



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 18 January 2016, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Chris Browne, Philippa Sondheimer, Clair Ponting, Antony Constantinidi, Tom Scott, Grace Bramer, Liz Gray, Jim Dawson, Helen Willcox, Parveen Jones

Apologies: Julian Sondheimer , Sallyanne Lewis

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted. Philippa advised we now have an official postal address as follows: Avon County Rowing Club, c/o Saltford Rowing Centre, Bath Rd, Saltford, BS31 3JS

Update Action List (attached)

Debbie to ask Andy Taylor (MNK) if he would show Russell Lee how to prepare blades for painting.
Debbie to arrange to have Gudgeon displayed near the catering tent at ASH, with a 'For Sale' sign prominently displayed.

Reports (attached) –

Captain & Juniors – We may be able to obtain a £3k grant (which we would need to match) to repair Project Oarsome boats. Committee agreed to match the grant, if/when it comes through.

Also agreed to pay coaches' expenses and possibly 1 more entry fee for the next round of the Junior GB trails.

Men – No matters arising. Parveen asked for clarification of the decision to purchase 8 women's sweep blades. Penny explained the purchase was part of the Medlock grant.

Women – No matters arising. Helen thanked the committee for the new 8, which is being put to good use already.

Novices – No matters arising

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – Still waiting for the University to make a decision on the sewage treatment proposal given to them several months ago.

Safety and Governance – Debbie asked that we remind members that hi-vis colours should be worn by scullers, bow seat and coxes – at all times of the year.

Events

Spring Head – Training session for volunteers scheduled for 14 Feb. We have obtained permission to use the field to the east of the site for parking at our events, however it may not be ready in time for the Spring Head due to overrunning Wessex Water works.

BAR – first meeting next Monday. It will be a Pathfinder event, where the existing and proposed competition structures will be run in tandem.

Finance/Subs (attached) – No matters arising

New Members – JNR Thea Guy

Any Other Business

Debbie Asked for at least one noticeboard downstairs to display the committee members, coaches

and launch driver photo sheets.

Asked if there is anyone to trailer to COB Spring Head. Alan Brown has offered, but will be limited in how many boats he can tow. Co-Ordinators to let Penny know how many crews want to compete.

Philippa

There is a BR meeting on 13 Feb at Saltford Village Hall. Details are not complete, but she will advise clubs as and when she has more info.

Antony

Organising a riverbank clearing work party (in conjunction with MNK and UBBC) on 30 January

Met with the consultant BR has hired as part of their Human & Capital Infrastructure project. BR recommended the consultant speak to our club specifically.

Date and Time of Next - Monday, 22 February, 7:30pm at Saltford Rowing Centre.

Avon County Rowing Club Committee Action List

	Action	Date	Who?	Status
Safety	Organise safety meeting with other clubs on Saltford reach Monthly report to committee please.	24/1/11	SL	
Safety	Implement some of the items on safety list of non-conformance – circulate again	13/2/12	SL	Started
Equip	Paint new sets of blades (rowing & sculling) – ask in RN	02/03/09	PL, RL	Started
Equip	Investigate Stewards Charitable Trust for junior equipment	26/3/12	PSen	
Equip	Order new riggers for Restricted 1X	28/7/14	PSen	
Equip	Check boats – replace bits and create list of parts – ask coaches – organise checking days – need some more coaches – encourage all to check before boating	28/7/14	All	Emailed
Equip	Seat amnesty	28/7/14	PSen	Started
Equip	Create spare rigger rack in WW	28/7/14	?	
Equip	Create a priority list of boats to be mended	13/10/14	PSen	
Equip	Boats need cleaning	23/3/2015	All	
Equip	Sell Gudgeon	19/10/15	DB	
Admin	Ensure all boats have AVNxxx numbers, including the launches, Gudgeon, Explore fours and doubles	21/3/11	PSen	Started
Admin	Chase subs debtors/annual subs round up	08/06/09	Psond, Psen	Started
Admin	Chase people who need DBS clearance – check with Shay	16/6/14	PSen	Started
Admin	Dig out Trusteed thingy	28/7/14	AC	
Admin	Need more key holders – RN – chase GVH	21/9/2015	PSen	Asked
Admin	Update development plan	19/10/15	All	
Admin	Apply for funding for defib	19/10/15	CP, DB	Started
Admin	Liz needs site plans	07/12/15		
Site	Rain water tank for West wing?	29/7/2013	AC	
Site	Clear near bridge foliage that gets clipped by trailers	07/12/15		
Site	Zapp puddle just inside gate	07/12/15		
Coach	Need volunteer to help with JTU on Sunday - RN	23/3/2015	PJ	
Coach	Organise women's Tuesday sessions in Jan ...	07/12/15		
Educ	Coxing course	07/12/15		Organised
Educ	Coaching education	07/12/15		

Held:

Safety	Look for possible RIBs for safety boats	24/1/11	JD	Hold
Misc	Attend WAGS meetings. Next meeting is not until next year	8/10/07	All who can	
Misc	Change club to a limited company – hold for now			
Misc	Sort out moorings			

Complete:

Site	Bike racks	21/9/2015	PSen, AC	Complete
Admin	Chase Kingswood scullers for forms – chase Thea	19/10/15	PSen	Complete
Admin	Remove phone numbers from website	19/10/15	PSen, JS	Complete

Captains report:

Equipment - repair

Albie has new speakers – the ones that were installed when we had it re-wired were faulty.

Equipment – purchase

The new women's eight has been collected and christened!

I am in the process of ordering the new women's blades.

Flood Plan

Liz is compiling this – i.e. what we need to do if we think the river is going to flood. And an action plan to make sure everything is ready to implement the plan if required!

