



2023 AGM Chief Stewards Report

It's a year since I took over as Chief Steward for the Watermen, taking over from Trevor Jones.

I just want to put on record our thanks to Trevor who was of course not only previously Head of Rowing and instrumental in establishing the Watermen originally, but also in re-energising the committee in 2017, and strengthening our ties with the school, and The Wycliffian Society. I want to personally thank him, not only for strong-arming me into joining the committee on the cold banks of the canal, but also for the helpful handover. Thank you Trevor (sorry you are not attending the AGM in person, but we'll make sure the message reaches you!).

The club has had an exceptional year enjoying huge success.

The Watermen have also done a lot this year.

Both the Small Boats Head in December and the Big Head in February went ahead successfully with over 500 crews racing across both events. These events are how we raise money to invest into the club, and the committee continues our efforts to make sure we maximise our profit - which is becoming increasingly challenging with ever rising costs. We haven't managed to solve the high-cost items of hiring vehicle trackway and landing stage pontoons but keep them under constant review. Thanks of course to Phil who is instrumental to the events. And special thanks also to those who volunteered on the days - the events can't run without volunteers, and the more help we have, the more costs can be saved. It also allows us to continue to build up the secondary income streams such as catering - thank you everyone!

The money raised from running the heads has meant we have been able to make a number of contributions to the club this year, including pedestrian matting for the front of the club (to support the head events and year round), a set of quad sculls to go with a new boat funded by the school, a canopy for a new towing vehicle, and most recently a contribution to a new boat to help renew the fleet. All of these contributions reflect the basic approach that Watermen funds are used to top-up investments by the school. To paraphrase Flic - whilst the club is doing so well and enjoying such success, we'll back them as much as we can.

Thanks also to the The Wycliffian Society for their support to the Watermen - the office have made attempts this year to contact recent leavers and enrol them into the Watermen. One of my aims for this year is to take them up on their offers to support better comms and contact through their office to help grow the profile of the Watermen within the TWS work. Later in the meeting we have an agenda item to discuss the potential social and fundraising events beyond the head races.

And finally thanks to the committee for their continued contributions.

The Small Boats Head is on Saturday 2nd December and we look forward to seeing as many Watermen members there as possible.

Pete (OW 2001)



The Wycliffe Watermen

Annual General Meeting 2023

Saturday September 9th 11am in the Council Chamber.

1. Attendance

Present: Pete Salvin (Chief Steward) Flic Bertram (Secretary), Pete Speed (Treasurer), Greg Flower (Director of Rowing), Laura Waters (Assistant Director of Rowing), Fred Ballard, Keith Wooller.

Apologies: Phil Clements, Trevor Jones.

2 Chief Steward's report

The Chief Stewards report was presented - the report is appended to these minutes.

2 Treasurer's report

The Treasurers Report was presented - the full report and financial forecasts are appended to these minutes.

Our financial year runs September to August. Our closing balance as of August 23 is **c.£13.8k**

In recent years the Committee have been working to a basic principle of maintaining a minimum balance of £15k, which would cover the very unlikely event of us incurring all the costs for both head races with no income should they be cancelled. In our recent decision to contribute to a new Hudson 4x, we have dipped slightly below this threshold, following a discussion with Greg, and a feeling that the boat would be the best use of Watermen contributions in the next year or so. Hopefully both Heads races will be able to run successfully this year and our balance will be replenished, but in the short term we have no funds for further contributions.

3 Election of Committee

Committee members serve for a period of 3 years before seeking re-election if they so wish. Most current members of the committee had come to the end of their 3 years, and all were happy to continue to serve and seek re-election.

Re-election of Pete Salvin (Chief Steward) Flic Bertram (Secretary), Pete Speed (Treasurer), Phil Clemments, Laura Waters (Assistant Director of Rowing).
Proposed Pete Speed, Seconded Flic Bertam, and carried by unanimous vote.

Note: Greg Flower (Director of Rowing) continues as a permanent committee member

4 Director of Rowing Report

The squad has had a phenomenal year. It was incredibly busy for Wycliffe Rowing with lots of events throughout the year. Some big successes to mention include;

- winning the Championship Girls 8 event at Schools Head;
- collectively winning 3 golds and 1 bronze at National Schools Regatta;
- winning the Junior Women's Quad event at Henley Women's Regatta, as well as making two other finals;
- qualifying 3 Quads into the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta with one crew making it to the final.
- A number of the squad went on to represent GD internationally and came home with medals.

