



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford Monday, 4 April 2016, at 7:30pm

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

Apologies: Helen Willcox, Chris Browne, Parveen Jones, Liz Grey, Grace Bramer, Sallyanne Lewis

Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted.

Update Action List (attached)

Philippa to review the non-conformance items from the Safety Audit and report those that still need to be addressed.

Debbie to advertise Gudgeon in Rowing & Regatta. We had some interest from Devil's Elbow RC, who ultimately decided to buy Explore boats. Will also email Thames RC who might want it.

Reports (attached) –

Captain & Juniors – No matters arising

Men – No matters arising.

Women – No matters arising.

Novices – Many of the men we have had for taster sessions this time are too big for the Viruses. Those that do fit, do not seem to learn well in them. Options were discussed and it was decided to try putting the men straight into Explore boats.

Philippa is looking for someone to assume responsibility for running taster sessions and the Learn to Row programme, starting with the August sessions already scheduled.

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – Julian is the new SRC representative for ACRC. Someone is required to manage the Centre's booking calendar, however.

The 'doggie day care' people have gone silent, and are no longer replying to email. We are assuming they have found another location. No further action required.

We have been advised by Land Registry that the University have applied to register their sub-lease. Our lawyers are chasing Monkton to determine when they plan to registers theirs.

The Bodmans retention invoices is due shortly. We have invoices ready to send to UBBC and MNK for their share. We have asked Bodmans for a quote to gravel the upstream path between the hedges, where it gets particularly muddy.

Safety – no matters arising.

Events

Spring Head – A profit of £6-7k is anticipated. A visiting umpire suggested we look at automatic timing software and Julian and Jim will investigate. Next year's date is 25 February.

BAR – 14 May. All preparations in hand.

Avon Autumn – discussed running it as a 'big boats head' only. We'll try it this year and see how it works.

Annual Dinner – deferred discussion until next meeting

GB Trials Funding – will defer decision (and resulting documentation) until autumn, when we will better know the costs.

Finance/Subs (attached) – Decided to apply to WAGS for defibrillator funding (£400) and free weights (£600)

Website/Facebook – Debbie and Ivor will work on updating/streamlining the website. The plan is to limit information to who we are, where we are, how to join/learn to row, and our events. More topical/current information should be directed to the club Facebook page.

Debbie noted that a significant number of Committee Meeting minutes on the website are missing. Clair to forward any she may have. This is what is missing:

2006 – everything

2007 – Jan to July

2008 – everything but January

2009 – everything

2010 – Jan, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug

2010 – everything but October

New Members – JNR: Isabel Davies, Ellie Fraser, Jordan Harding, Jessica King, Kieran McCarthy, Katie Ross, Hamish Row FULL: Mike Carter

Any Other Business

Antony There is either a website/Facebook page where student coxes advertise their availability, should anyone need a cox for an event.

Penny Doncaster RC have fenced their site, despite local council objections. Citing potential liability issues with members of the public using their rafts. Will monitor how they get on.

Date and Time of Next - Monday, 9 May 2016, 7:30pm at Saltford Rowing Centre.

