



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 23 March 2015, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Jim Dawson, Julian Sondheimer, Philippa Sondheimer, Antony Constantinidi, Parveen Jones, Clair Ponting, Helen Willcox

Apologies: Sallyanne Lewis

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted.

Update Action List – Remove sub chasing, as that has been largely achieved. Antony is still chasing the trustee document.

Reports (previously circulated) –

Captain & Juniors – Penny has noted holes on the stern canvasses of Robin Leach and Penny Senior, where the rudder is attached. Antony will have a look at the damage. There is a good supply of volunteers for the Friday junior sculling club sessions.

Men/Women/Novices – no matters arising

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – The balcony doors are being left unlocked/open, for which we need to find a solution.

The capsized clothing and towels have been moved from the facilities block to our boathouse, to prevent the contents going astray.

We are still waiting for the University to obtain their own quote for the sewage proposal.

Finance/Subs (previously circulated) – Antony has chased Jon Garner again for the written agreement from Kingswood.

We agreed to purchase a replacement cox box at an approximate cost of £500

Events – Spring Head – We ran with full entries, but with more small boats than usual. As a result, the entry fees were less than in previous years. Next year's date is 27 February. We will be able to use Saltford Farm's field again for parking, providing it is not too soggy. We discussed tightly packing club member cars at the rear of the facilities block, to allow more visitor parking at the pub and the field.

There were problems caused by volunteers dropping out at the last minute, or simply not showing up.

We agreed to charge club members 50% entry fees for all ACRC events.

BAR – Site meeting held last Saturday. No issues to report, apart from lack of parking.

Club Dinner – 9 May at Bathwick Boatman. Have had confirmation from 40 people to date.

Pubs and Clubs – 21 June. The plans are becoming quite ambitious and complicated, with various insurance issues yet to be resolved. We will need a large contingent of volunteers to fulfil our commitment. It was agreed that whilst the club itself gains nothing from being involved, it is the price we must pay for our share of the Sport England grant.

New Members – Lily Fry, Philip Moore, Oliver Rodway

Any Other Business – Helen to organise Canoe Avon, UBBC, Monkton and Dragon Boats to submit bike stand applications to BANES as soon as possible, before the initiative is withdrawn.

Jim pointed out this is our 150th anniversary year. Suggested we indicate this on the BAR invitations.

Clair is looking for newsletter articles.

Philippa is fending off a BR request to run an Explore event this summer.

Antony and Jim clarified the design required for the Explore boat rolling racks, and will get started on construction.

Llandaff attach an adult 'non-rowing' membership to each junior membership. We will research this in more detail for presentation at the AGM.

The British Rowing response from their Case Management Group is awaited before the subcommittee can attempt to resolve the issues raised by one of our junior's parents. Shay Brennan is chasing

Date and Time of Next: Monday, 27 April 2015, Saltford Rowing Centre, 7:30 pm

Captains report:

Equipment - repair

George James (broken shoulder) has been left with Janousek at Scullery.
Chris Hopper has a new steering plate and wire and I have new shoes for it.

Sculling Blades

4 pairs for each of womens, mens, juniors and beginners squads have not been ordered yet. We have ordered the extension for the blade rack and when we have these I'll order the blades.

Blade racks

Andrew has visited the blade rack and has a plan to stop the bending. I have ordered another set of arms for the eight rack (probably for a four/quad for now).

Explore Boats

The sculling riggers for the explore quads were collected at scullery.

Bank improvements

Pretty much completed – tidying up and rings are being installed at present.

Results

Avon Spring
Sorry no time to see what we won ...

Events

See attached for views on paying for events.

Matters Arising

Paying for AVN events.

Junior Coordinators Report:

Equipment

No advance of fund raising or when the new boat will be ready.

Newbies

Friday Sculling Club has started – so far we have had lots of coaching help.

Nothing else to report!

Results

Avon County Head
Ditto above
Scullery
Silver in WJ16 4X- (thanks to Minerva for load of a steering plate!)

