



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 26 January 2015, at 7:30pm

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

Apologies: Jim Dawson, Sallyanne Lewis, Clair Ponting

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted

Update Action List – No matters arising

Reports (previously circulated) –

Captain & Juniors – The Explore boats have arrived (2 fours/quads and 2 doubles). They will be named Benedick, Beatrice (fours) and Claudio and Hero (doubles) at a naming ceremony when the weather is more pleasant.

The committee approved matching the amount of funds raised by the junior squad to purchase a new double.

Men/Women/Novices – no matters arising

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – The sign on the A4 is slightly larger than permitted. Derek Walker is applying for retrospective planning permission. The hard standing and pile of wood chips in the upper field is offending our A4 neighbours. Attempts will be made to distribute the wood chips in advance of Avon Spring Head.

The quote to connect to mains sewerage is £24,000. Bodmans have offered two more moderately-priced solutions as follows:

1. Install a digester that would feed back into the pond, and ultimately the river. This is the cheapest solution.
2. Install an agricultural tank pump on the grounds that would pump out to the mains. The cost for this in the region of £12,000.

When we have final quotes we will make a decision.

It was agreed the facilities block needs communal safety and general notice boards, in addition to one for each club and possibly individual squad notice boards.

Finance/Subs (previously circulated) – Penny to publish a list of debtors in Rowing Notices.

We are currently above our BR prescribed number of members.

Kingswood still have not provided a contract.

Events – Spring Head and BAR plans are under control.

Philippa to circulate possible dates for a Club Dinner, to be held in May/June.

New Members – Olivia Sladden, Joseph Cox, Charlotte Elsdon

Launches – The Eton can stay in the marina for now, but not indefinitely. There is a lot of interest in the launch driving course being organised. Penny to email the people who've replied to ask why they are interested, in an attempt to shorten the list. Debbie to obtain course dates from Waterland.

BR Code of Conduct – the committee moved to accept the BR Code of Conduct and to change the membership forms accordingly, per the samples Philippa presented. Debbie to amend the Junior Rules appendix to the Constitution to reflect this decision.

Any Other Business – We are accumulating a substantial amount of lost property, which Debbie proposed to sell at a table next October, when the new University rowers are back, and looking for kit.

The potholes under the bridge will be repaired shortly. As will the damage to the University boathouse wall.

Keys for the facilities block roller shutter and front door will be ordered shortly.

When Bodmans have issued the Certificate of Warranty we will receive the Sport England Grant.

The Mu-Cat is nearly back in running order.

Helen reported that the women's squad may be running time trials.

Date and Time of Next: Monday, 23 February 2015, Saltford Rowing Centre, 7:30 pm