

## **Membership Report for AGM 2021**

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Club membership continued to fall a little during the year. As with last year this is mostly due to 'natural wastage' with members changing jobs, having babies, moving out of the area, etc and so having to leave. The number leaving in this way is not much different to any other year. Unlike previous years, we have not been able to bring in new members through Learn to Row courses to offset this loss and so overall numbers have been falling.

However, we were able to re-start Adult and Junior L2R over the summer and this, coupled with an influx of experienced rowers moving to Leeds and wanting to join, means that numbers are rising again. At the end of September 2021, we had 116 adult members and 37 junior members.

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### **Waiting Lists**

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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

LEEDS ROWING CLUB

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/08/21

Charity no  
(if any)

1142301

Set out on pages

1-4.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*James Tipper*

Date:

27/06/22.

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**