



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 22 May 2017, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Patsy Lamb, Clair Ponting, Jon Garner, Antony Constantinidi, Jim Dawson, Philippa Sondheimer, Julian Sondheimer, Liz Gray, Nic Feaver, Debbie Blackmore

Apologies: Helen Willcox

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted, with the following amendments:

1. The University and MNK agree in principle with replacing the ground floor surface, but feel the cost is too high. A second quote is being sought.
2. The mixed crew who won a pennant at Vesta were the first **80** Avon crew to win a pennant.

Update Action List – updated version will be circulated

Antony will inquire if the buoys in the West Wing are of any use to a sailing club he is visiting at the weekend (post-meeting note: They are not interested).

Reports (attached)

Captain – no matters arising

Juniors – Penny reported we have a fast WJ14 quad developing who have come second twice at national events.

Men – no matters arising

Women – Patsy needs some coaching support to properly assimilate the most recent LTR graduates. Penny has offered to coach some late-morning Saturday sessions when possible.

Also finding it difficult to meet the masters women novices racing expectations. They often end up racing school crews, which seldom results in an even match. Penny suggested speaking to the organisers of the regattas we attend to see if they are (or will consider) offering Masters Novice events; and to survey local clubs to see if they are entering any Masters Novice crews at these events or are interested in private matches.

Novice – Clair has designed a feedback form for the LTR graduates, many of whom are now rowing three times/week and loving it!

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – MNK have now signed off on the final budget for YE18.

Quotes are being obtained for paving the route under the railway arch, and for replacing the ground floor surface, as previously discussed.

Development of the mooring sites is underway. The University are still planning to moor their launches downstream of the pontoons.

Safety – Philippa pointed out that a safety briefing must be done with all LTR participants before they are 'signed off'.

Debbie expressed concern about the defibrillator being in a locked cupboard. Despite the fact we published the key code in RN, a small sampling of non-committee members indicated that no one knew the code, or that we even have a defib. Whilst agreeing that it is incumbent on people to take some

responsibility for safety issues, it was agreed to publish the access code to the defibrillator cupboard permanently in RN and to post the key code on signs in both change rooms and the boathouse. Antony will create and post the signs.

Boat Licencing – The subject of boat licencing fees arose at a recent meeting attended by WAGS club representatives and Paul Lorenzato – BR Head of Community Development. The minutes of that portion of the meeting are reproduced below:

Paul was asked to confirm that BR would represent clubs at discussions with CART about licencing. Paul repeated the view which had been given to us by Alan Meegan at the WAGS AGM, that BR had been asked by clubs who were not paying, not to disturb the status quo, and were giving priority to those clubs. Philippa said that WAGS had surveyed clubs in the Region, sent the results to BR and asked for BR to represent clubs. The payment of a reasonable licence fee would ensure a proper contract with CART, to the benefit of many clubs.

Paul said that the CART consultation was coming out to clubs [Post meeting note – we know GLR have been invited to a workshop]. Paul said that the same issue arose with the EA which charged a standard fee. He said that, in the context of the CART consultation, BR would be there to oppose anything which was patently ridiculous.

Philippa will follow up with Paul before our next committee meeting for an update.

Review of Proposed Boat Purchase List - We are now financially able to start catching up on boat purchases, particularly for the growing men’s squad. As long as subscriptions remain at their current level, and our events all run and add to the fund coffers, our purchase plan can continue as proposed below.

Nic asked that the novice and women’s co-ordinators check with her before using any men’s boats. All the building and grounds maintenance; all the river bank clearance; and the most of the boat repairs are done by men and it is unfair for them to arrive to row and find their boats unavailable.

Agreed to continue with Janousek 3-stay riggers.

