



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

**Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford
Monday, 22 February 2016, at 7:30pm**

Present: Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Chris Browne, Clair Ponting, Antony Constantinidi, Liz Gray, Jim Dawson, Helen Willcox, Julian Sondheimer

Apologies: Philippa Sondheimer, Grace Bramer, Parveen Jones, Sallyanne Lewis

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted.

Update Action List (attached)

Captain would like to ensure all boats/blades are correctly rigged. Helen and Parveen to provide a list of which crews use which blades please.

Emails have gone to all members in arrears on subs. 2 of the 9 recipients have replied.

Reports (attached) –

Captain & Juniors – Penny to explain the flood plan in RN, specifically that when an amber warning is issued we must take action and not wait until the flooding has begun. Helen to set up a WhatsApp group of local members who can get to the site quickly and begin implementing the flood plan. Antony to ask the Uni to clear their boathouse floor before they break up for various holiday periods. We will not take responsibility for ensuring other clubs on site take appropriate flood action.

Men – No matters arising.

Women – No matters arising. We have several entries in ASH, one crew doing WHORR, and two crews entered for Vesta. One of the Vesta crews needs an experienced Tideway cox.

Novices – No matters arising. Learn to Row starts 2 April.

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – Agreement has been reached with MNK and UBBC to proceed with the sewage digester system. Work will likely commence in May/June. The cost of £19,500 will be split equally between the three rowing clubs. The current annual cost to pump out the cess pit is £5,000, so the new system will pay for itself in a relatively short period of time.

Based on 11 months of actual costs, Antony has asked MNK and UBBC to agree to keep next year's contributions to the operating fund at the current levels.

We have had an enquiry from a dog 'day care' group to use the top field during weekdays. They would need water and electricity installed (at their expense). It is a speculative enquiry at this stage, requiring planning permission and Duchy approval. Agreed that it could be useful to have a daily presence in the field, if only to deter travellers.

Safety and Governance – no matters arising.

Events

Spring Head – entries are full. Go/No Go decision will be made on Thursday. The new parking field is available.

BAR – 14 May. All preparations in hand. It will not be a trial event for the new competition structure after all. The BR IT system is not ready.

Saltford Parish Meeting – decided against attending this year.

AGM – date set for Saturday, 10 September, midday in clubroom

Finance/Subs (attached) – No matters arising

New Members – JNR Laurence Platt, Harriet Haysom FULL Matt Baines

Any Other Business

- Liz The newer coxes for the women's squad are all doing something different. There is no consistent programme for crews to follow.
- Julian/Philippa Companies charging 5p/carrier bag must donate the funds to charity. Minerva have worked out how to tap into this. Liz offered to research how we can do the same. WAGS now have £12,000 available to disburse amongst clubs, having sorted out the financial disagreement with BR. Agreed we should apply for £400 once we have submitted the defibrillator application.
The river conditions link on the website needs to be updated to link to the new EA site. Debbie volunteered Ivor to do this.
The website needs updating. This generated rather a lot of discussion. It was agreed that we should modify the website to reflect who are are and what we do – and not try to keep it up to date with news/wins/photos of winners, etc.
- Facebook might be a better place for changing/timely news and photos.
- Debbie will make some proposals at the next meeting. And provide a blurb for RN about how to logon to the 'members area' section of the website.
- Antony Prince Charles made a last minute visit to the club recently. SRC is the only rowing club on Duchy land, and he seemed very interested in the mix of men, women and junior offerings. Apparently quite amused at the fact Julian coxes one of the women's crews!
The buildings have won two awards from BANES – Build Quality and Design.
Legacy Programme – will start working on wording to encourage people to think of ACRC when doing estate planning.
- Penny Will start reminding people (via RN) of the subs increase taking effect 1 April
A thank you card was received from Molly Churchman, thanking the committee for all the support she has received during her GB trials.

Date and Time of Next - Monday, 4 April 2016, 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
Safety	Remind bow/cox/scullers to wear light clothing - RN	18/01/16	PSen	
Equip	Paint new sets of blades (rowing & sculling) – ask in RN – Debbie to ask Andy to advise	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 – advertise at ASH	19/10/15	DB	
Equip	Victor 3 seat is broken	18/01/16		
Equip	Set up a spare set of sculling blade with short inboard	18/01/16	PSen	
Admin	Ensure all boats have AVNxxx numbers, including the launches	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 Trust deed thingy	28/7/14	AC	
Admin	Apply for funding for defib	19/10/15	CP, DB	Started
Admin	SRC facebook page link – for RN	18/01/16		
Admin	Wesport club improvement thing	18/01/16		
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	
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	Sat 30 th Jan bank clearing day – tbc - RN	18/01/16	AC, PSen	Complete
Coach	Organise women's Tuesday sessions in Jan ...	07/12/15		Complete
Educ	Coxing course	07/12/15		Complete
Admin	Need more key holders – RN – chase GVH	21/9/2015	PSen	Complete

Captains report:

Equipment - repair

Robin (new bow ball), Penny (new bow) and Victor (new bow) have all been / are in the process of being mended.

Jon Garner has pressure washed the rafts – they are much less slippery now!

I have replaced the 5 rigger on Penny and have today received a replacement 7 rigger also for Penny. Please encourage your crews not to crash into the raft. Debbie and I have also replaced 2 of the twin bolts on Penny (the bit the middle of the rigger attaches to) and I picked up some more at J on Friday.

I am in the process of moving all the spares out of the WW and into the main boathouse.

Equipment – purchase

Women's blades are ordered but will be a while as they don't have any suitable in stock.

