

TAMAR & TAVY GIG CLUB AGM 2021

10 November 2021 (8.00 pm Zoom meeting)

PRESENT: Sian Dennison, Heather Singleton, Andrew Singleton, John Rogers, Jane Rogers, Jon Overnell, Simon Howes, David Egerton, Denise Nixon, Helen Samson-Hill, Fiona MacInnes, Jeremy Lawrence, Chris Dill, Peter Clarke, Mel Cotton, Cate Taynton, George Holmes, Ali Crane, Graeme Barclay, Mark Ashley, Patty Penny, Jill Borrow, Sara Boulter, Denise Nixon, Becky Mingo, Charlie Bowyer, Carolynne Clarke, Dave Clarke, Colin Piper

APOLOGIES: Debbie Farmer, Rob Mackintosh-Smith

MINUTES AGM 2020 No matters arising. Proposed Sian, seconded Jane Rogers

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

David welcomed everyone to the AGM, especially our newer members, with the hope that next year we'll be back to the usual face to face AGM and celebration dinner event. Everyone was encouraged to interrupt with questions or comments.

It may have been another strange year with the cancellation of big events like the Three Rivers, Newquay & Scillies and an almost empty regatta calendar but we have still managed to pack in a lot of rowing and there have been lots of positive highlights.

Learn to Row

As a Club, we can be really proud of the huge effort we put into Learn to Row this summer. We had a huge number of folk keen to have a go and a lot of work went into the organisation of so many learn to row sessions, but it was great fun and we met some lovely people.

Something like **39 adults and nearly 20 juniors** have attended L2R sessions.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with L2R- around 30 club members got involved at least once so it was a huge team effort. Special thanks to Jeremy Lawrence for coxing so many L2R sessions, and to Helen Lloyd for putting so much effort into our junior L2R sessions too.

Net result **21 new members** joining so far and their energy and enthusiasm is a welcome boost.

Total membership is now 88 (compared to 82 last year), so although we lost members over the pandemic period we are now growing again.

Social squad 30

Men's squad 20

Ladies' squad 20

Juniors 11

Non-rowers 7

Of the active adult rowers, 57% women and 43% men.

However, we need to recognise that for the competitive squads, 90% of women and 75% of men are vets/svets (actually mostly supervets, including almost everyone on the call!). In the long term, we need to keep recruiting juniors BUT in the short term, we need to recruit more young adults (the hardest group to recruit and retain).

Defibrillator

We can also be really proud that we raised the funds and had the drive to buy and install a Defibrillator at the boatshed.

Without dwelling on the history, we had no help from the Parish, the Hub Club or the Sailing Club and it's great that we just got on and did it ourselves. This is a great asset for the club but also for the wider local community.

Thanks again to those who helped to fund it, and a big thanks to Anne Hine who generously provided a training session to club members.

Patty asked whether a further first aid session could be arranged. David confirmed we'd look into this.

Rowing

We have managed to pack in lots of rowing including a pub row to Calstock, a picnic row to Morwellham, and a lovely autumnal row down the river Dart at the weekend.

We managed to attend one regatta at Caradon where our ladies' crew had some great races; the ladies again did well at the Vets Championships in Brixham and we had men's and ladies' crews competing at the Supervets Championships in Swanage.

We trained one new cox this summer, so well done to Andrew Singleton.

We also have the borrowed four-oared gig this month. Lots of folks have already had a try and hopefully everyone will have had a chance to row it before we have to return it.

HubClub update: plumbing underway for the showers and additional loos, and regardless of the fact that we may hardly use them it will be good to get this work complete. Also, there is a plan to start landscaping the area behind the shed next year to allow more trailer parking and hopefully a better wildlife area. Thanks again to Jane D and Sara Boulter who represent us on the HC Board. David also thanked Clive Collier, who only joined in the summer but has volunteered to fill the vacancy for a third Director.

All things considered, we've had a pretty good year and there is much to look forward to next year.