2017

Proposed	Agreed	Cost	Comments
W4+ 70kg Janousek	W4x- 70kg Janousek	£11,340	The women’s squad struggles to field enough coxes, and sculling is becoming more popular. Agreed a quad will be of more use at this point.
M4x- 85kg Janousek	M4x- 90kg Janousek Sculling riggers only for now	£11,297	The Janousek mould used for our existing quads restricts taller rowers from being to get their legs flat at the finish. Penny to ask Janousek what alterations they can make to the buoyancy compartment area to address this. If Victor (a junior boat) is to remain rigged as a 4-, used by adult crews, a new men’s quad needs to be available for experienced junior boys when not in use by the men’s squad.
M1x 100kg Janousek	No	£4,644	Need 2 additional singles (90-100kg). Nic to investigate second-hand purchases. Singles for the men will be used for training more than for racing – making used boats more feasible.
J2x 65kg Stampfli	As proposed	£10,206	Need a smaller double for crews who are getting to national finals. Could be used by women racing at a high level, by arrangement with junior captain

2018

Proposed	Agreed	Cost	Comments
W2x 65kg Janousek	As proposed	£7,711	Need two of these, if possible.
W1x 70kg Janousek	Not needed		Replace with second 2x, as above
M4+ 85 kg Janousek	Probably?	£11,340	As a replacement for existing 4+
J1x 60kg Janousek	As proposed	£4,644	

2019 - Committee agreed the 2019 purchases look good in theory, but that another 80 could be required by 2019

Proposed	Agreed	Cost	Comments
W2- conversion Janousek	Not discussed	£1,000	
M2x 90kg Janousek	Move to 2018	£7,711	Higher priority than the 2018 4+
M1x 85kg Janousek	Not discussed	£4,644	
80	Suggested	£18,306	Could need another 80 in 2019/20
J1x 55kg Janousek	Not discussed	£4,644	
J2x 85kg Stampfli	Not discussed	£10,206	

Events

Bristol Avon Regatta – largest entry ever in its current format. Considering the number of entries, the fact that we finished only 10 minutes late is truly amazing, and a credit to the organisers and helpers. The Regatta Committee will be declaring a dividend to the club of £3,500 for the boat purchase fund. Some complaints were received from schools about the length of the racing day. The scheduling issues were the result of schools themselves doubling up, and a shortage of umpires on the day.

Avon Spring Head – Finances all complete now and the event made a profit of £7,466. A dividend will be decided shortly.

Avon Autumn Head – Debbie reported that she and Jim have agreed (subject to a trial at Bluefriars) that MNK can use their large refurbished safety catamaran as a parent spectator boat partway up the straight for both Avon Autumn and Avon Spring Heads. This will be driven by a RYA-qualified driver who will double as M10. Matt has plans to fit a temporary small landing stage on the clubhouse side. The launch will cross the river between divisions, unload and load parents and get back to the field side before the next division appears. Debbie will take a look at the risk assessment and add a line if necessary.

Finance/Subs (attached) – Julian reported that there is £37,000 available to purchase boats this year, and approximately £30,000 available in the financial year ending March 2019 – assuming income and expenses remain static.

We must continue to offer a good rowing experience for all our members, and be aware that events may not run due to weather conditions – all of which have an effect on income.

Penny and Philippa to confer on outstanding dosh totals.

New Members – Penny is now using Google Documents for new junior joiners. She will demonstrate it to Philippa and Clair, as it has made the entire process far simpler to manage.

Junior: Harriet Argent, William Barbour, Eleanor Hawkins, Hector Johnson, Tristan McCarthy

Full: Rachael Fear, Anita Felger, Tim Grice, Fergus Hawkins, Deborah Hill, Samanth Hill, Sally Lively, Julian Massie, Odette McCarthy, Yasmin Phillips, Sally Robotham, Sara Sampson, Charlotte Tymkow, Paul Mussert

Any Other Business

Philippa:

- Bath Spa University (document attached). Bath Spa wish to continue rowing out of Saltford. Philippa will draft a contract and circulate to the committee. Agreed they will pay student rates for the academic year (ie, no payment for the summer). Fees are to be paid by the University, rather than us having to collect from the students.
- Swindon Regatta – Swindon keep talking about running a regatta, but clearly don't have enough members to be able to do so. Philippa wondered if we might consider offering to run the event for them (with whatever help they can muster) in exchange for Swindon training umpires who could then help at all of our events. The consensus was that this was asking too much of our members.
- Launch Drivers – Bristol Avon Regatta struggled to find enough launch drivers. Geoff Peattie asked whether we would run another launch driver course on our river. Penny pointed out we have a number of launch drivers who never drive, because they took the course but didn't then practise in our own boats on our river, so training even more was not the best use of funds at the moment. It was suggested that Geoff look to MNK and the University for launch drivers in future.
- Rowing Exchange, Germany – Philippa and Julian are going on a bridge-playing exchange in Germany and wondered if we would host a return visit, should the German club be interested. Agreed.
- Saltford Village Festival – have published their programme listing us as offering taster sessions on 11 June, despite us not having agreed to this. If anyone shows up, we should send them to the Dragon Boaters, who seemingly have agreed.
- MNK might want to buy Norstar (post meeting update – they don't want it and Swindon wish to return Hagrid)
- Bristol University have requested use of the facilities for all all-day session for their 'sports staff' on 21 July. Agreed they do not have to pay, but that Philippa would ask them for a donation.
- Go Cardless – account has been set up and the Sondheimers will test it themselves. Other committee members also agreed to be guinea pigs.

Debbie: Wondering what's going on with the website upgrade. Julian reported the first company he contacted were very enthusiastic initially and have since gone ominously silent. He is going to research other options.

Antony: The farmer from whose field the willow tree has fallen (across the river at the top of the straight) has agreed to remove it.

Nic: Struggling to find coxes for the men's squad, and is going to approach local publications to try to get articles published inviting people to come and give it a go.

Clair: Continues to need help running LTR

Date and Time of Next – Monday, 19 June, 2017 7:30pm

REPORTS

Avon County Rowing Club Committee Action List

	Action	Date	Who?	Status
Safety	Organise a safety session for parents	09/05/16	Pascale	
Safety	Add flood plan notice to RN – where it is	09/05/16	PSen	
Equip	Paint new sets of blades (rowing & sculling)	02/03/09	PL, RL	Started
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	Started
Equip	Seat amnesty	28/7/14	PSen	Started
Equip	Create spare rigger rack in WW – may go in mezzanine instead	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	Started
Equip	Find a new home for big buoys - sell or rehome	09/05/16	DB	Started
Equip	Blade painting week – add to list of jobs needing doing	6/16		
Equip	Clear West Wing of unwanted items to make room for weights!	19/07/16		
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	Publicise Flood plan – pin doc to facebook	04/04/16	PJ	
Admin	Set up phone emergency list (e.g. help preparing for flood)	04/04/16	HW	
Admin	Carrier bag tax	04/04/16	CP	Started
Admin	Email Helen and Claire how to update website	04/04/16	PSen	
Admin	Moan more about dosh o/s	03/10/16	Co-ords	Started
Admin	Ask BR to negotiate boat licenses	03/10/16	Psond	Asked
Admin	Look through new members list and sort out muddles	03/10/16	CP, PSen	Started
Admin	Nag Parv re invoice for weights	13/12/16	PSen	Emailed
Admin	Chase junior forms – see joiners & leavers note	13/12/16	PSen	
Admin	River Users – 3 meeting a year – volunteer – 24 th Jan? - RN	13/12/16	PSen	Asked
Admin	Update kids contact list	3/04/17	PSen	

Held:

Misc	Change club to a limited company – hold for now			
Misc	Sort out moorings			
Site	Rain water tank for West wing?	29/7/13	AC	

CAPTAIN AND JUNIOR REPORT – MAY 17

Captains report:

Equipment - Repair

Jon has been busy as usual.

Equipment – Review

Attached is a draft boat purchase plan – please try to have a look at it before the meeting.

Equipment – new

Thanks to Jim for building us some more fantastic ‘event’ trestles. These are much smaller than slings so will fit in the trailer more easily.

Outstanding Dosh

There is just under £3000 outstanding at the moment.