On behalf of the Watermen, congratulations to the squad and coaching staff for such a fantastic year.

5 AOB

- Fundraising events: The WW Constitution highlights WW shall organise fundraising events to support the rowing club. At present, this comprises the two head races, raising c.£5-10k per year. But profitable head races are becoming more of a challenge. We discussed other opportunities to fundraise and the committee will continue to review options where feasible.

2023 Treasury Report

Total profit from head races:

- WSBH £3.8k
- WBH £4.8k
- **TOTAL £8.6k**

Profit is up £3k from last year, but below our forecast due to income still not back to pre-covid levels. We'll review forecasts as we consider entry numbers and entry fees this year.

We've made significant contributions to the club this year:

- £6.3k for pedestrian matting
- £1.3k for truck canopy
- £2.7k for 4x sculls
- £6k towards Hudson 4x
- **Total £16.5k.**

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Year on Year Budget / Actuals

		Sep19-Aug20		Sep20-Aug21		Sep21-Aug22		Sep22-Aug23		Sep23-Aug24		Sep24-Aug25	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
WSBH													
	Cost	-£5,370	-£4,628	£0	£0	-£4,190	-£6,773	-£8,030	-£7,103	-£8,270	£0	-£8,510	£0
	Revenue	£10,050	£10,414	£0	£0	£7,320	£9,812	£13,790	£10,950	£14,210	£0	£14,640	£0
	Balance	£4,680	£5,786	£0	£0	£3,130	£3,039	£5,760	£3,847	£5,940	£0	£6,130	£0
WBH													
	Cost	-£4,850	-£3,890	£0	£0	-£5,150	-£6,946	-£8,210	-£7,647	-£8,450	£0	-£8,690	£0
	Revenue	£12,550	£12,503	£0	£0	£9,390	£9,725	£14,050	£12,448	£14,470	£0	£14,910	£0
	Balance	£7,700	£8,613	£0	£0	£4,240	£2,779	£5,840	£4,801	£6,020	£0	£6,220	£0
Other													
	Cost	-£6,000	-£7,308	-£6,000	-£6,000	£0	£0	-£6,900	-£16,465	-£6,200	£0	£0	£0
	Revenue	£10	£232	£10	£210	£10	£0	£10	£0	£10	£0	£10	£0
	Balance	-£5,990	-£7,077	-£5,990	-£5,790	£10	£0	-£6,890	-£16,465	-£6,190	£0	£10	£0
Total in Year													
	Cost	-£16,220	-£15,827	-£6,000	-£6,000	-£9,340	-£13,719	-£23,140	-£31,215	-£22,920	£0	-£17,200	£0
	Revenue	£22,610	£23,148	£10	£210	£16,720	£19,537	£27,850	£23,399	£28,690	£0	£29,560	£0
	In Year Balance	£6,390	£7,322	-£5,990	-£5,790	£7,380	£5,819	£4,710	-£7,816	£5,770	£0	£12,360	£0
	Account Balance @ end of FY	£20,644	£21,576	£15,586	£15,786	£23,166	£21,604	£26,314	£13,788	£19,558		£31,918	
In year 'other' costs over £1k													
	WSBH Medals x 2yrs stock		-£3,787	Telementary donation (Peach)	-£6,000					WBH Medals /Penants x 2yrs stock		-£2,100	
	Purchase of Trackway (back field)		-£1,870					Donation for 4x Sculls	-£2,730	WSBH Medals x 2yrs stock		-£4,100	
	Purchase of Trackway (front lawn)		-£1,192					Pedestrian mats	-£6,375				
								Truck Canopy	-£1,360				
								Hudson Quad contribution	-£6,000				
	Note: Wycliffe account balance includes medals as stock: (Cash + 3787)			Note: Wycliffe account balance includes half medals as stock: (Cash + 1893)		Note: Wycliffe Account balance released half medals from stock as a cost -> This balance equal to wycliffe accounts							