



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

Minutes of Meeting

held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham
Monday, 22 April, 2013 at 7:30 pm

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

Apologies for Absence: Jim Dawson, Clair Ponting, Ivor Blackmore

Action

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Action List – Reviewed and updated. Helen to finalise the Safety Audit/Plan, which Philippa will recirculate.

HW

Reports (all previously circulated)

Captain – Query raised about the missing planks on the downstream raft. The matter is in hand – just need two people present to resolve.

Recommended taking photos as new raft is constructed for future reference.

George James is to be sent for repair and John Hodge returned to the site.

Junior – No matters arising

Men – No matters arising.

Women – No matters arising. PSen wondered if we might want to field an entry at Women's Henley next year.

Novice – More taster sessions to be scheduled 12/19 May.

Safety – Nothing to report.

Welfare - Nothing to report.

Club Development/Lease – All documents are ready for signature. There are no outstanding disputed issues. We are just waiting for the various lawyers to manage to circulate a correct final draft to all parties. All grants are in place. Current estimate building cost stands at £969k.

Dragon Boats have indicated they could pay £1200 pa towards

rent, but now want to use the facilities block as well. We are waiting for a 'visit count' from them before further discussions take place.

Finance & Subs Reports (previously circulated)

We are in good shape, and have enough money to cover the development costs. There are no substantial subs debts.

Events

Regatta –the committee has a plan in place should the development start before the regatta. Discussion about moving next year's date so we are not on the same weekend as Vet Champs.

Avon Autumn Head – 23 Nov. Existing Head committee understandably reluctant to take on another head, but PSen and PSond believe a new committee can be formed. Plan is to run a short course and a slightly longer one (from pumphouse straight). PSen and PSond are going to approach our usual attendees to determine what level of interest there is for the event.

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PSond**

New Members

Junior – Imogen McDermott, Lucy Randall, Nicole Felstead, Ellie McCormick

Full – Christopher Jones, Elliot Thorp

DB

Any Other Business

Security – people are leaving valuables clearly visible either on the bank or just inside the boathouse doors. Better weather brings more people past the site. We need to exercise more caution, and be sure to lock up when we go out.

The owner of the derelict boats moored upstream has approached the club about membership. It was agreed that we would put his name on the waiting list once he has moved his illegally-moored boats.

Avon Regeneration – PSond wondered if we needed to liaise with them. AC has attended a meeting and confirms they know where we are if they need us.

Saltford Parish Fair – we will offer taster sessions on the day and at least one race (even if we have to race ourselves)

Chris desperately needs more photos for the website.

A friend of Jim Dawson's will be filming on site sometime in May/June.

**Next Meeting Monday, 20 May 2013
Solo Cottage, Keynsham, 7:30 pm**