Coaches

I think this is a list of all the qualified and active coaches we have plus those that I know about that would like to qualify:

Name	L2 Session	L2 Club	L1 S&C	L2 S&C	L3	IA	Bronze	Silver
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Chris Hopper						Y	Y	Y
Penny Senior				Y 17		Y	Y	Y
Julian Sondheimer						Y	Y	
Andy Mason						Y		
Chris Blunt						Y		
Geoff Peattie						Y		
Philippa Sondheimer						Y		
Andrew Havers		Y 10						
Debbie Blackmore		Y 12						
Parveen Jones		Y	Y					
Charlotte Hook		Y						
Mary Thorne		Y						
Nic Feaver				C		Y 94		
Jon Garner		C 11						
Nick Dolman		C						
Annette Bartlett		C 17						
Patsy Lamb		C 17						
Liz Gray	Y 17							
Ange Scott	Y 17							
Andy Haines	?							
Clair Ponting	Y 17							
Jo Elliott	?							
Abi Shears	Y 17							

Key:

Y – qualified (+ year) C – did the course but hasn't qualified yet B – booked on course (+year)

Results

Evesham Regatta

WMasC 8+ Abbie, Ang E, Suze, Fiona, Ruth, Marian, Liz and Philippa

WMasC 4x- Fiona, Suze, Ang E and Philippa

Bristol-Avon Regatta

Mas D 4+ Robin, Ian, Will, Chris, Scarlett

Mas D 80 Helen, Kath, Jon G, Sal, Ian, Jon B, Nic, Russel, Rhi

Matters Arising

Boat purchase plan.

Junior Coordinators Report:

Easter Training Camp

Managed to coincide with fantastic weather! Reasonably well attended and very useful for those that did.

Newbies

The March newbies are just starting to get into fine boats and we have just started another batch off.

Capsize drill

Need to get this organised ...

Results

JIRR

WJ14 4X+ (Silver) Lottie, Ellie, Finnola, Jess, Carla

Evesham Sprint Regatta

J14 4X+ Marcus, Will, Xavier, Kieran and Tom

J13 1X Will

Bristol-Avon Regatta

J16 1X Nathaniel

WJ14 2X Lottie, Ellie

J14 1X Will

J18 1X Harry

J14 2X Marcus, Will

Matters Arising None

Men's Squad Report 22nd May 2017

The April Squad meeting was well attended and the coached Wednesday and Sunday sessions are receiving positive feedback from those who are attending. The only negative feedback has been from members who have not actually turned up! As expected the Beginners are improving with regular coaching input. Jon Barton is creating a spreadsheet masterpiece to keep everyone informed of Squad activities. Oly Perkins is putting a whole Squad Training Schedule together to further improve Squad cohesion and fitness.

The Dad's 4+ represented the Men's Squad at Evesham Regatta.

In our own Bristol Avon Regatta we entered 3 men's 4+s, with Chris Roach, Will Gray, Ian Churchman, Robin Wood, coxed by Scarlett Roach winning MasD 4+ and losing their Novice status. Jon Barton, Jon Garner and Russell Thornton winning in the MxMasD 8+.

Many of the Beginners are keen, but not confident enough to race yet, so the summer will be spent building up technique, confidence and fitness. Looking ahead to the autumn/winter Heads I think we can realistically be looking at 3 or 4 men's 8+s for the Tideway in March.

Looking forward to new members from Clair's L2R joining us soon.

Women's Squad Report, April - May 2017 Report

Races

Evesham

WMas C 4x Philippa, Suze, Ang E, Fiona

WIM34x Patsy, Abbie, Sam, Ang S

WMas C 8+ Philippa, Marian, Liz, Fiona, Suze, Ange E, Ruth, Laura D – cox, Patsy

WNov 4+ Hannah T, Tanya, Chloe, Charlotte – cox, Ang S

Congratulations to the Master's quad and Master's 8 – both crews won in their finals. Congratulations also to the Novice four who won both heats, and raced back to back events, only to be beaten by a fresh crew, which hadn't raced, in the final.

*We wanted to enter a couple of other crews but didn't have competition.

Avon

WMasC4x- Philippa, Fiona, Jo H and Ange E

WSen 4x- Patsy, Abbie, Sam and Ange S

WMasA 2x- Fiona and Ruth

WSen 4+ Liz, Sue C, Marian and Lesley coxed by Mary

WSen8+ Nichole, Kate, Carol, Martine, Lynne, Brenda, Laura S, Ann S coxed by Ange S

WSen 4+ Chloe, Tanya, Rhi and Debra Hearne coxed by Patsy

WNov 4x+ Nichole, Sam B, Ruth and Dawn, coxed by Abbie Rees

MasD 8+ including Nic, Sal, Kath and Helen G, coxed by Rhi

Congratulations to the novice quad for winning in the semi-final. This crew was put together just days before the race and so were understandably, but sadly beaten on the day. Congratulations also to the Master's 8 for their victorious win against Minerva.

