



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

**Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford  
Monday, 29 January 2018, at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Antony Constantinidi, Will Gray, Jim Dawson, Jon Garner, Penny Senior, Nic Feaver, Clair Ponting, Julian Sondheimer and Philippa Sondheimer

**Apologies:** Helen Willcox, Patsy Lamb and Debbie Blackmore

**Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Approved and adopted

**Update Action List (attached):**

No change this month but it was noted that the list has shrunk considerably!

**Reports (attached):**

Captain – Suggestions for a name for the new single please. One possibility is Sean Bathe-Taylor (who represented GB at the Coupe, and England at the Home Countries (as an adult). Other suggestion was Jon Garner (following his success at the World Masters).

Juniors – No matters arising

Men – No matters arising

Women – No matters arising

Beginners – No matters arising.

**Boathouse Management Committee Issues:**

Work on the track under the railway tunnel will commence around Eastee (ideally when the Uni are away to minimize disruption. In the meantime, Antony and/or Will will attack the bumps with pickaxes.

Almost there with agreement re purchase of acoustic screens purchase.

Currently preparing the budget for next year.

**Safety:**

See safety report.

**Events:**

Avon Autumn – Profit has not yet been finalised.

Avon Spring – Entries coming in (80 to date). As ever, could do with a few more helpers.

Bristol Avon Regatta – Date has moved to 12<sup>th</sup> May to avoid the Royal wedding. This has caused upset with Shrewsbury regatta as they are concerned that we will steal all their entries. After some research (we suspect only one club may be torn) Shrewsbury are now happy. May be a problem with the PA but JS is on the case.

Monkton Bluefriars – The 'What is the Future of the Monkton Head' meeting has not been scheduled yet.

Afternoon Tea – Organized by the womens' squad (and looked forward to by all who enjoy cake)  
Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> – 2pm.

**Finance/Subs** – New cox box purchased to replace 'Cheerful' (RIP). 18 Bath Spa students have signed up for this term but more have paddled so we need to do some chasing. CG takeup still poor – about one third of the membership are now paying by DD.

**Any Other Business –**

Will – Volunteered to write about fund raising for Cancer Research/Rowing.

Tree health – do we need to regularly check the health of the bigger trees on site. Agreed that we do, AC to ask Jessie.

Nic – can we have a boat naming ceremony for the new boats please. Agreed to use the women's afternoon tea on the 7<sup>th</sup> Apr as an event to which other activities can be added.

Julian – BA@S are looking at sponsorship for the event but wondered if it would be better to target sponsorship for the club. Any sponsorship is good – but usually dependant on personal contact! Clair has prepared a sponsorship begging letter.

Antony – new moorings bank clearing has started. CART working boat is available again so we have requested a visit. We will need to provide a working party to assist.

Philippa – Julian and Philippa attended the 'captains and event secs meeting' in Worcester. BROE2 will be compulsory from April. BR sprints will be on 22/7 at an undisclosed location – more to follow. There may be a flood of enquiries once more details are known.

**Date and Time of Next – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm**

**REPORTS**

**Avon County Rowing Club Committee Action List**

	Action	Date	Who?	Status
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	28/7/14	?	
Equip	Create a priority list of boats to be refurbished	13/10/14	PSen	
Equip	Boats need cleaning	23/3/2015	All	
Equip	Find a new home for big buoys - sell or rehome – Hereford RC	09/05/16	DB, AC	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	Carrier bag tax	04/04/16	CP	Started
Admin	Moan more about dosh o/s	03/10/16	Co-ords	Started
Admin	Put gudgeon on eBay	19/06/17		
Equip	Ask bladerite re blade handle recovering	11/12/17	PSen	Emailed

**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	
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**Captains report:**

**Equipment - Repair**

Penny's rigger has arrived – it's in the large cardboard packet near the sign out book.

No sign of the replacement for the damaged scull from UBBC yet. I will chase.

'Cheerful' the cox box has died – I tried to get it repaired but it was unrepairable so I have bought another. Any suggestions for a name?

