



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## Minutes of Meeting

**held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham on  
Monday, 20 August, 2012**

Present: Antony Constantinidi, James Dawson, Ivor Blackmore, Debbie Blackmore, Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Julian Sondheimer, Ian Vickery

Apologies for Absence: Clair Ponting, Chris Brigden

### **Action**

**Minutes** - The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **Club Development/Lease**

We are now in the legal phase, with the Head Lease and Project Agreement now agreed. Each party's contribution towards costs has been formalised. If ACRC are unable to raise the total amount required in time, the Duchy will lend us the balance at an 8% interest rate.

The Duchy will be managing the project in its entirety, and payment will be due from all three parties upon completion. Work will start mid-October if possible, and will take 5-6 months to complete. As previously noted, we must complete by 31 March 2013 to qualify for British Rowing funding.

Agreed changes to the drawings: Make the kitchen area longer/larger, to accommodate 2-3 people working in there during races; remove the entrance walls to the gym and replace with folding doors.

Funding: We will continue to seek corporate/government donations using the nearly-completed brochure. Agreed we should re-canvass our members for donations. We must ensure the message delivered to both members and potential donors is consistent in terms of what constitutes 'development' – ie, construction as well as tank/boat funding.

What Next: Need to start clearing the boathouses, which will be a huge task. Rowing Notices to ask members to consider storing various items at their homes for the duration. The Duchy have provided a barn for us in Newton St Loe, which will do nicely for boats and larger items.

**Rowing During the Build:** We have asked for site access to be maintained, but it remains to be seen how feasible that will be. Penny has asked Minerva if they have any room for a few of our boats – no reply yet. We need to explore the possibility of rowing at Monkton in their boats, as they do not row first term. Another possibility is to trailer boats to Minerva on a designated weekend day and row in shifts throughout the day. Least popular option, due to trailering duties. We can probably also use the Monkton tank. Penny looking for a vacant industrial unit somewhere close where we can take the ergs and establish a land training base. Possibly use the Duchy barn, but we need to see it first.

### **New Members**

Full: Phil Spencer, Joe Peake, Laura Deakin, Ashton Vaughan, Paul Roberts

Junior: Lewis Clarke, Nick Selman

The Olympic legacy has left us with 44 people on the waiting list for taster sessions. Philippa will run as many daytime ones as she can manage, plus one on 9 September. It was noted that the most recent taster session went extremely smoothly, especially considering the unusually high number of attendees. However, we have no option now but to keep people on a waiting list and deal with them as and when we can manage it.

### **AGM**

To be held 17 September in the Somerset Room at Saltford Village Hall at 7:30 pm. Last year's minutes need to be corrected regarding the constitution amendment. DB will do that. The Notice and Agenda will go out in this week's rowing notices. DB to get mailing addresses from Clair Ponting for those members without email.

Please can all co-ordinators/officers get their respective reports to DB promptly for circulation prior to the AGM. PSen, PSon, JSON, IV, IB

### **Any Other Business**

Agreed to raise Griffon Canoe Club subs to £330/6 mths

Agreed a sign-out book for the launches is required. With an increase in the number of launch drivers, it is becoming difficult for everyone to be kept aware of which launch is or is not working. AC confirmed that any repairs required are to be emailed to Jeremy Cheek, who will be responsible for keeping the fleet afloat. DB will sort out a launch book, to be kept with

the kill cords and marina fobs.

The final draft of the fund-raising brochure is with the graphic designer. When he is finished, it will be passed by the committee for final comments before printing. At this point, the graphic designer's work will be complete, with (hopefully) a minimum of wordsmithing left to do.

Two of the trustees who hold the lease on the club's behalf, Malcolm Pearce and John Rushton, have asked to retire. AC nominated Andrew Barton and Jim Dawson as replacements, both of whom have agreed to stand . Motion seconded by PS. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting Monday, 1 October 2012, Solo Cottage**