



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

Present: Penny Senior, Debbie Blackmore, Philippa Sondheimer, Chris Brigden, Clair Ponting, Jim Dawson, Antony Constantinidi, Julian Sondheimer

Apologies: Helen Willcox

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved and adopted

Update Action List: Penny to circulate an updated action list after the meeting. Ian Vickery to arrange a safety meeting as soon as possible with all clubs on the reach. Debbie to ask George Hurst if he would take responsibility for ensuring all boats have Empacher slots.

REPORTS (previously circulated)

Captain & Juniors – no matters arising. Noted that we could do with two or three more (youngish) committee members, in addition to a men's co-ordinator. Brief discussion about whether or not parents of juniors could sit as committee members – they could, but must be members in their own right.

Mens/Womens/Safety/Welfare – no reports

Beginners – no matters arising

Club Development: There is a significant cost overrun of approximately £135k (VAT inclusive), as a partial result of incorrect estimates from the quantity surveyor. Antony is meeting with the Duchy, Uni and Monkton next week to agree the next steps. We have enough money to cover our share when the final pricing is agreed.

A preliminary agreement is being drafted for the Dragon Boat members to review. The plan is to offer them some space in the West Wing when we have moved into the new boathouse.

Finance & Subs Report: Julian is proceeding with opening a Virgin Charity Account, now that Virgin have confirmed that CASC's are eligible. The extra funds in our current account will be transferred to Virgin until the next tranche of building invoices are due.

Appointment of Safety and Welfare Officers: Penny Senior proposed and Antony Constantinidi seconded the appointment of Ian Vickery as Safety Office and Shay Brennan as Welfare Officer. Passed unanimously.

Events:

Avon Autumn Head – first committee meeting has been held, and BROE should open next week for entries.

ACRC Spring Head – Plans proceeding. Investigating feasibility of co-purchasing decent radios with Bluefriars. Bluefriars have kindly offered to pay for broadband in the new development, to facilitate on the spot uploading of event results.

BAR Regatta – date has been moved forward one week to avoid clashing with National Masters and Worcester events.

Use of Equipment: Clarification needed on how far upriver Viruses should be allowed to go. The rule is deemed to be they must stay in sight of the boathouse during busy times. At non-



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peak times, and ONLY with an experienced sculler on board, they may proceed as far upriver as they like.

Riverbank Clearance: Graham Hockley and Andrew Barton have asked for assistance in keeping the riverbank clear. Chris Brigden and Jim Dawson have volunteered to work with Graham and Andrew. Some of the clearing can be done from the bank, so additional volunteers will be sought via Rowing Notices when a working party is planned.

Admission of New Members:

JUNIORS – Olivier Sharples, Harry Roach, Sophia Moss, Behany Tiley, Megan Finnie, Jacob Fielding.

FULL – Patrick Jordan, Samuel Marks, Tanya Griffiths, Robin Boyd, Suzanne Ward, Lauren Hurrell, Emilie Long, Lizzie Beckett, Will Luckwell, Kathryn Vowles

Any Other Business:

It will be made clearer on the website that the adult taster sessions are for people aged 18 and over. The “Before you go on the water” form, drafted to comply with the Row Safe requirements, will include a question on age. Anyone who still slips through will need to complete a junior contact form and understand that, in order to comply with the Policy on Juniors, he or she will need to wear a buoyancy aid in a single or double, until satisfactory completion of a capsized drill.

British Rowing is planning to change the points system again, although there are no details available as to what is being suggested. Philippa urged everyone to attend the 10 November WAGS meeting, where the details will be made public.

Clair will be running the catering for the University of Bristol Head Race. ACRC will retain 50% of the profits.

Wiltshire Scullers Club have some small pontoons for sale which might be useful for launch mooring and bank clearing.

Date & Place of Next Meeting: Solo Cottage, Keynsham, Monday 2 December 2013