



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

### **Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 19 October 2015, at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Julian Sondheimer, Philippa Sondheimer, Clair Ponting, Antony Constantinidi, Tom Scott, Grace Bramer, Liz Gray, Jim Dawson

**Apologies:** Helen Willcox, Parveen Jones, Sallyanne Lewis

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

**Update Action List** – updated version will be circulated

Antony arranged for bike racks, which are ready to be installed once we decided where best to put them. Agreed to pick a date for thorough boat checks – no boats to go on water until checked on that date. This should get a large percentage of the fleet checked in one go. Penny checking dates and coach availability (the latter to be available to check rigging measurements).

**Reports (previously circulated) –**

Captain & Juniors – Penny asked committee members to submit suggestions for naming the new W80. A similar request will go in RN

Debbie to see if Swindon RC are interested in purchasing Gudgeon from us.

Men – The new men's novice 8 has had a couple of outings, with positive feedback. Fingers crossed it carries on so enthusiastically.

Women – No matters arising

Novices – Antony (and the racking crew) will raise Albie's rack to make it easier to extract it from the clutches of the Explore boat below.

**Boathouse Management Committee Issues** – No matters arising

**Safety and Governance** – Antony's email to BR last month produced no acknowledgement whatsoever. He will now write to Andy Parkinson, the CEO.

**Monitoring the ACRC Development Plan (BR)**

Philippa will circulate the Development Plan again in the hopes of getting some feedback.

**Events**

Monkton Bluefriars 17 October – Went well. Trailers parked at clubhouse created some exit issues, as people did not know they would be blocked in.

Beginners Race 18 Oct – All participants enjoyed themselves, with Avon winning the event overall.

Avon Autumn 21 November – Committee in place, and plans progressing.

UBBC Head – Clair will be doing the catering for the event again this year.

Spring Head – first meeting next week

Pudding Head – scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> December

City of Bristol are refusing to refund the £450 we paid in entry fees for their spring head. We withdrew our entries based on the weather forecast, as COB's website did not provide adequate information for us to know whether the event would run or not. Debbie will write to request at 50% credit of the original amount to be applied against Avon entries for future events. They have been quite dismissive of our request and, as a result, Penny is not prepared to trailer to COB's autumn head.

**Finance/Subs (previously circulated)** – Please can committee members chase up their crews (and those they coach/cox) for prompt payment of MBF entry fees – which were in excess of £900!

**New Members** – FULL: Nichole Etheridge JUNIOR: Ella Pullen, Libby Hardwicke

**Any Other Business** – The lost property sale raised £75

Clair P to pursue the defibrillator funding application and report at the next meeting. Debbie will forward the contact details to her.

Antony and Graham are beginning to investigate the provision of services for the proposed moorings.

Julian confirmed that he would cancel the launch mooring payment to Saltford Marina

Jim reported the contact phone numbers on the website do not always work. We agreed all phone numbers should be removed from the website (but did not agree who would do this!)

Tom Scott has accepted a new job in Crewe, and tendered his resignation from the committee. We all wish him well in the new venture.

**Date and Time of Next** - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm at Saltford Rowing Centre.