UBBC have donated a couple of old style head sets to us as they don't have any old boxes now.

The RowPerfect nearest the window does now work with its laptop. I'm working on the other! Both have leg things to keep them away from the wall (courtesy of Chris H) and Jim is going to install a shelf for the lap tops when he has a minute.

**Equipment - New**

The new single has been ordered – we need a name for it?

**RYA Powerboat course**

One course (3 candidates) has been booked for 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**L2 Club Coach Course**

Will take place on 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Mar and 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Mar.

The associated Capsize drill will probably be on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.

**Odd jobs**

'No Parking' signs have been installed by the front gate.

**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	L2 S&C	L3	IA	Bronze	Silver	RYA II Powerboat
Chris Hopper					Y	Y	Y	
Penny Senior			Y 17		Y	Y	Y	
Julian Sondheimer					Y	Y		
Andy Mason					Y			
Geoff Peattie					Y			
Philippa Sondheimer					Y			
Debbie Blackmore		Y 12						
Charlotte Hook		Y						
Mary Thorne		Y						
Nic Feaver			C		Y 94			
Jon Garner		C 11						
Nick Dolman		C						
Annette Bartlett		Y 17						
Patsy Lamb		C 17						
Liz Gray	Y 17							
Ange Scott	Y 17							
Clair Ponting	Y 17							
Abi Shears	Y 17							
Andy Haines	?							B 2018
Jo Elliott	?							
Nick King								B 2018
Scott								B 2018

Key:

Y – qualified (+ year)

C – did the course but hasn't qualified yet

B – booked on course

(+year)

## **Results**

### **Maters Arising**

None

### **Junior Coordinators Report:**

#### **Nothing to report!**

Penny

### **ACRC Men's Squad Report 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

ACRC Men's Squad Report 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

It has been a slow start to 2018 due to too much rain, winter bugs and injuries. The F4- were due to race at Stourport Head. However, there was a cull of Masters entries on the (dubious) grounds that they were a health and safety risk in the cold weather!!! So Russell, Antony, Jim and Jon raced at the GRC Icicle Head instead and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, only being beaten by the GB Start 4- and the GRC 8+.

Our February races are Worcester Spring Head and Avon Spring Head.

### **Women's Squad Report, December 2017 & January 2018**

#### **Races**

No races to report but crews have been entered for Wycliffe, Worcester and Avon, and I am organising crews for Vesta and Glos.

#### **General**

Thank you to Debbie for organising a further coxing training session in January. To promote this as well as general self-reliance/turn-taking within the squad, several ladies have recently been practising their coxing skills in the explore boats with a view to moving onto the finer boats soon.

Thank you to Philippa for organising the talk on life jackets from the RNLI. It was very useful and illustrated the importance of looking after these jackets.

Written by: Patsy Lamb, Women's Squad Coordinator

### **Report of the Beginner Coordinator, Clair Ponting - January 2018**

Life starting to heat up now in the Beginners pond. All of waiting list contacted, not many replies so the majority will be wiped off as of 1 Feb, in advance of GPDR in May.

Dates have been set for the courses as below. I appreciate I'm being ambitious but I'm going to try to restrict numbers to 24/32 on the courses (max numbers are 48).

#### **Spring**

Taster 1	10/11 March	10.30am; 11.30am; 12.30pm (depending on numbers)
Taster 2	17/18 March	10.45am; 11.45am; 12.45pm (depending on numbers)

2 week break to enable full course fees to be paid (Easter is 31 Mar/1 Apr)

7/8 April	Full Course start	10.45; 12.00noon	
19 April	First evening session (Thurs)		6.30pm

Graduation day: 20 May

**Summer**

26/27 May Taster 1  
2/3 June Taster 2

1.5 week break to enable full course fees to be paid. 21/23/24 June Full Course

Graduation day: 26 July

**Autumn**

28/29 July Taster 1  
4/5 Aug Taster 2

1.5 week break to enable full course fees to be paid. 23/25/26 Aug Full course

Graduation day: 30 September

These dates have only been finalised since Thursday 25 Jan and already have 11 booked in for the Spring course without publishing on website. Also 2 booked in for the summer course.

