



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

### **Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 13 October 2014, at 7:30pm**

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

**Apologies:** Clair Ponting

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

**Update Action List** – plans to register as a limited company are now on long-term hold. It has turned out to be not as attractive an option as originally thought, partly because of Companies House filing regulations.

**Boat and Equipment Maintenance Plan** - It was agreed we need to establish a priority repair list, which Penny is going to do. We can then start work (or send out for repair) the top 3 or 4 jobs. Julian to look up what we have spent on repairs over the past few years, which is estimated to be between £3-6K annually.

#### **Reports (previously circulated) –**

Captain & Juniors – It was agreed that, when boats/equipment are damaged when in use by adult crews, the crew are responsible for recording the incident properly, following up with the other boat(s) involved, agreeing the final version of events, and passing the written documentation to the committee for action/insurance claims.

Penny will relay this information to the crew involved in the Derek Roy incident, as there is a possibility that we can recover the repair costs from Minerva's insurance.

Men, Women, Novices – no matters arising

**Safety Advisor & Safety Policy** - Sallyanne Lewis has agreed to become the Safety Advisor. British Rowing and Clive Pendry have been advised. The updated Safety Policy was reviewed, and Debbie will incorporate changes, add it to the Constitution Appendices and update the website.

**Boathouse Management Committee Issues** – The management committee has met. Canoeists and Dragon Boaters would like to attend future meetings as non-participants. Waste removal is becoming an issue. Hand and hair dryers are to be installed. We need a post box at the gate on the A4. Additional shelving is required in the change rooms. And a welly rack for the lobby is needed.

**Finance/Subs (previously circulated)** – Monkton are not entirely happy with Kingswood rowing from the site. Penny to ask Kingswood to ensure their advertising does not in any way imply they are tenants on site. The Kingswood rowers will remain ACRC members even after their club is affiliated.

**Jon Barton Donation** – Jon has offered to donate towards a four/eight boat to be named after Andrew Barton. It was felt that, unless he is able to fund the entire cost of the boat, we cannot commit to naming one after Andrew, despite his considerable contributions to the club. Debbie to reply to Jon to ascertain (if possible) what level of contribution he is considering, and to suggest a possible 'matched funding' arrangement.

**Events** – Avon Autumn entries are looking good. Interest from some clubs who did not attend last year.  
Spring Head – Kath Finucane is replacing Alastair Watson as Safety Advisor.

**New Members** – James Dunkerley, Emma Gardner, Jonathan Garner, Elizabeth Gray, James Howard, Caroline Hughes, Adam King, Marian Lovell, Peter Phillips, Thomas Scott, Angela Scott, Michael Selwyn, Adam Sim

**Any Other Business** – Website updates to be sent to [joepusey1@gmail.com](mailto:joepusey1@gmail.com)

WAGS AGM being held at clubhouse Sunday, 23 November

Jim to send notice to Monkton & UBBC advising launch drivers to throttle back, and coxes to keep shouting to a minimum, in the area between Newbridge and the top bridge, as we have been receiving complaints.

**Date and Time of Next:** Monday, 10 November, Saltford Rowing Centre, 7:30 pm

## **Captains report:**

### Opening Ceremony

Went really well. Thanks to Robin for organizing and everyone else who made the day such a success.

### Equipment - repair

Charlotte has a new starboard A frame – it is beyond me how people were managing with the old one ....

Debbie is doing a shoe audit as I think we have a lot that need replacing. Eton Rowing Services now do an adjustable shoe that looks like it might work so I am waiting for them to get some more in then we will try a pair.

The (better condition) restricted 1X's has new riggers.

Fang has a broken shoulder again. It either needs to go back to J (expensive but will be a good repair) or we could ask Monkton (cheap but will be obvious!)

Derek was damaged in a head on crash with Minerva. The rigger has been replaced but there is a large hole in the canvas and where the rigger attaches is badly damaged. Someone (who?) has tried to mend this but I don't know how permanent a mend it is?

### Capsize Drill

Another 27 club members were dunked on October 4th – thanks to Chris, Alan, Mary, Laura & Frankie for helping. Kingswood School have offered us use of their pool free of charge for future drills.

### Sculling Blades

4 pairs for each of womens, mens, juniors and beginners squads have not been ordered yet.

### Blade racks

Sorry still being rubbish about this but I think we have a design agreed now. It will be big!

### Results

#### Monkton

W Mas C 4+ Sal, Kath, Helen, Patsy, Helen

## **Junior Coordinators Report:**

### Newbies

We started another small batch off in September and they are slowly sorting themselves out. I need to get a list of junior members from Philippa so I can work out who I need to chase.

A good number of coaches are making the effort to help on Sunday mornings and it really helps!

### Sculling Club

Resumed in September! Will cease at half term.

### Results

#### Monkton Head

WJ16 1X Emily Martin

WJ15 2X Molly Churchman, Bria Keen

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WJ16 4X- Natalie Day, Molly Duckett-Noble, Caroline Spencer, Emily Martin

J14 2X George Martin, Olivier Sharples

### Events

Pingbong

Wycliffe

Pudding Head

### Matters Arising

None

## Mens Squad Report:

### **Racing:**

#### Boston Marathon:

MasD Nov 4x won their category and set a new a course record in their boat class.