Sculling

Lauren kindly organised a women's squad sculling event in fine singles, on Bank Holiday Monday – all seats were taken and no one capsized. Several women tried out a single for the first time very successfully. Thanks also to Debbie who coached and encouraged from the launch.

I believe further events will be organised.

General

Water sessions generally continue to be highly attended. The next batch of LTR ladies will soon be joining the squad and all seem very enthusiastic. A time trial event was held on Saturday 22nd April and was very much enjoyed by all crews taking part, with some brave souls also joining in on the day in singles!

Written by: Patsy Lamb, Women's Squad Coordinator

Report of the Beginner Coordinator, Clair Ponting May 2017

With 1 week to go of the Spring LTR course left, I'm in the process of writing reports and handing them over to their coordinators to look after now.

Sadly the Clash of the Clubs race between ACRC and Bristol Ariel isn't going to happen, the squad aren't too disappointed but we've decided to race each other on Sunday instead as we've been practising our racing starts and pieces very hard. We'll probably celebrate with tea and cake afterwards – fitting as this is how we started! I'm designing a certificate for them as a bit of fun – will try to bring it to meeting tonight.

The social trip to the pub happened after evening rowing. The group has interacted well together and have formed a bond. Some have said they would like to help with my next LTR to chat to the newbies as they know what it is like – tea, cake and chat! Most of the group would like to row at Upton in September for their first race giving them something to aim towards. The next LTR will have finished around 2 weeks before Upton so could be quite a lot going!

Of the 29 who booked onto the course, 10 have deferred to Summer LTR course as life got in the way after their initial taster session. 5 left the course after the first session saying it was amazing but they didn't have the time to do it at the moment. 2 tried it and decided it wasn't for them. I was then left with:

Men	4
Women	9

Of the men, 2 have expressed an interest in joining Keith Trivett's ACRC/BOA old boys 8 on Thursday mornings. They have all enjoyed the course and can't wait to get in crews working towards races and a one would like to try his hand at a single. His wife is currently rowing at Minerva and joking with him yesterday if we were going to lose him to them after my hard work the response was "I'm trying to get my wife to move here but if she won't we'll row for different clubs as I'm happy here!"

The women are interested in doing as much as possible! Some want to double with each other but maybe with a view to racing or to be in a quad preferring sculling. One of these ladies would also like to single (competitively in time). Most tried coxing, some would do it again and it wouldn't worry them although they prefer rowing. Others wouldn't do it again under pain of death! They all appreciated trying it though as it gave them insight into what the cox sees and why they say what they do!

Most have progressed well although there are a couple who might need a little extra help with the transition out of our little pond into the bigger lake of women's squad but all are very excited with what happens now and the future.

Getting to try out the 8 was a turning point for many of them as they viewed this as 'experienced persons boat'!

I'm on hand for both Men's and Women's Coordinators for the next 4 weeks to help out in whatever way I can to make the transitions easier. We have been rowing on Thursday evenings and if that helps with boat availability in the women's squad, I'm happy to continue this.

Summer 2017

I've set the date as 24/25 June – my personal plans are taking some time to clarify and I couldn't wait any longer. I will mail those from the Spring course tomorrow, then mail the wider waiting list (approx 100 again!) later in the week.

If those who have been on the waiting list since before Philippa handed it over to me don't reply substantively this time, they will be wiped from the list. Depending on numbers of enquiries after the Summer waiting list have been contacted, I might run an Autumn course but this is dependent on whether the receiving squads can cope with another influx of personnel?

Thanks goes to all those who have helped during this course, Peter Lewis, Will Gray, Nick Dolman, Sam Walker, George Hurst, Julian Sondheimer, Charlotte Hook and Patsy Lamb. Apologies to anyone who has helped and I've not listed.

Charging £10 for the tasters doesn't seem to have had an effect on numbers booking onto the course. I propose to continue this again for the Summer course.

