



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

### **Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 1 June 2015, at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Julian Sondheimer, Philippa Sondheimer, Antony Constantinidi, Clair Ponting, Jim Dawson, Parveen Jones

**Apologies:** Sallyanne Lewis, Helen Willcox

**Minutes of Last Meeting** - approved and adopted.

**Update Action List** – Parveen will ask the men’s masters crew who row at 8:30 Sunday mornings if they would take it in turns to run JTU after their outing.

**Reports (previously circulated) –**

Captain & Juniors – The Committee approved the following entries for Women’s Henley Regatta: Laura Bathe-Taylor (W1X) and Molly Churchman/Carla May/Bria Keen/Ellie McCormack (WJ16 4X)

Men – No matters arising

Women – No matters arising

Novices – Organising outings for the pub crews (for the Saltford Festival) has proven to be extremely difficult and time-consuming. It was agreed that – if we participate again – pub crews need to understand that the scheduled outing times are not negotiable.

**Boathouse Management Committee Issues** – Antony has again chased the University for a decision on the cess pit drainage quote. After an incident with a local builder using bolt cutters to remove the top gate lock (having parked in our field and being locked in), Jim agreed to see if any of our A4 neighbours would agree to be a gate key holder.

**Safety & Governance** – It was agreed to hold a Safety Plan meeting to merge and finalise the two versions of the Safety Plan currently under review.

It appears that Phil Clements has not yet submitted a written report to BR subsequent to the mediation meeting held in mid-April. Antony will write to BR to determine what, if any, progress has been made.

**Finance/Subs (previously circulated)** – Julian is working on allocating any past donations to the specific squad ‘boat funds’. He will also start listing a ‘General Boat Fund’ balance.

Draft accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 were circulated. The club’s financial situation is strong, especially with it being the first year of operating the new facility.

Antony will circulate a proposal to the Committee regarding sub increases, which we will finalise at the next meeting, for presentation at the AGM.

**Events – Regatta** – a profit was realized of approximately £1,500, including catering revenue

Club Dinner – was very well attended and we agreed to use the Bathwick Boatman venue again next year.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Proposed having a bring & share supper at the club on Saturday, 1 August.

**New Members** – Jude Birch, Boyd Cushing, Chrissie Cushing, Clare Dudley, Guillaume Lequen, Laura Middleton, Jonah Willetts, Katrina Woodfield, Poppy Fraser, Max Braun, Marcus Brend, Victoria Brown, Oliver Challenger, Jennifer Dickson, Issie Harber, Isaak Bishop, Eve Chillcott, Charlie Cushing, Lottie Davis, Anja Hathaway, George Phillips, Alexander Rodway, Izzie Tidswell

**Any Other Business** – AGM date set for Sunday, 27 September at 12:00pm

**Date and Time of Next:** Monday, 13 July 2015, Salford Rowing Centre

## **Captains report:**

### **Equipment - repair**

George James and Get Smart have both been repaired and collected. I can't find GS's fourth rigger (the one that was trashed) – it will need replacing but we need the pin & swivel etc from it. While it is being sorted it can be rigged as a pair.

Chris Hopper has 4 new sets of shoes now, as does Unity.

No-one has owned up to the damage to Snow White but it has been mended by Monkton.

Antony as mended the Rst 1X.

The double virus needs mending – the downside of transporting it by trolley is that the ends get bashed – which they cannot take – so it has developed a leak.

### **Sculling Blades**

8 pairs of sculling blades have been collected (4 womens (blue handles) 4 mens (green handles). Carol has volunteered to paint them. 4 more pairs (juniors) are on order. I want to sort out the private sculls as there are some that don't appear to be used and are not labeled ...

### **Blade racks**

New blade rack has been installed (and filled up). RP rack (8 pairs) also on order.

### **Boat Racks**

We need to get a few more racks up in the boathouse – and to fix the ones we already have.

### **Results**

## **Matters Arising**

## **Junior Coordinators Report:**

### **Equipment**

Bellatrix is almost ready.

### **Newbies**

Friday Sculling Club is in full swing. Plenty of help so far and a steady stream of newbies

Sunday scullers have also started.

### **Henley Womens**

We are planning on sending a WJ16 4X- to Womens Henley this year.

### **Results**

Evesham – we won some stuff

BAS – ditto

NSR – we won WJ15 2X, 3<sup>rd</sup> in WJ16 2X, 6<sup>th</sup> in WJ16 1X

### **Events**

### **Matters Arising**

Permission for WJ16 4X to race at HWR.

Mens Squad Report:

### **Racing:**

Bristol Avon Regatta:

MasD 8+: dsq

Hereford Regatta:

IM3 2x: George and Ollie

Looking ahead we hope to race Llandaff, Gloucester and the Masters eight are aiming for the Great Ouse Marathon in September.

### **Crews etc:**

We seem to be thin on the ground, Saturday rowing has more or less stopped. We have 3 new beginner men. Because of availability there has never been more than 2 beginners at a time. They have rowed in fours and eights with more experienced rowers, their main outing is on Sundays at 8.30. Some of last years beginners who have been without a regular crew have migrated to Sunday mornings as well.

### **Matters Arising: -**

#### Women's Report

No problems arising this month.

Head of the Dart – apologies for not mentioning this in my last report, but congratulations to Philippa, Di, Mary and Jo (and Julian for coxing) for completing the Head of the Dart with Bradford on Avon. Nice to see clubs combining, but hopefully next year we can send two women's eights.