#### Monkton Bluefriars:

MasG 4-	1/1
IM3 4x-	1/1
Nov 4x+	2/2
MasE 2x	1/1
MasD 2x	3/3
IM3 1x	1/1
MasF 1x	2/3
Nov 1x	5/5

### **Crews:**

With Head season upon us there is talk of putting together eights, perhaps combining the novices with more experienced oarsmen. Nothing has been confirmed yet, lack of coxes is becoming apparent.

### **Matters Arising:**

Derek Roy has been rigged and can be used, however it still needs some repairing. The bolt holes in the shoulder are damaged, and we have taped up some holes that go all the way through.

### **Women's Report**

No matters arising.

Monkton Head Race, WMC 4+ - Kath, Helen G, Sal and Patsy, WMF4+ - Philippa, Di, Debbie and Gilly, coxed by Julian and WIM3 2x - Charlotte and Ange took part and had a great first row for this years head season.

Trying to establish a coxing and coaching day as resources are stretched (kicking myself for not doing this over the summer when the river was quieter!)

High turn out for Land Training on a Tuesday evening, long may it continue over the winter months. Sal kindly is running the sessions and helping with our newest members, some who have never used an Ergo before.

All crews are aiming towards CoB and AC Autumn Head, including three eights hopefully!

## **Beginner Report October 2014**

We have 13 August beginners left (!) - four men and nine women - and they will have their final session on 26th October and then be "handed over". One man has already joined the men's squad as he had done some sweep rowing in another life.

We are hoping to get JTU started again at 10:30 on Sundays as I think there should be an eight free. People still randomly turn up for JTU and it will provide not only for them but just for people who want another row. If there are not many, we might find we get some relatively new people out into doubles.

The Sport England grant of £10,000 finally arrived in our bank account and Explore quads and doubles have been ordered from Janousek. With any luck they will be here by March when the next lot of taster sessions begins.

## **SUBS REPORT**

The monthly subs income is now over £2500 but do not be deceived; the increase is because most of the people on the October joiners list ( to follow ) gave in their forms in July/August/September and have now started paying although no-one has officially welcomed them to the club!

I have put a separate sheet into the subs file for Kingswood. Nic Feaver and Jon Garner have joined us but there are also about 45 juniors who are all now officially members. They invoice us on a per head per month basis so I am not including their subs in my normal file or report. They are only Avon County members because the affiliation process is so cumbersome that they could not get their club affiliated quickly. They wanted to benefit from the BR insurance so they have joined Avon County as members and BR as licence holders, citing Avon County as their first club. This means that my beautiful membership chart now looks very silly and that is my excuse for not giving it to you. Enthusiasts will have seen the August figures at the AGM.

Once Kingswood have affiliated their own club, they will stop appearing in all our figures. I think that should be at the next BR Council meeting in November although as the ( rather dormant ) WAGS Secretary, I am a bit surprised that I have not seen any affiliation forms to sign.

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB							
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 13 October 2014							
		This report (13/10/14)	Previous report (28/07/14)	Change			
<b>1. BANK BALANCE</b>							
	Interest rate						
Current account - General		16,882	8,433			8,449	
Current account - Captain		3,543	3,554			(11)	
Deposit account	0.05%	948	948			0	
100 Club account		4,650	4,238			412	
CAF Cash account		2,793	1,476			1,317	
CAF Gold account	0.15%	1,198	4,082			(2,885)	
Virgin Money account	1.00%	17,250	17,250			0	
CAF 90 day notice account	0.75%	571	570			1	
<b>Total in bank:</b>		<b>47,835</b>	<b>40,551</b>			<b>7,283</b>	
General excludes aubs standing order receipts since 08/10/14							
There are also accounts for ACR/C events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)							
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,980	3,000			(1,010)	
Debtors: Kit		219	238			(20)	
<b>Total entries &amp; kit debtors</b>		<b>2,209</b>	<b>3,238</b>			<b>(1,030)</b>	
Debit incurred before 03/04/11 excluded.							
incl. Marketing entries							
<b>2. MAJOR INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT</b>							
(excluding normal routine items)							
			Amount				
Sport England site development grant tranches #1 & #2			45,000			income	
Duchy of Cornwall			46,214				
Cement for bank extension			672			shared	
Boathouse signs			1,450				
Sport England grant for Explore boats			10,000			income	
<b>3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME</b>							
			Amount				
Duchy's legal fees - Farrers fees 23/01/13 to date			3,000			our share approx	
ACRC's legal fees - Stone King fees 30/04/13 to date			1,000			approx	
sliders for racking			3,000			approx	
<b>DEVELOPMENT (EXCL LEGAL FEES)</b>							
Duchy of Cornwall - still to pay			4,796				
Duchy of Cornwall - interest to pay			369				
BR site development grant - final claim			3,000			income	
Sport England site development - final claim			5,000			income	
<b>NET REMAINING DEVELOPMENT (EXCL LEGAL FEES)</b>			<b>(2,834)</b>				
<b>4. FINANCIAL ISSUES</b>							