Avon County Rowing Club Committee Action List

	Action	Date	Who?	Status
Safety	Organise safety meeting with other clubs on Saltford reach Monthly report to committee please.	24/1/11	SL	
Safety	Implement some of the items on safety list of non-conformance – circulate again	13/2/12	SL	Started
Safety	Remind bow/cox/scullers to wear light clothing - RN	18/01/16	PSen	
Equip	Paint new sets of blades (rowing & sculling) – ask in RN – Debbie to ask Andy to advise	02/03/09	PL, RL	Started
Equip	Investigate Stewards Charitable Trust for junior equipment	26/3/12	PSen	
Equip	Order new riggers for Restricted 1X	28/7/14	PSen	
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	Emailed
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 mended	13/10/14	PSen	
Equip	Boats need cleaning	23/3/2015	All	
Equip	Sell Gudgeon – advertise at ASH	19/10/15	DB	
Equip	Victor 3 seat is broken	18/01/16		
Equip	Set up a spare set of sculling blade with short inboard	18/01/16	PSen	
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	Chase people who need DBS clearance – check with Shay	16/6/14	PSen	Started
Admin	Dig out Trust deed thingy	28/7/14	AC	
Admin	Apply for funding for defib	19/10/15	CP, DB	Started
Admin	SRC facebook page link – for RN	18/01/16		
Admin	Wesport club improvement thing	18/01/16		
Site	Rain water tank for West wing?	29/7/2013	AC	
Site	Clear near bridge foliage that gets clipped by trailers	07/12/15		
Site	Zapp puddle just inside gate	07/12/15		Complete
Coach	Need volunteer to help with JIU on Sunday - RN	23/3/2015	PJ	
Educ	Coaching education	07/12/15		
	Publicise Flood plan – facebook			
	Set up phone emergency list		HW	
	Carrier bag tax		LG	
	Update website with EA link		DB	
	Update website? Mail how to get to members area of website			
	Email Helen and Claire how to update website		PSen	
	Subs reminder		PSen	

Held:

Safety	Look for possible RIBs for safety boats	24/1/11	JD	Hold
Misc	Attend WAGS meetings. Next meeting is not until next year	8/10/07	All who can	
Misc	Change club to a limited company – hold for now			
Misc	Sort out moorings			

Complete:

Captains report:

Entries

Getting entries in on time for events is becoming more and more of a headache. Evesham Saturday (30th April) closed at the weekend (3 weeks early). Please make sure your crews are organised well in advance!

Equipment - repair

Penny has a new 7 'A' frame now.

The spares are all in the main boathouse now – although not exactly where they are going to stay as someone moved the filing cabinets ... along with the rest of the pile of stuff I ran out of time to sort through – I hope there was nothing useful in there! Once I am happy everything is where it staying I will make sure the cabinet drawers are clearly labeled.

Does anyone know how to break into a filing cabinet? We have one that is locked but no key!!!

Tom has some damage on the decking (where stroke steps to get in). As I will be doing laps to Janousek to retrieve boats, I intend to try to get it repaired there.

Equipment – purchase

Women's blades are ordered but will be a while as they don't have any suitable in stock. No news.

Accessible Rowing

Ella Willott has been in touch about a disabled woman who would like to try rowing. She has a spinal cord injury so would need a stable boat and a fixed seat.

Blade painting

Russel Lee has volunteered to paint blades but needs some help.

Dosh outstanding

Despite my many requests, there is still well over £1000 outstanding.

Coaching Beginners

This ran and the trainees have already put their training to good use!

Results

ASH

W IM3 8 Jess, Luran, Grace, Abbie, Laura B, Sam, Laura W, Rebecca coxed by Patsy

WEHOR 185/296

Matters Arising

Junior Coordinators Report:

GB Juniors

Carla was invited to Spring Assessment (where the GG junior team for Munich regatta is selected). She didn't get in the team but did well and moved up from her initial ranking. She will be racing at the small boats regatta towards the end of April.

Equipment

Esmond is lovely!

Dobby, Errol, Fluffy, Norbert, Pigwidgeon, Hedwig and Scabbers were collected by Phil Gregory (Janousek) on Thursday. We have a Rowing Foundation grant to help get them refurbished. The grant is half the cost of refurbishing the hulls but I am hoping we will be able to get the canvasses etc. done too – I have asked for a quote for both.

J16 camp was very useful (the kids didn't get on the water but that meant we did a lot of land training – and I learnt a lot!). We could really do with some kettlebells and dumbbells for the gym – and also a weights bench. I am looking for grants to apply for ...

Fund Raising Quiz night – Friday 11th March

The quiz night was great fun – and with the prize draw made almost £2000 – fantastic effort – and some really useful tips learnt along the way for future fund raising efforts.

Sculling Club

Has started and a steady stream of newbies are having a go.

Junior Beginners

23 junior beginners has a go over the w/e of 19th/20th March. Many of these came back for a second go last weekend and several have already joined.