Will look at last year's programme to make sure it is still relevant. Will be creating a checklist for people to tick things off as they do them so that it is clear to coaches what is missing. This will form part of the debrief at the end of every session.

Also as part of their course, I'm suggesting that helping out at the regatta is part of the course and that they should put the date in their diaries now as they will be called upon to help. Hopefully by doing this it will help when the call to arms comes for the other events.

Will be asking for coaching help shortly.



**Clair Ponting**  
**29 January 2018**

**Safety Report for January 2018**

**New reporting book** – I have rationalised the reporting books so that only simple capsizes are reported in the BR book and other accident reports are reported in a file with one page for each accident so that there is plenty of room for detail.

This seems to have totally discouraged people from having accidents of any sort.

I will update the list of accidents and capsizes for the next meeting.

**RNLI** – Gary from the RNLI visited on 20<sup>th</sup> January and gave a very interesting talk on pfd's in general and checking life jackets in particular. We always answer "no" to the Safety Audit Question "Do you keep a maintenance log" relating to pfd's. In future I will note that we do check all the life jackets each year and we don't need a log as we throw away defunct ones. We should perhaps remind ourselves of the vintages of the various life jackets.

**Emergency safety plan** – We have a copy of the GLR plan provided by Clive Pendry. I will review it, especially as we are starting to be asked about it in the context of events as well. I think the challenge will be to get a common-sense plan which is sufficiently succinct to avoid a possible disaster happening while the reader is still turning the pages.

Philippa

## **End December 2017 subs report for affiliation and January committee meeting**

### **Membership numbers for affiliation**

These are the numbers we have today declared; they are not very cheerful.

	Dec 2016	Dec 2017
Rowing seniors	125	117
Rowing juniors	61	52
Non-rowers	3	2
Other	8	0
Total	197	171

Sorry, I don't seem to have noted who last year's "other" people were.

We don't declare Vac students as we assume they are rowing elsewhere if at all.

I have not declared the Bath Spa people as we are assuming that they will declare their own members and we shall reimburse them. I am still struggling away trying to get them affiliated but we have finally got a Constitution for them.

### **Money**

Since the December meeting, some sorting out of the Bath Spa people has happened, and their contribution for November and December only is included below. The figures include rack rent.

Money due for FY to 31 March 2018      £38,690

Money collected                              £29,716

## **Joiners and Leavers and payment queries January 2018 from finalised Dec spreadsheet to be used for affiliation to BR**

### **Junior joiners**

Oliver Kingston

Tallulah Brady

### **Adult joiners**

Rebecca Strange

David Atkin

### **Leavers and payment queries December 2017 finalised spreadsheet**

James Dunkerley

mail to Debbie 8 Nov

Issy Boulton

mail to Penny 26 Nov, no Dec SO money

Megan Cooper

Penny says left

Charlie Cushing

Penny says left

Isabella Dellwhite

previously thought to have left but paid in Dec for this FY

Molly Duckett Noble

Penny says left

Rachael Fear

left, did 4 sessions then went silent

Ciara Gallagher

no SO money since Sep 2017, probably left says Patsy

Phoebe Lawton

no Dec SO money, Penny says probably left

Victoria Legge

stopped after LTR

Issy MacDonald

Penny says left

Julian Massie

no Nov 2017 SO money, Nic says left

Ellie Metcalfe

Penny says left

Amber Newman/Newton

Penny and Nic say she has left

Yasmin Phillips

never confirmed, probably left

Hannah and Sam Reeves

Penny says left

Nick Selman

Penny says left

Elizabeth Thallon

stopped after LTR

Laura Wilshire

left in the summer, says Patsy

### **Watch List, probably some year end glitches, or GCL start muddles**

Andy Davies

Josh Eckett

Pete Morris

not seen for 2 months

Ange Scott

Deborah Smith