Bristol Avon Regatta - Congratulations to WNov E 8+ Abbie, Jess, Lottie, Grace, Lauren, Rebecca, Bethan, Laura and Patsy for winning their category and to WMas C 4+ Sal, Kath, Helen Nic and Abbie winning also.

Everyone had a jolly day at the regatta, but some of the feedback is that it didn't feel as smooth and rower focused as usual and the with regards to the helping rota, suggestions have come in for a clearing up team jobs to be assigned. Lots of people did help throughout the day even though they weren't assigned jobs and have said they would have stayed, but perhaps there needs to be a definite split in set up and clear up people, so the same people aren't there all day.

Another suggestion is the set up of catering for tea and coffee and Bacon butties first thing would be much appreciated from those travelling a distance or turning up early to help. These are just suggestions I am feeding back.

25th May Women's Squad Sculling Day - Organised and run by Debbie, with Jo and Parveen. Huge thanks to you from everyone who took part and me; I understand it was a great day and has inspired some of the women to do more single sculling.

Fitting in the new LTR Novice women is slowly getting there, trying to keep them in the explore quads until 21st June and then will try to move them into fine boats. People's timetables are interesting, but we seem to have at least a solid quad/four.

Fundraising - still more work is required, but slowly creeping!!

**Beginner Report June 2015**  
**March Programme - final numbers**

The final figures are:

Enquiries	52
Booked in for tasters	35
Attended taster	26
Continued after taster	22
Handed over to co-ordinators	16

Of the six who dropped out mid-session, three have said they would like to join the May group ( Antonia, Julian, Rebecca ), two said they were too busy ( Daisy, Nigel ) and one just vanished.

Twenty-four sessions were offered. A couple of people did 12 and a few did 10.

I am keeping records for SE so I know that the programme devoured 122 man-hours of coaching or helping ( i.e. being in a beginner boat ). This was delivered by four stalwarts ( 10 hours plus ) and 21 others ( some of whom just sat in a boat for an hour - but we couldn't have done it without them ).

**May Programme**

To set this up, I included on the list:

People who had enquired for March but not replied	10
People who booked on in March but did not come	13 ( inc some friends )
People who dropped out of March	6
New enquiries	35

We had 22 takers for the May tasters, all from the new enquiries group, including four "friends and family". So the drop-outs are not worth the effort of pursuing them.

Of the 22, 17 showed up ( one is still to come. Or not ). So the 50% rule is alive and well.

**Sport England**

Progress towards the Sport England participant target so far is shown below; the progress is in brackets next to the relevant target.

	Male	Female
Aged 0 - 13	15 ( 3 )	15 ( 3 )
Aged 14 - 26	35 ( 2 )	35 ( 9 )
Aged 26+	35 ( 11 )	35 ( 28 )

The above includes the March and May tasters, some junior outings and the team from the Jolly Sailor.

**Helpers**

Although on paper there are lots of beginner coaches who have been through a briefing, availability is very limited. But Will and Debra have joined the helping/coaching team of Philippa, Julian, Jo, Clair and Tommo.

### **Saltford Festival River Day**

I have applied to CART.

The pub teams have been very slow to recruit and respond to the detailed offer of training. One team ( Jolly ) has had two outings, one ( Bird ) has had one and the third ( Saltford Sports ) is scheduled for 1st June. The fourth ( Riverside ) has not materialised yet. We have had a meeting of an impromptu committee of ACRC people who have said they will help on the day, and listed tasks and people to do things.

### **Explore Events**

I think this has gone away, but it might have morphed into a meeting on WAGS priorities.

### **Issues for Committee - do we agree?**

I am never doing this Pubs and Clubs thing again - not in this form. But 21st June is a good target date for a finale/race for the March course. So I think we should run an Explore event next year. Our boats and Gloucester's boats ( and possibly Ariel's but the Ariel LTR man has not followed up my invitation to come and look at our boats )and open only to WAGS clubs.

Three courses is one too many. The first one should start in March and have its finale on 21st June in the Explore event. The second one should start in July and have its finale at Upton. There is no third course. The coaches need a break and the co-ordinators would have less load and the usage of the Explore boats would be easier to schedule.

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB				
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 1 June 2015				
		This report (01/06/15)	Previous report (27/04/15)	Change
<b>1. BANK BALANCE</b>				
	Interest rate			
Current account - General		10,346	10,852	(506)
Current account - Captain		4,360	3,607	753
Deposit account	0.05%	948	948	0
100 Club account		5,046	5,046	0
CAF Cash account		1,092	8,571	(7,479)
CAF Gold account	0.15%	199	1,199	(1,000)
Virgin Money account	1.00%	17,433	17,346	86
CAF 90 day notice account	0.75%	574	574	0
<b>Total in bank</b>		<b>39,997</b>	<b>48,143</b>	<b>(8,146)</b>
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/05/15				
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)				
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,377	1,229	148
Debtors: Kit		294	529	(235)
<b>Total entries &amp; kit debtors</b>		<b>1,671</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>(87)</b>
Debts incurred before 01/04/12 excluded.				
<b>2. MAJOR INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT</b>				
(excluding normal routine items)			Amount	
oars (8 sets Concept2)			3,760	
repair G James			420	
ACRC share hair & hand dryers etc Jan 15			855	
manufacture of trailer for Mucat - final payment			340	
3 pop-up gazebos			390	
Rowperfect scull rack			325	
junior 2x			5,989	
<b>3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME</b>				
			Amount	
oars (4 sets)			2,000	
cox box			??	
<b>4. FINANCIAL ISSUES</b>				