IOS- After a two-year break, planning is underway for next year's Scillies

Regattas- hopefully there will be a full season of regattas

Social events- we are planning more social events including something similar to the big Ceilidh we have held previously in Tavistock

Fun rows- we'll run lots of fun rows next year including, hopefully, re-scheduling the Caledonian Canal row cancelled in 2020

CPGA- who knows how things will develop with the CPGA but at least the way forward is decided for now so we'll keep a positive, open mind and whatever happens we'll make sure we focus on enjoying our rowing.

Sara asked about the difference between Squad and Club Captain roles, and about selection. David clarified that Squad Captain is mainly focused on organising weekly crew lists, communication within the squad and representing the views of the squad; Club Captain coordinates across the squads, organises regattas and rowing schedule, coordinates selection. David noted the Club has a written selection policy to ensure a transparent process but that the process may be slightly different this year given the changes to IOS

race format and schedule, and the somewhat depleted pool of rowers available for selection this year. This will be raised with the squads at the weekend.

Patty thanked everyone for welcoming her to the club and really appreciated the friendly atmosphere.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Jane confirmed that anyone wishing to see the full accounts should contact her.

David summarised that the Club remains in a stable and healthy financial position with a closing balance of £30066 for the year and no unusual expenses forecast in the coming year beyond what is already budgeted for.

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

David thanked those Committee Members who are stepping down:

Jason Grylls has done a great job as Men's Captain, especially keeping the squad going when we initially had very few rowers returning early in the summer, but is now just too busy to carry on.

Denise Nixon has been on the Committee for several years, first as Welfare Officer and more recently doing a great job as Ladies' Captain.

Huge thanks to **John Rogers** who has done a brilliant job of looking after our gigs but is now stepping down after 3 years as Bosun. John has been on and off the Committee in various roles over the years, and has contributed a lot to the Club.

For next year's Committee, thank you to all those who are willing to keep going and to our new volunteers! 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: Andrew Singleton
Club Captain: Charlie Bowyer	Safety Officer: Simon Howes
Ladies' Captain: Becky Mingo	Welfare Officer: Ali Crane
Men's Captain: Mark Ashley	Chairman: David Egerton
Social Captain: Cate Taynton	

The new Committee was proposed by Sian Dennison and seconded by Jeremy Lawrence, and duly accepted by those present.

David noted that any amateur sports club relies on a small number of individuals who put time and effort into running the Club and thanked everyone again for stepping up to take this on.

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

CLUB AWARDS

For the benefit of newer members David clarified that we present a small number of awards each year to recognise those who make a particular contribution to the Club. This could be in different ways but essentially recognises those who get involved and put time and effort into the Club, or to acknowledge a specific achievement.

Ladies' Award	Denise Nixon for doing a great job as Ladies' Captain
Men's Award	Mark Ashley for his enthusiasm and commitment
Junior Award	Lilia Brodribb for her enthusiasm and aptitude in learn to row David thanked (also on behalf of Helen L) all the new juniors who have been so keen to learn and are a pleasure to have in the squad. David also thanked our fantastic existing juniors who have been so helpful and supportive of the new juniors.
Club Member	Andrew Singleton for cleaning the boats, towing, learning to cox
Newcomer	Jamie Robertson who has thrown himself into learning to row, and quickly become a proactive member of the men's squad
Chairman's Award	Helen Lloyd for her boundless enthusiasm in supporting the juniors and Jeremy Lawrence for patiently coxing so many of the learn to row sessions this summer.
Golden Thole Pin	John Rogers for travelling all the way to Swanage for the Supervets Championship and then realising he'd forgotten his rowing kit and having to compete in somewhat oversized shorts borrowed from Andrew. John pointed out that this is his hat-trick for this award!

David then announced that, in recognition and appreciation of all the time and effort she puts into the Club as Treasurer, often volunteering for other jobs such as towing the boats, even though she doesn't actually row, the Club would like to make **Jane Rogers** our first ever **Honorary Life Member**.

There were no further questions or comments and the meeting was closed.