Junior Coaches

We are short of coaching help for the juniors – I will be asking in RN if anyone would like to be involved on a regular basis.

Results

ASH

WJ16 2X Bria & Molly

WJ15 2X Phoebe & Scarlett

J17 2X Curtis, Nick

J14 2X Will, Charlie

J17 1X Nick

J15 1X Olivier

J14 1X Will

Junior Sculling Head

WJ18 4X- (bronze) Bria, Ellie, Molly, Carla

Mens Squad Report:

Racing:

HORR:

MasD8+ (adjusted time 22:11)

Composite with Gloucester MasE8+ (adjusted 19:23)

Thanks to Ivor and Robin for subbing last minute.

Mas 8+ intend to race at Head of the Dart.

Debbie's Nov Men intend to race at Evesham.

Crews etc:

Debbie's Nov Men are still very keen! They are now also rowing in a four and a quad.

When the new batch of Nov Men come through I'll will take them on!

Matters Arising: -

Women's Report

Racing –

Women's Head of the River; Patsy's crew coxed by Chris Brown (many thanks to him) completed the course in 22:41.

Gloucester – WmasB/C 8+ completed and completed the course 2 secs behind the winners, so close, but next time ladies!

Vesta; WMas D crew coxed by Julian (many thanks to him too) completed the course in 23:22 (adjusted time).

Lots of interest in Evesham and Avon County Regatta.

Crews etc. -

All going along nicely, however I believe changes are afoot with crews wanting to race in fours for the summer. Happy to accommodate and help people where I can.

River evening rowing starting 5th April. Hoping to train more people to cox.

Matters Arising – None

Beginner Report April 2016

Candidates and the market

The next LTR course began with taster sessions on 2nd and 3rd April. The stats are:

Date	Booked on	Turned up
Sat 2nd April	18	17
Sun 3rd April	14	14
Sat 9th April	6 Session One people	
Sun 10th April		

Some of the beginners are very determined and the market is competitive. Of my total of 60 ish enquiries, one who mailed ages ago and just missed our previous course has started at Minerva and another raced for Gloucester in our Spring Head!

A man who had signed up for a taster with us then said he wasn't coming as he wanted to do Ariel's April course.

But it does work the other way. Someone didn't want to wait for the City of Bristol course in June and has started with us - will he stay????

But we are full, we have not advertised (Minerva put an ad in the Chronicle) and I propose we carry on as we are.

Helpers

Thanks to Will Gray, Clair Ponting, Liz Gray, George , Jo Elliott, Grace Bramer and Ivor Blackmore who have volunteered to help with beginners. Thanks also to Chris Browne, Andy Mason and Russell Lee who were there on 2nd/3rd to help out and were particularly welcome since the stream was very fast and some of the beginners were struggling.

Next Course

Thinking about starting this in mid August instead of early August to fit in better with Olympics and life, though not with the end of evening rowing.

Issues for Committee

1. Should we have a different approach for men and women beginners? - for discussion, please.
2. I am happy to continue beginner coaching but it would be nice if someone else could take over (ideally from August but, if not, from next year) being in charge of admin, schedules etc

Philippa

April 2016

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB							
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 4 April 2016							
1. BANK BALANCE			This report (04/04/16)	Previous report (22/02/16)	Change		
	Interest rate						
Current account - General			9,792	5,350			4,443
Current account - Captain			4,990	4,990			0
Deposit account	0.05%		949	949			0
100 Club account			779	429			350
CAF Cash account			5,606	6,333			(726)
CAF Gold account	0.15%		776	776			0
Virgin Money account	1.00%		17,520	17,520			0
Total in bank			40,413	36,346			4,067
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/03/16							
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)							
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining			881	671			210
Debtors: Kit			98	98			0
Total entries & kit debtors			979	769			210
Debts incurred before 01/04/12 excluded.							
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT							
(excluding normal routine items)							
				Amount			
Avon Spring Head catering profit				1,139	income		
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME							
				Amount			
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)				2,000			
oars (8 women sweep)				3,192			
cox box				500			
digester				6,000			
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES							