



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham Monday, 2 December 2013, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Clair Ponting, Jim Dawson, Antony Constantinidi, Julian Sondheimer, Ashton Vaughan

Ashton Vaughan had agreed to be co-opted to the committee and was welcomed to her first meeting

Apologies: Debbie Blackmore, Helen Willcox, Chris Brigden

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved and adopted

Update Action List: Penny to circulate an updated action list after the meeting. Further actions detailed below:

The double Virus has been mended! Highest priority on list is for Ian V to organise safety meeting. Revisit the safety list of non conformances as agreed by committee in May 2013, ensure that it is incorporated in the Safety Audit and implemented. Safety Audit to be completed as we are i.e. West Wing and mud. Boats to be checked as they reappear from Newton St Loe. Women's blades and junior sculling blades list are WIP. Elliott Raine and George Hurst learning how to mend boats. Need to assess the old cox boxes and head sets for refurbishment or replacement. Some A4A money has been spent on junior blades. Antony has the rainwater tank for the West Wing. Need to make progress on Gordon Trevett's possible find of cheap racking made by a boat builder. Also getting price re scaffolding racking.

Reports (previously circulated)

Captain - no issues

Juniors - no issues, doing well at winning

Men's - no report, ask George what has happened to the quad as Chris Brigden would help

Women's - no issues

Novice - better when co-ordinators around

Safety- no report

Welfare - no report

Club Development/Lease - Total build price might now be fixed, but needs approval from Monkton and University. Keeping a watching brief on costs as they come in. There will be an extra cost of about £141K over the £990K and our share of this is £28,000. Alan Meegan is visiting on 11th Dec and we should soon get first tranche of BR grant, which will be paid by us to the Duchy.

Have no update on when we might have lockable building for boat store as the inner roof of the facilities block has taken more time than expected. Roof should be ready soon but walls will be slower as more complicated. Shells, roller doors needed for racking; the necessary minor electrics for boat houses can come later. Each boat store will have personnel door plus emergency exits. There will be a roller shutter on the outside of ordinary doors for facilities block. Each boat store will have separate burglar alarm zone.

Two air source heat pumps: one for under floor heating and one for hot water. Both pumps we hope will be high up in University boat store. Also need immersion heater inside each. Should also be able to retro fit electric showers if all this does not work.

Easter is long stop finish date for the whole thing.

We have agreed to host 2 Level 2 courses.

Finance

There have been big swings in the finances since last meeting. We have paid £68,000 from club funds to the Duchy. This plus the Trustees' money plus the BR and SE grants covers the club share of the original budgeted cost i.e. our share of £990k.

The money in the 100 club account is earmarked for paying a big legal bill from Stone King to April which we will pay when the Uni have paid their share (MNK have paid).

The fifth pontoon is still being made and we have not received an invoice. Ideally need it for Spring Head. Jim to phone Chris Blunt to get Bodmans to see if they have any rubble to put in the river which is very deep at that point..

We need to be careful with the finances and might need a small second phase of fund raising. We could look for grants for boats. Clair to produce a newsletter.

Graphical presentation of the membership stats was agreed to be useful. Joiners and leavers OK except for one junior who should be "reinstated". List of debtors needed.

WAGS Financial matters

Julian has become Treasurer as Robin has resigned. Should ACRC buy the tents from WAGS; they are written down to nothing. We have stored them and straightened them out and sorted out the poles. So ACRC has put work in. Committee agrees but need to ask WAGS.

WAGS also owns some stuff from Bristol Sound and a caravan which is rather inhospitable and rickety.

Events and event accounting

Avon Autumn received 121 entries and made a profit of about £1000. It went well and the new committee have gained valuable experience. Wash Up 13th Dec.

Spring Head - CART application in and Safety docs done. Will be recruiting helpers in January. Considering dropping one of short divisions. Entry fees as for 2013. Philippa to copy Clive Pendry's thoughts on the need for a Plan B to Alastair.

Regatta - no report

Clair doing catering for the Uni Head on 7th December. There are 500- 600 people coming. Penny to mail for helpers. There will be the usual equipment from Crescent but not Ian's barbeque shelter.

Event accounting was not discussed.

Admission of New Members Rosie Pope and Reece Ashdown, both juniors.

AOB - AC has met Griffon about bringing boats back on site and where they will be. Will have some boats in the store under the balcony. They have 60 boats which they pack in! Would like an area for their regular boats, at the back of our racks, not in the West Wing. They are making their own racks.

Dragons - no more meetings. We are not guaranteeing a permanent contract.

University had to report the break in to their container to the police. Recommended that we talk to the police at Keynsham to liaise.

Lending boats to Swindon - They will use our trailer. Riggers and ties etc need to be found and, ideally the boat loaded onto the trailer.

Pudding head will happen on 22nd December with cake and wine if anyone brings any.

Rowing slots - a proposal that adult and junior rowing slots on a Saturday morning should be co-ordinated was rejected.

Date and place of next

6th January at Solo