

Chairman's Report

AGM 2018

A great deal has been achieved by the GMC during 2018. I am conscious that most of this work happens in the background without as much visibility as it sometimes deserves. This report serves to give members a flavour of what happens. I have omitted lots of day to day things, which take up a lot of time and it is therefore not meant to be exhaustive.

Review of the year - on the water (2017 to 2018)

Since the last AGM we have had a number of successes across all squads and there have been some excellent results and active participation. I will not steal any more of our Captain's thunder for her report but it has been very gratifying to see everyone's hard work bear some reward. My thanks to all of the athletes and coaches for their contribution

Finances

Concentrating on the financial position of the Club I am pleased to report that under the constant vigilance of our Treasurer, Roy Nicholls, the Club has now achieved a strong and stable control of our finances.

Following the precedent set out by the GMC at the start, we have continued to spend our surpluses on new boats, equipment and premises as part of our ongoing Club improvement strategy and we would like to see this continue

Within the annual report Members will have a detailed account of the Club's financial position, and the surplus for the year.

Review of the year - off the water (2017 to 2018)

The club was approached by a Petanque Club who wished to use the club facilities and develop a game court on site. After getting the correct planning permission the committee was happy to approve the use with the agreement that the Petanque club should become members of the club.

During the year we have carried out a number of improvements with more are planned, and we are currently holding meetings with Cardiff council regarding the use and replacement of the landing stage (updates to follow). The club buildings and equipment requires constant care and maintenance with a whole host of other things like - fixtures & fittings, shutters, alarms, electrics.(the list goes on).

However, all of this work enables members to use the club in a safe and secure environment, with the club's Trustees and committee taking a lead role in overall governance...

To provide some structure to the remainder of my report (a welcome change I appreciate!) I have set out my review of the year under various headings which hopefully will make sense:-

Club strategy

As the club grows its size and range of activities increases, more resources are required to facilitate this.

- Premises should be refurbished improved, and in the medium term a rebuilding programme will need to be considered.
- The club should continue to strive for rowing excellence across all groups and maintain the ethos set out in the Club's rules and constitution.
- The club should try to establish a performance under 23 academy to encourage the flow of membership into the senior groups.
- Encourage further involvement of Club members in the sport particularly through helping at events and things like umpiring courses.

I fully support these strategies and hope they meet the approval of all members.

Social and Fundraising events

The Regatta this year was another superb day and my thanks to everyone involved, particularly the catering team with plans are already underway for next year's event. Well done to Christine Hughes and her teams for all of their hard work.

We also had a number of excellent and enjoyable events this year arranged and organised by the "Llandaff Rowing Club Parent Association" that is intended to facilitate parental participation and support in the Club.

I wish to thank "The Llandaff Society of Watermen" for their donations to the Club and the ongoing support.

During the year there are a number of other social events being held, and I ask that all of our members support your club in the future please.

People - some special thanks

I must single out for a special mention Roy Nicholls for his overall effort on behalf of the Club, along with Stuart who has yet to say "no I can't" to anything that you ask him to do, which I hope is fully appreciated by all members.

It goes without saying a big thanks to Laura Starrs and Richard Summers who have again helped with the repaired of numerous boats that have been damage. Whilst it is fair to say that some damage has arisen due to racing accidents, a good deal has been caused by the negligent handing of boats by members. (Some of whom should know better.) But I would ask members to try and exercise a lot more care and attention when using and handling boats and blades.

I must also point out the success and achievement that the junior's have had this year, it's a credit to all the time and effort that Sarah, Keri and Chris have put in.

Again I must pay tribute to all those members who have devoted much of their time in organising events, and functions. Through their efforts they have provided a very valuable source of revenue for the Club and some fun along the way.

Sponsorship

I mentioned earlier in my report about the financial side of the Club, as we currently do not have a main Club sponsor. So if you should know of a Company or a possible lead, please get in contact with me.

Committee

My thanks to all of the Main Committee and Sub Committee members who have supported me throughout the year and made my job easy. (well most of the time!)

In conclusion we have had another great year, but in the future we should not expect this as a “matter of right”. For Llandaff Rowing Club to maintain its position we desperately need “fresh blood” to assist the members who already give an enormous amount of time and effort at various events, in running the club and providing financial support. I have considerable concerns that the bulk of the work falls upon the shoulders of the few.

We need helpers at all levels all year round, and I would ask that you provide your full support to this great Club.

Many Thanks

Trevor Wing.

Chairman of Llandaff Rowing Club