Flood Plan

This was put into force in early Feb as the river was rising – any comments (what worked, what didn't) to Liz please. In the event, the uni were slightly flooded but no-where else was.

Blade painting

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

Coxing Talk

This ran with plenty of participants – thanks to Debbie or running.

Bank Clearing

With a combined effort from the uni, Monkton and ourselves this has really moved on.

Dosh outstanding

Despite my many requests, there is still well over £1000 outstanding.

Coaching Beginners

I'll be running some informal training for this on 5th March. Please see if anyone in your crews would like to come and play. It will be fun!

Results

Junior Coordinators Report:

GB Juniors

Carla (16th) and Molly (54th, although about 20th to half way when her wrists seized up) both competed at Boston last weekend. They doubled together on the Sunday and came a creditable 12th.

Equipment

I collected 'Esmond' (the new junior girls coxless quad) on Friday. Then sat on the M25 for 2 hours ...

Fund Raising Quiz night – Friday 11th March

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

Prize Draw

Again the junior parents have been so successful with obtaining good prizes (originally for a raffle at the quiz night) that that are running a prize draw. To be drawn on March 20th. if anyone can take tickets to sell, please see Cathy.

Sculling Club

Will start again this week

Junior Beginners

I am currently planning taster sessions for 19th & 20th March.

Women's Report

No problems arising this month.

Upcoming Races

Avon County head – 1 x WNov 8+, 1 x WIM3 8+, 1 x WMasE 8+, 1 x WNov 4+, 1 x WMasB 4x and 1 x MasC 4+ entered.

WEHARR – 1 x WIM3 8+ entered

Gloucester – 1 x WMasC 8+ entered

Vesta – 1 x WMasE 8+ and 1 x WNov 8+ entered

Lots of crews training hard and positive to see crews entering different races too.

Cox boxes - sorry to be moaning about these again, but even with taking two cox boxes out on Saturday in Robin, neither worked after setting off. I keep promising to resolve the issue for the crew and every week there appears to be a problem. Thought it was the wiring as both boxes came from the fully charged box, I tested the boat when we got back with a yellow cox box and it worked perfectly. Please can we go back to utilising the yellow cox boxes in Robin?

Good Friday Sculling Day - want to organise a sculling day and picnic. Fingers crossed plenty of people will be about and the weather will be kind to us.

BEGINNER REPORT FEBRUARY 2016

Candidates

The next LTR course will begin with taster sessions on 2nd April. So far 27 people have signed up for tasters. This has been without any advertising on the website.

I have now put a "Come and Try Rowing" invite on the home page and am hoping to schedule 36 beginners - to start with!

Helpers

Will Gray, Clair Ponting, Liz Gray, George Hurst 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.

SUBS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2016

The figures behind the pdf circulated show that subs SO income has now dropped to £2355 from its peak of £2569 in November last year. This number does not include people who have told us they have left but not yet stopped their SOs.

But the January figures look rather odd and are missing payments for several people I would expect to pay so I think that at least some of the problem is banks not coping with SOs going out on 1st January.

I have mailed the nine people I feel have subs or membership queries; two have replied!

Membership figures are on target.

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB							
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 22 February 2016							
1. BANK BALANCE		This report (22/02/16)	Previous report (18/01/16)	Change			
	Interest rate						
Current account - General		5,350	7,750	(2,400)			
Current account - Captain		4,990	4,615	375			
Deposit account	0.05%	949	949	0			
100 Club account		429	5,052	(4,623)			
CAF Cash account		6,333	5,987	346			
CAF Gold account	0.15%	776	776	0			
Virgin Money account	1.00%	17,520	17,520	0			
Total in bank		36,346	42,648	(6,302)			
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/02/16							
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)							
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		402	1,137	(734)			
Debtors: Kit		367	367	0			
Total entries & kit debtors		769	1,504	(734)			
Debts incurred before 01/04/12 excluded.							
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT							
(excluding normal routine items)			Amount				
new junior Stampfli coxless quad			14,703				
grant from Monkton Bluefriars used for coxless quad			6,080	income			
grant from Monkton Bluefriars to non-junior boat funds			420	income			
Monkton Spring Head entry fee			800	income			
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME							
			Amount				
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)			2,000				
oars (8 women sweep)			3,192				
cox box			500				
digester			6,000				
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES							

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Info for January 2016 meeting

		As at 31 January 2016	As at 31 March 2015	As at 31 March 2014	As at 31 March 2013
Membership					
Number of members: Sub/month					
(admitted members known to be active and intending to carry on paying subscription. Does not include members to be admitted at this meeting)					
Full	20	110	98	89	76
Coach	4	2	2	2	2
Student	10	9	12	6	6
Vac student	pay per vac	8	5	4	3
Junior	9	62	56	67	72
Oldfield junior	5	0	0	0	0
Friday only junior	0	0	0	0	0
Junior - family membe	5	2	1	2	4
Junior - family membe	0	1	0	0	0
LTR current (ie not got	flat £20	0	0	0	0
Kingswood	9	0	44	0	0
TOTAL		194	218	170	163
TARGET CLUB MEMBERSHIP		194	184	172	160
BR Registered members (2 February 2016)					
1st club		145	179	123	119
2nd club		13	13	9	12
3rd club		4	3	2	3
Total		162	195	134	134
TARGET BR FIRST CLUB MEMBERSHIP		142	135	127	119
Money					
Subs forecast for year		37690	35685	30265	28651
Subs money collected to date		31561	34367	29499	29304
Boat Fund (pre Gift Aid)		84			