Would like to advertise again for more help in Rowing Notices please, as have found it particularly difficult trying to cover sessions this time.



Clair Ponting
22 May 2017

Safety Report for Committee May 2017

Incidents 2016/7

Incidents since last committee meeting

Date	Description	Reported online by club
12.4.17 10:00 am	By rafts. Charlie Cushing, demonstrating roll-ups, caught left oar and capsized. Showered, change of clothes, back in boat. No harm to sculler or damage to boat.	Simple capsized 8248, 24 April
11.4.17 10:15 am	By rafts. Ella Pullen 1x. Attempted to get in scull unassisted and capsized. Rescued, showered, changed, back in boat. No harm to sculler or boat	Simple capsized 8249 – 24/4
5.4 17	By first canal boat. Lottie Davis. Lost control of left blade and	Simple capsized

11:30 am	capsized. Showered, change of clothes and back in scull. No harm or damage to sculler or boat.	8250 – 24/4
8.4.17 1:30 pm	By rafts. Ellie Fraser. Getting into 1x. Tipped scull., Showered, change of clothes, no harm or damage to sculler or boat.	Simple capsize 8251 – 24/4
22.4 17 08:30	At the end of the straight. Kate Harvey and Lesley Wood in Dick. Capsized, righted the boat and rowed back.	Simple capsize 8252 – 24/4
6.5.17 10:15	Nichole and Martine in Dobby, drifting into middle, saw UBR eight coming also drifting to middle, shouted but it hit them. Adam, UBR coach on bank admitted responsibility and Leanne the cox said she hadn't seen them. Dobby V damaged.	8428 20 May
6.5.17 09:45	Above top bridge. Debbie and Gilly in AVN double and MIN single - both boats out of their water. Slow speed collision with clash of blades. Both apologised and no harm done.	8429 20 May

Issues

Junior Sculling Camp seems to have involved a lot of harmless capsizing!

Two capsize incidents at Bristol Avon Regatta – no harm done.

Steve Worley sent round on 20th April a Safety Alert called “Cold Water Kills” It explained why this was the right time of year to send the alert and I have asked for it to be circulated with RN.

Safety Alert – heel restraints – alerted co-ordinators before Bristol Avon.

RowSafe 2017 – Key updates listed on Stream email Weds 10th May @ 18:09 – have been too busy with regatta to get to this.

Row Safe Progress (refer to doc at April Committee) - Item P - launch kits sorted in context of Bristol Avon Regatta and Item R First Aid Kit – both look well enough stocked to me.

Online Safety System has gone berserk. I am not reporting any more incidents online until it returns to sanity.

Concerned that we have not given Clair's April beginners the Safety Policy briefing before they are turned out into the wild.

Philippa March 2017

Annex 1 - Incidents since the AGM on 24th September reported at earlier committee meetings

Date	Description	Reported online
27 Sep	Sculler fell in while trying to get into raft	2 Oct 2016
Sun 9 Oct	Sculler fell in while trying to get into raft	14 Oct 2016
Thu 13 Oct mid morning	Collision between Victor and Tarantula – MIN on wrong side. Minor damage to Victor splashboard. No-one hurt. MIN apologised.	13 Oct 2016
Sun 23 Oct 09:15	Mid bottom straight. Lawrence 1x vs Tarantula 4x-. MIN boat in mid river with little awareness. Required – shipping of scull to avoid clash. MIN apologised.	11 Nov 2016
Sun 30 Oct	MasF 4- badly impeded by Monmouth women's MasE eight at GLR Head. Did not comment but interesting start order!	By event safety adviser
Sun 6 Nov 11:15	Opposite rafts. Prateek Vanka fell in (inexperience).	11 Nov 2016
Mon 7 Nov @ 08:30	In bends above bottom bridge. MasF 4- in Victor vs BAU Fast Start quad. F4 at full pace on correct inside of bend. Quad coming upstream cutting corner at light pace. No movement on first warning from F4, forcing emergency stop and swerve to avoid head on. No apology from BAU or coach in attendance who just told us off for verbals.	11 Nov 2016
Sat 26 Nov	UBR pair hit Clair P who was coxing George James going upstream about 300 m up – Uni on wrong side apologised. No-one hurt at the time but 2 in AVN boat later went to hospital with chest pains	4 Dec 2016
Sun 27 Nov	AVN 4x- steered by Chris Blunt had to take avoiding action to miss UBR women's eight in middle of river, accompanied by launch.	4 Dec 2016
Sun 15 Jan	At rafts, Lynne Miller at bow in coxed four stood up to get out of boat as requested. But stroke side leaned over to undo before she was out and she overbalanced and fell in.	22 Jan 2017
Sun 22 Jan	Opposite boathouse, Amber Lewis (wearing pfd) capsized in single. 7657	22 Jan 2017
Sun 12 Feb	UBR 4+ in middle overtaking another boat had blade clash with AVN 4x-. No shout, no apology. 7811	18 Feb 2017
Sat 18 Feb	AVN 2x out of its water had blade clash with BAU 2x. Apologised. 7818	18 Feb 2017