Events

Matters Arising

None

Mens Squad Report:

Racing:

Avon Spring Head Results:

MasE 8+ (2/3)

MasE 2x (1/1)

IM3 4x- (1/1)

N4x+ (3/3)

MasE 8+ racing at Head of the Dart, trailering with BoA.

Crews:

The younger men have had a crew re-jig, and the squad has a number of regular crews- a significant improvement compared to this time last year.

Saturdays:

Mas G 4- (Victor)

8.00 Nov 8+ (Penny) : Tommo, Adam, James, Mike, Derek, Tim, Chris, Will

10.00 IM3 4+ (Derek) : James H, Oli HR, Ollie R, Alex

12.00 IM3 4x- (Victor): George, Matt, Robin, Elliot

Sundays:

Various 2x/ 1x

Mas 4- (Vengeance): Austin, Phil, Phil, Jo

8.00 Mas E 8+ (Penny): Andy, Ian, Rob, Patrick, Will, Johnny, Peter, Simon, Paul

We will be starting evening outings soon after the clocks change. Eventually these will be at 6.30pm, but will be earlier for the first few weeks. Days need to be checked with Women and Juniors to avoid boat clashes.

Matters Arising:

Penny's 5 rigger is broken (discovered on Sunday 22nd), a new one is to be ordered. The boat is out of action until this arrives.

Womens Report

No problems arising this month.

Avon County Head – Congratulations to WMas E 8+ Fiona, Jo E, Polly, Philippa, Gilly, Mary, Debbie, Di and Julian and to WMas C 4+ Kath, Helen G, Sal, Patsy and Abbie for setting the fastest WMas 8 + and 4+ times.

Women's Eight Head of River Race Nov 8+ enjoyed their debut in London, setting a good time for a crew who have only been rowing 9 months. Fun was had by all and they are looking forward to the next challenge.

Evening Rowing will start on the 14th April for the women and we are hoping to train on a Tuesday evening. Crew formations a likely to stay the same with the exception of a few minor changes.

Beginner Report March 2015

Taster Session Attendees

Of the 24 people booked in for sessions on Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd, 18 actually appeared, five cancelled on the day (shortest notice was 5 minutes) and there was one no-show.

Progress towards the Sport England participant target so far is shown in brackets below:

	Male	Female
Aged 0 - 13	15	15
Aged 14 - 26	35 (1)	35 (3)
Aged 26+	35 (3)	35 (11)

Of the 18, 14 have rebooked and 4 are pending.

A further 10 new people are booked in for next weekend.

Easter Monday afternoon so far has five takers and I really hope we can get an Explore quad out.

Helpers

Patsy and Clair plus five of Patsy's crew members (Lauren Hurrell, Abbie Rees, Grace Bramer, Jessica Beale and Laura Wilshire) attended a Beginner Helper Training Session on Tuesday 17th March and Abbie, Grace and Jess have all now shadowed an experienced coach and then themselves coached, under supervision. So the army is growing.

Thanks also to Chris Blunt (Sat) , Patsy Lamb (Sun) , Julian Sondheimer (both) , Jo Elliott (both) and Clair Ponting (both) for coaching at the weekend and Parveen who was also available and to the Scullers' Breakfast Team for keeping us going. NB Sport England need coaching records as well!

It is quite difficult scheduling anything when beginners cancel at the last minute but helpers were very kind and after next weekend when we know which beginners are really coming we shall be able to draw up a rota. We shall not try evening rowing for a couple of weeks.