Racking

The fours rack in bay 2 has had one of the uprights moved – has anyone noticed, and if so is it better?

Blade painting

Russel Lee has volunteered to paint blades but needs some help.

Cycle Racks

Have been installed along the (outside!) wall of bay 1 and are being used!

Christmas Pudding Head

Four eights and a quad raced and Philippa, Bellatrix and Mary were all officially welcomed to the club. The 100 club was also drawn.

Christmas Meal

A good time had by all – thanks to Liz for organizing.

Coxing Talk – 8th February

Debbie is organising

Junior Coordinators Report:

GB Juniors

The next 5k test will be done this week – this will determine who goes to trails in February.

Equipment

Last year's anonymous donor has come up trumps again so I have ordered the new junior quad – it should be ready towards the end of Feb.

The Rowing Foundation are offering match funding to get Oarsome boats re-furbished. I am hoping we can tap into this as some of the boats could really do with it (and if someone else is prepared to pay half for us ...!)

Anti-doping Workshop

Ran last week. We will probably run another later in the year for coaches and parents.

Fund Raising Quiz night – Friday 11th March

The junior parents are organizing this to raise money for the junior boat fund.

Men's Squad Report January 2016

Apologies for my hiatus. The Men's Squad has been continuing very well with little input from me.
Crews:

Many thanks to Debbie and Ian for organising the two regular eights. Debbie is coaching the Novice Men Saturdays at 10.30- they are a very promising bunch. These Nov Men have offered to help when the beginner crews need bodies and are keen to get involved with the club. Ian and continue with the Mas 8 on Sunday mornings.

The purchase of the women's eight means the men's is now free at 8.30 on Saturdays. This means when the time comes we will have a boat available for the new beginners.

Races:

As far as I am aware- the Mas Men are considering racing at Wycliffe, Gloucester, Avon and Vets Head. Nov men will be racing at Avon, and Gloucester if we can borrow a boat.

Matters Arising:

Women's Report

No problems arising this month.

Following a relatively quiet period for the women's squad over the festive season, crews are starting to get back into the swing of things and building towards racing. Quite a few women squads aren't racing at Wycliffe, which I think is a combination of both the distance and the cold, but this is only my opinion.

More crews are interested in CoB and Avon, Patsy's eight are looking to do WEHARR and both Debbie's/Philippa's eight and Liz's eight are looking to do VESTA, subject to trailering.

Currently trying to organise a new eight at 0815 on a Saturday, to maximise rower and cox availability, but need to finalise details. Four women's eights crews have been out on the last two Saturdays and that is the aim going forward (as well as two fours and a quad).

The squad is very grateful of the new boat – it is beautiful. Thank you to the club and everyone's involvement to secure money to fund this boat and ordering/collecting the boat from London.

Land training – we are slowly increasing the number of attendees to the Tuesday night session of encouraging the competition between juniors and the women. Will need to think of a February incentive!

Beginner Report January 2016

Candidates

The next LTR course will begin with taster sessions on 2nd April. So far we have :

- New enquiries - 16 women, 15 men
- Possible returners from last year (doesn't usually work!) - 6 people
- Some of the newer (August 2015) men also say they have friends and colleagues who are interested and I have asked them for details.

All the above people have been mailed and, so far, eight people have signed up for tasters.

One person had already started at Minerva (she just missed last year's course) and the rest have not replied.

Helpers

Will Gray, Clair Ponting and Jo Elliott have volunteered to help with beginners and the new novice men are willing to come and be in crews when the time comes to help the beginners feel part of the club.

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB					
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 18 January 2016					
1. BANK BALANCE					
	Interest rate	This report (18/01/16)	Previous report (07/12/15)	Change	
Current account - General		7,750	29,708	(21,958)	
Current account - Captain		4,615	4,306	309	
Deposit account	0.05%	949	948	0	
100 Club account		5,052	5,082	(30)	
CAF Cash account		5,987	1,802	4,184	
CAF Gold account	0.15%	776	775	0	
Virgin Money account	1.00%	17,520	17,520	0	
Total in bank		42,648	60,143	(17,495)	
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/01/16					
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)					
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,137	1,681	(545)	
Debtors: Kit		367	651	(284)	
Total entries & kit debtors		1,504	2,332	(829)	
Debts incurred before 01/04/12 excluded.					
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT					
(excluding normal routine items)					
			Amount		
sweep blades - 18 new sleeves and collars			702		
A Derbyshire - balance of purchase of his sculling boat (Junior Boat Fund)			500		
Avon Autumn Head entry fee refunds			2,120		
new womens' eight "Philippa Sondheimer"			18,726		
donation towards new junior coxless quad			1,118	income - see below	
donation from Monkton Bluefriars returned to them, pending return as part of grant			940	see below	
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME					
			Amount		
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)			2,000		
oars (8 women sweep)			3,192		
new junior coxless quad (net of grant expected from Monkton Bluefriars)			8,392	see below	
cox box			500		
digester			6,000		
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES					
<p>FUNDING OF NEW JUNIOR COXLESS QUAD: the quad will cost 14,472. 6,080 will come from Monkton Bluefriars (a grant of 6,500: 5,435 is money held by Bluefriars for spending on ACRC junior equipment and 940 is the Monkton Head 2015 entry fees. 420 of the 940 is non-junior, leaving 6,080 for the quad). The remainder will be met by: 1,118 donation; 5,244 club matching of the donation towards Bellatrix 2x; 1,118 club matching of the donation towards this boat; 912 Junior Boat Fund (incl club matching of boathouse catering).</p>					