Sat 18 Feb	Rob and Mike in Hero caught crabs and capsized. 7819	18 Feb 2017
Sat 18 Feb	MBC Vet 8 at Molesey Vets Head rowed over the stern of John Hodge as JH was turning round the starting buoy. Damage to honeycomb/hull. Jon repairing. 7823	19 Feb 2017
Thu 9 March 11:00	AVN W Mas 4x- slightly out of water had close encounter with O2x. Stroke in the 2x pulled his blade in and the 2x capsized. Quad helped 2x back into boat, eight retrieved seat for stroke of 2x and all returned to boathouse no problem. Bow in 2x lost glasses	10 March 7921
	Incident reported by Jane of MIN. Apparently Antony replied.	
Sun 2 Apr 09:30	Whilst sculling downstream on the correct side of the river, I was in collision with a Bath University women's 2- who were out of their water on my side travelling the opposite direction (upstream towards Weston Lock). I stopped, but they carried on and hit my boat, damaging the cutwater and hit me in the back with their stroke side blade. I spoke to them regarding the need to hold the boat hard when there is an impending collision, and not to just easy oral and cruise on int the the other boat. Damage to my sculling boat. Got hit quite painfully in the back, but no lasting physical damage. Don't know what the cost of repair is yet.	8066 rep by AW
Sun 2 Apr 09:30	Brief description of the incident: Narrow part of the river with overhanging trees, both boats in the middle of the river. Crash occurred, with blades, up to riggers, hitting the other boats. No capsize.	8071 rep by BAU who clearly felt unable to comment on AW's report

Annex 2 Avon Spring Head Incidents

Incident	Reported?
Capsize - DRG J12 sculler going up to start	
Capsize – ABN MasE 1x sculler hit tree. Got back in and raced.	
Collision – maybe 2 W 4x+ and one W 4+ under non-racing-arch	
Collision – PAN oct hit GLO sculler near rafts. Sculler lost his seat	
Collision – AVN eight being overtaken on both sides under racing arch	Yes as Patsy coxing the eight put it in our accident book.
Slip on landing stage resulted in grazed shin. Cleaned up with alcohol wipe (Shay)	
Knee damaged when foot was caught in steering when crew collided with a tree on the back during racing. Ice pack and paracetamol given. Advised to visit minor injuries clinic for further assessment/treatment. 16 year old girl	
Girl with back pain/spasms. After the finish. Was escorted to the rafts by safety boats. She was in severe distress. Given Entonox by First Aiders. Did not respond. Ambulance called and she was taken to RUH A&E for further assessment and treatment. Her father was in attendance and drove to A&E following ambulance. Ross RC. 14 year old girl. Discharged later that day, according to Mike Jones of Ross.	By Philippa online 7922. Ross had phoned to ask why it had not been reported, although I think AW had sent in the medical report. ROSS Wendy Burden 07783 004507

Annex 3 Bristol Avon Regatta Incidents Sat 13th May 2017

Incident	Reported?
Simple Capsize – PAN J 14 2x crew 121 in Race A35 at 12:20. Capsize towards end of course. Rescued, no injury, no damage, competitors raced again.	8415 19 May
Capsize following collision – PAN WJ15 2x crew 135 capsized near start of course through collision with opposition. Rescued, no injury, no damage, competitors raced again.	8416 19 May

