



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

Minutes of Meeting

held at 35 Long St, Devizes, SN10 1NT
Monday, 4 February, 2013 at 7:30 pm

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

Apologies for Absence: Clair Ponting, Ivor Blackmore, Chris Brigden,
Action

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Action List – Reviewed and updated

Reports (all previously circulated)

Captain – No matters arising

Junior – No matters arising

Men – Phil Spencer may be interested in the L2 coaching course.

Women – Either Penny or Antony will get both VIII's, Albie and the broken junior quads to Janousek for rewiring before the Tideway heads.

Novice – Nothing to report

Safety – Nothing to report.

Welfare - CRB renewals underway.

Club Development/Lease – The University have finally agreed to the final draft of the project agreement. We are optimistic that all three parties will have signed off by mid-February, at which point work can commence (subject to British Rowing consent, which will be forthcoming upon their receipt of the signed project agreement). We will be required to pay the Duchy 25% of any gross rental income from the Dragon Boats; and 33.3% of net rental income from the proposed moorings.

It was noted that the Duchy have done a considerable amount of work on our behalf at no charge, for which we are very grateful.

Research is underway regarding racking solutions and surfacing

options for the grounds – specifically in the boating areas.

A portaloo will be required when demolition takes place.

The committee thanked Antony for his work to date on the development, and for his perseverance with the University.

Fundraising

The anonymous 'matching donation' will be made shortly, and another significant donation has been promised by Robin Garton.

Finance & Subs Reports (previously circulated)

The subs position is better than it was this time last year, and there are no large sub debts left outstanding.

Events

Head – The soft footing on site is a concern, which we will address by spreading the chippings from the trees that have been felled (as well as from the trees soon to be felled). Penny to source a tractor to be on standby on the day if the footing remains soggy – to haul trailers out of the field. Entries are now open on BROE.

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Regatta – Now that the construction timetable is clearer, the regatta committee will meet shortly.

Dragon Boats – Antony to contact them to see if they plan to run their regatta on our reach again this year.

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President's Dinner – 13 April. Ticket prices set at £28/person. Vice Presidents to be invited. Tickets will go on sale now. The postponed 100 Club Draw will take place at the dinner.

Explore Rowing Grant – Our application has been declined. We have put this to one side until the development is complete.

Admission of New Members – none

Safety Audit – This is in hand and progress will be noted in next year's report.

Any Other Business

More Heads – we are good at running Heads, and they make a healthy profit. After some discussion it was decided to try to schedule a junior/novice/novice masters head in November – to be run over a 1000m and possibly 2500m course. We would

like to investigate further the possibility of running a masters only head race the day after our Avon Head in March 2014.

Di Ellis Retirement – agreed to send a letter expressing our **PSond** thanks for her work over the years.

Boat Maintenance – agreed we need to discuss and formalise a boat purchase and maintenance plan after the development is complete.

**Next Meeting Monday, 11 March 2013
Solo Cottage, Keynsham
7:30 pm**