patrick Bird & second hand set of utility oars from Bristol Gig Club)
- We have continued to look after our lovely gigs
- A big thanks to John Rogers and the team of Martin Painter and his son Daniel, Bruce Horner, Rob M-S and Andrew & Heather Singleton who have cleaned and maintained all the boats; and of course to **Brian Nobbs** who continues to keep Ginette and Tamar in good repair.

iv) **Delivered more TRAINING** in MOB, race coxing, and first aid (thanks to Anne and Roger), and we have trained more new coxes, including some from the social squad. Over a third of Club members are, or soon will be, approved coxes and I doubt there are many comparable clubs who could say the same.

v) We have also completed a fair amount of routine but necessary admin:

- Reviewed and updated Club policies and made them accessible to all members through improving the Club website (thanks to Sue Douglass for tidying up the website)
- Hopefully improved communication about events and the sharing of photos, to enable everyone to feel more connected to the events we take part in (thanks again to Sue for posting stuff, to Graeme for taking so many of the photos we use, and huge thanks to Tom B for the hours and hours he has put into downloading and editing GoPro footage)

vi) **Hub Club:**

- We have maintained a harmonious relationship with the HubClub and our Sailing Club neighbours
- Quiet year with the Hub Club but work has continued behind the scenes, and should see some progress on completing the showers, etc soon
- Big thanks to Jane Dumeresque, in particular, for the great job she has done representing us on the HC board and as HC Treasurer this year, and also to Robin, Sara, Charlie, and Peter C for their HC roles.

vii) **Membership:**

- Started the year with 82, now 84 (37 ladies, 30 men, 10 juniors, 7 non-rowers)
- Membership rose to a high of 100 this year but this included many “inactive members” who have not renewed their membership this Oct-moved away, don’t have time to row, or are just taking a break.
- Great that we have offered taster rows to almost 40 potential new members this year
- Important part of our remit to give new folks a taster and an opportunity to join the Club, and we could do with converting more of these taster rows into full membership next year. However, the critical mass where we can sustain the Club financially and do the rowing we want to do safely is probably between 80-100 members.

Huge thanks to Mel for all the work she has put in as Membership Secretary, and thanks to both Mel & Jeremy for coordinating taster rows and L2R again this year.

- viii) And last but not least, we have effectively managed **Club finances** so we have been able to spend what we’ve needed to but also maintain a healthy financial position

TREASURER’S REPORT

Jane Rogers reviewed the Club balance sheet, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, and there were no questions raised.

Jane felt that we are now in a stronger financial position than last year, despite having incurred significant costs for new equipment and repairs to trailers, etc. There will be a small increase in rent early next year, and other expected costs around maintenance of ageing equipment.

End of Year Accounts summary:

Income of **20914**

Expenses of **14780**

Closing balance of **27116**

David added that the vast majority of our income is from membership subs.

If we look at the draft budget for the year ahead, we should more or less break even for 2019/2020 with **income £11500** vs **expenses £11400**

Expected income subs: ~10860 (assume 70 adult members/12 junior members)

Expected income other: ~ 600 (egg money, ergo fees, regatta profit)

Total expected income: ~ 11500

Forecast expenses: ~ 11400 (includes eg 1600 insurance, 2700 rent, 1000 equipment, 3000 new oars, 1200 boats, 900 trailers)

So, we should more or less **break even** in 2019/2020. If membership increases, we could have a surplus; if we have a major unexpected equipment failure, we could have a loss for the year although there is reasonable contingency allowed for in the budget.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

David thanked those Committee Members who are stepping down:

Simon Grylls for taking on the Juniors this year & being there every Friday night to support them

Angie Douglass for taking on the Ladies' Captain hat half way through the year and helping to maintain the early successes throughout the season

Massive thanks to **Simon Luke**, who is stepping down as Men's Captain after three years. Simon has done an outstanding job organising a Men's Squad who don't always make it easy; and also contributes to the Club in so many other ways as a frequent tower, shed fairy and by helping to support so many of the things we do.

Simon was presented with a gift from the Men's Squad.

Also huge thanks to **Mel Cotton**, who is stepping down after a long stint as Social Squad Captain. As Membership Sec (non-Committee role in which Mel will continue) Mel has welcomed new members to the Club, organising taster rows or feeding them into L2R & then she looks after those who move in to the social squad, not just organising rows but frequently coxing too.

As an amateur sports club, we rely on a small number of individuals who give up a lot of time and put in a lot of effort to take care of the essential (but not always exciting) admin stuff without which the club could not function. We should all be grateful for their hard work on our behalf!

For next year's Committee, thank you to all those who are willing to keep going and to those volunteering to fill vacancies- it's great to see three new faces on the Committee. As we have only one person standing for each role, we will handle the process as one block.

Secretary: Helen Samson-Hill	Junior Captain: Helen Lloyd
Treasurer: Jane Rogers	Bosun: John Rogers
Club Captain: Debbie Farmer	Safety Officer: Simon Howes
Ladies' Captain: Denise Nixon	Welfare Officer: Simon Luke
Men's Captain: Jason Grylls !!!	Chairman: David Egerton
Social Captain: Cate Taynton	

The new Committee was proposed by Sara Boulter and seconded by Peter Clarke.

David noted that the new Committee will focus on the further development of the junior squad (who sadly continue to grow up) and identifying exciting new rows for the whole Club. We are already planning for the Caledonian Canal adventure in 2020 and we hope to put more rows like this in place for the future.

David encouraged all Club members to give feedback, make suggestions and contribute ideas for the running of the Club.

SAFETY BRIEFING: Simon Howes gave an enjoyable briefing on the correct use of the life jacket.

CLUB AWARDS

MMR Bake Off As the informal snacks and treats of the Monday Morning Rows have developed into a proper bake off, Helen Lloyd had requested a special mention for **Charlie** (elderflower & lemon drizzle) & **Julie R** (baked apple cake) for exceptional baking. As neither were present, David was unable to deliver the requested “Hollywood handshake”!!

Ladies’ award **Anya Anstey**

Men’s award **Graeme Barclay**

Junior award **The junior race crew (Scott, Ben, Tom, Rowan, Katie, Jasmine)**

Club Member **Tom Bickle**

Newcomer **Becky Mingo**

Golden Thole Pin David noted that there were so many contenders for idiot moment this year

- More than one person had a dunking in the river
- Several club members were spotted pushing a one wheeled trailer across a field balanced on a dolly
- One club member sat engrossed in a book while his crew jumped up and down on the beach and then had to row out without him
- One club member should have packed light weight purple oars for the 14 mile Teign endurance race ladies crew but actually packed our heaviest blue men’s oars
- And one club member, describing on live TV what she liked about the rough water at Scillies, coined a memorable phrase about liking to go “up and down”!
- And the eventual winner was...Denise Nixon

Chairman’s Award **Mel Cotton & Simon Luke**

David closed the meeting with the hope that next year would be just as successful and just as much fun!!