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on
22 May 2017

1. BANK	This report	Previous report	Change
BALANCE			
Interest rate	(22/05/17)	(03/04/17)	
Current account - General	34,458	26,418	8,040
Current account - Captain	4,067	3,923	144
Deposit account	0.03% 949	949	0
100 Club account	1,054	704	350
CAF Cash account	1,728	3,291	(1,563)
CAF Gold account	0.05% 777	777	0
Virgin Money account	0.50% 17,673	17,673	0
Total in bank	60,707	53,737	6,971
<small>General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/05/17</small>			
<small>There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)</small>			
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining	1,892	545	1,347
Debtors: Kit	544	419	125
Total entries & kit debtors	2,435	964	1,472

2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT

(excluding normal routine items)

Amount

3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME

Amount

ASH 17 dividend weights	TBC	income
(awaiting info from Parveen Jones re missing items. Will be met in full by WAGS grant)		584
coaching course contributions		TBC
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)		2,000

4. FINANCIAL ISSUES

Bath Spa University – new club affiliating to BR

Introduction

Bath Spa University Rowing Club (BSURC) will be a new club, affiliated to BR but rowing as a guest club at Avon County. They will operate under our Safety Plan, of which their Student Union (SU) already has a copy and we shall need to update them when we update the plan. They have already filled in a Safety Audit to this effect and had it accepted.

Their rowers will be student members of ACRC, paying £11 per month.

Whether they are also charged for membership of BSURC is for the SU to decide.

Affiliation payments

BSURC will be obliged to declare their membership to BR every January and will receive a bill for the cost of affiliation, which the SU will pay. As Avon County receives the students' membership fees, it will reimburse the SU for the cost of their affiliation. Avon County will not declare the BSURC members as members of Avon County in their own January declaration; otherwise the BSURC members' affiliation will be paid twice.

Costs and benefits - detail

There has been some confusion at Bath Spa about what the students' membership fee "buys" by way of boat use, facilities use etc. There has been a discussion between Abi Shears and the SU under various cost headings and these are set out below:

Hire of boats and club house – This is covered by the ACRC membership fee of £11 per month

Payment of club coaches – All Avon County coaches are volunteers; if BSURC chooses to pay its own or any other coaches, that is for the SU/members to fund.

Safety boat driver – Avon County launch drivers are general RYA2 trained but, again, are volunteers.

Coach training course – It is understood that three members of BSURC have done the Level 2 Session Coach course (£210) at their own expense but it is not known whether they have been assessed and qualified. The Level 2 Club coach course costs £425 per person. The funding for this must be decided by the SU. For information, Avon County offers to cover half of the cost of each course, paying one quarter to the candidate before the course and another quarter afterwards, once the candidate is coaching and benefitting the club.

Safety boat training – There are two elements to this – a launch driving qualification and a safety qualification. Launch driving is about £200 per person, funding decided by SU. Again for information, Avon County covers half these costs as above, for each candidate. It is likely that the next launch driving course which Avon County would arrange would be run by Pat Dollard (who ran a very good First Aid course earlier in the year) on our river. BSURC members could participate if there were enough space/launches etc. Avon County do not put out a safety boat with each adult outing although for big events when we have visitors who do not know the river, and more crews than usual on the water, we would have safety boats patrolling. We run two capsize drills per year; juniors members are required to attend and adult members are encouraged to attend. This covers swimming and capsize options.

Club kit – for the BSURC members and SU to decide how kit costs should be borne.

Transport to local regattas – If BSURC members are competing in ACRC boats at regattas where ACRC is also competing, then they will be charged £5 per head flat fee for transport.

Transport in general – There is a lot of sharing of trailers and Bath and Bristol Universities attend many local and national events.

BUCS events – SU to decide and/or fund.

Costs and Benefits – Summary

In the aforementioned discussion, it is understood that the SU had offered to pay for the first three items above, namely:

Hire of boats and facilities - £600

Payment of coaches - £480

Safety boat driver - £960

This is a total of £2040 for students rowing October to May.

In fact, none of these are “required” costs, leaving the SU to decide how to spread its offered contribution of £2000 between coaching or driving courses, club kit and BUCS events.