Saltford Festival River Day

This is turning into a sort of extravaganza. The timetable is as follows:

2:00 Start with dragon tasters to get some noise and fun going

2:30. Two sets of pubs rowing races in Explore Fours (interspersed with dragon tasters while the second lot of rowers boat)

2:50 Canoe demonstrations (Canoe Avon)

3:15. Avon County beginner races Team A vs Team B in Explore boats

3:30 Junior taster sessions in canoes (Northavon Canoe Club)

4:00 Avon County beginner races Team C vs Team D in Explore boats

4:15 Dragon boat race between expert dragon boaters

4:30 Parade of different canoes (Canoe Avon)

4:45 Two more sets of ACRC beginners races
5:00 loser pubs rowing race
5:15 Junior taster sessions in canoes (Northavon Canoe Club)
5:30 Loser beginner rowing race
5:40 Pride of the River - Noisy dragon boat race between Avon County RC and Canoe Avon all to promise
they have never been in a dragon boat before
5:45. Final of the beginner rowing race
6:00 Final of the pubs rowing race

Catering will be a barbecue starting at, say 1:30 until 3:00 then tea and cakes till 5:30 so that we do not detract from the Riverside Inn Barbecue in the evening.

Saltford Community Association is looking for rather a lot of input from Avon County. As well as Clair's catering team, we shall need a PA system which Tommo Scott will provide, a commentator and a general organiser to chase people into position so that the timetable works. Further, I am doing the CART application and the Safety Plan. I am hoping that car parking marshals will come from elsewhere.

Issues for Committee

Please can we buy the eight sets of sculling blades as agreed? We only had enough this morning because beginners had cancelled and Sport England will need to see the invoice for them by the end of the project.

Support, insurance and financial arrangements for the Saltford Festival River Day

Need someone to run JTU on Sundays.

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB					
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 23 March 2015					
		This report (23/03/15)	Previous report (23/02/15)	Change	
1. BANK BALANCE					
	Interest rate				
Current account - General		18,071	32,505		(14,433)
Current account - Captain		3,607	2,730		878
Deposit account	0.05%	948	948		0
100 Club account		4,826	4,740		86
CAF Cash account		1,229	3,582		(2,353)
CAF Gold account	0.15%	1,199	1,199		0
Virgin Money account	1.00%	17,346	17,346		0
CAF 90 day notice account	0.75%	572	572		0
Total in bank		47,799	63,622		(15,823)
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/03/15					
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)					
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,731	1,663		68
Debtors: Kit		523	532		(9)
Total entries & kit debtors		2,254	2,195		59
Debts incurred before 01/04/11 excluded.		WEHORR 2015 excluded			
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT					
(excluding normal routine items)			Amount		
manufacture of trailer for Mucat - interim payment			550		
UBBC share of catering profit at their Head transferred to them			353		
Avon Spring Head catering (barbecue hire still to pay)			1,166	income	
Kingswood School subs Jan to Apr			1,404	income	
some Spring Head entry fees			890	income	
BOATHOUSE DEVELOPMENT					
Duchy of Cornwall - ACRC's final share of capital cost			4,424		
Duchy of Cornwall - interest charge to ACRC			221		
Duchy's legal fees - Farrers fees 23/01/13 to completion - ACRC's share			3,000		
Sport England grant held by ACRC for Monkton/UBBC transferred to Duchy			10,000		
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME					
			Amount		
oars (Explore grant commits ACRC to spend c 2400 on beginner oars)			??		
manufacture of trailer for Mucat - final payment			250		
spend donation for junior 2x			5,244		
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES					
The completion of the legal aspects of the new boathouses took place on 19 March 2015 and the new lease is now in place					

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Information for March 2015 Meeting

		For end Feb 2015	31-Mar-14	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-09
Membership								
		This meeting						
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	103	89	76	76	60	55	60
Coach	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Student	10	12	6	6	3	6	4	4
Vac student	pay per vac	4	4	3	2	4	3	2
Junior	9	63	67	72	57	56	62	53
Oldfield junior	5	0	0	0	4	4	7	9
Friday only junior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior - family membe	5	0	2	4	5	5	5	8
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LTR current (ie not goi	flat £20	0	0	0	5	10	0	3
Kingswood	9	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		228	170	163	153	146	137	140
BR Registered members (24 Jan 2015)								
1st club		179	123	119	90	79		
2nd club		13	9	12	13	15		
3rd club		3	2	3	4	4		
Total		195	134	134	107	98		
Money								
Subs forecast for year		36171	30265	28651	20755	21623		
Money collected to date		31481	29499	29304	19815	20105		