



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham Monday, 14 April 2014, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Debbie Blackmore, Julian Sondheimer, Helen Willcox, Antony Constantinidi

Apologies: Chris Brigden, Jim Dawson, Clair Ponting

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted

Update Action List – Penny to set up a cox box sign out book. We are trying to get a handle on which cox boxes have intermittent faults and/or whose batteries may need replacing. The book will have space for comments.

Parveen Jones is taking the L2 coaching course, with financial assistance from the club.

The scaffolding for the new racking is here. If we can get access to the new boathouse, work could commence next week.

The builders have a pile of rubble ready for us to use on the bank extension. Penny thinks there is more rubble at the farm that we might be able to have, if we can transport it.

Debbie is going to run a coxing course soon, and again in the autumn (to catch the new uni coxes).

Antony attended the Saltford Parish Council meeting, where he spoke to the Community Policing Officers about our fine weather issues with trespassers.

Griffon will be occupying the store in our boat shed and the rear of the first bay. We feel we need to charge a rent that is proportionate to the space they will be using. Antony will make the calculations and report at the next meeting.

Reports (previously circulated) –

Captains – Chris Hopper/Vicky Land/Voldemort are still at Janousek for repair. The Eton is working again, with a repaired transom, engine and a brand new gear lever that does not require multiple old socks taped to it. There are two known candidates for the Explore Assistant course (Brenda and Debra).

Juniors – Friday sculling club has started again. We have 5 crews entered in the junior inter-regional regatta at the end of the month.

Women – Congratulations to the Vesta crew, who overcame endless organizational problems but managed to get a composite crew of Avon/Minerva/Ariel on the water on what was a beautiful day out in London.

Kath Finucane, Polly Hart and Sarah Watson have successfully completed phase one of the umpiring course.

Beginners – no matters arising

Club Development – Antony met the British Rowing representatives on site last week. They are very impressed with the progress to date. We have now received all of the BR grant bar the retention amount. The first fix of plumbing is done, and gutters and drains

are going in now. Electrics are complete in all boat stores, and the first fix in the facilities block is done. The Bristol Empire Dragons have now signed the rental licence.

Finance/Subs – no matters arising re finance. Rhiannon (BR) is meeting Philippa on site on 23 April to discuss membership numbers. We feel our statistics are more than acceptable – especially in light of having limited space all winter, seemingly endless flooding, and all that resultant mud!

Philippa to provide a list of subs debtors @ 31 Mar 14 for the next meeting.

Fundraising – no new initiatives have been forthcoming from the membership

Events – BAR – site meeting held last Saturday. We will be using the new boat sheds for registration, umpires and catering.

Minerva are celebrating their 100th birthday with a party to which they have invited ACRC. Details will be in next week's rowing notices.

New Members – Junior Thomas Harris Full Filipe Valente, Nathan Saunders, Mary Dooley, Sarah Bannister, Abbie Rees

Any Other Business – 11 June is the Competition Review meeting for WAGS. The new rules will be revealed at this meeting, and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Antony to discuss with Chris Brigden how best to keep the website as current as possible.

After an initial burst of enthusiasm for launch driving training from the women's squad, it has all gone quiet. Helen will ask one final time for candidates.

Date and Time of Next: Monday, 12 May, 35 Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NT, 7:30 pm.