



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

**Committee meeting held at Saltford Rowing Centre, Saltford
Monday, 6 November 2017, at 7:30pm**

Present: Philippa Sondheimer , Julian Sondheimer, Antony Constantinidi, Debbie Blackmore, Patsy Lamb, Will Gray, Jim Dawson, Jon Garner, Penny Senior, Nic Feaver

Apologies: Helen Willcox, Clair Ponting

Minutes of Last Meeting – approved and adopted

Update Action List (attached) – Snow White now mended. UBBC newbies are not as much of a problem as in previous years, so item can be removed. O/S dosh balance is slowly coming down.

Reports (attached)

Captain – No matters arising

Juniors – No matters arising

Men – No matters arising

Women – A round of applause was offered in acknowledgement of Philippa's win at the Rhine Marathon in a composite 80 with her Civil Service colleagues.

Beginners – No matters arising

Boathouse Management Committee Issues – MNK and UBBC have now approved the work on the track under the railway tunnel. Antony will organise the dates.

Agreed to purchase three 1400mm high x 1800mm wide acoustic screens and ask the Boathouse Management Committee to assist with the cost. Philippa will order.

We agreed to install signage at the top gate banning unauthorised parking both in the drive and the field.

When the Canoe Avon sign is ready they are to let us know and we'll install it in place of the Explore Rowing sign.

Safety – Night Rowing – After a short discussion examining the pros and cons, it was decided that night rowing would be possible from a safety point of view but that the quality of the outing would not make it worthwhile. Night rowing not going ahead.

Safety Policy – Philippa circulated suggested additions to risk assessment. Unanimously agreed these are to be added to club risk assessment. And Debbie will add them to the event risk assessment, and circulate to Jim & Geoff.

Life Jackets – The RNLI offer a free life jacket safety check, with some training as well, which Philippa suggested we might like to book. Antony pointed out the RNLI couldn't inflate them for the necessary 24 hours to ensure they are not leaking air. However, Antony already does this and gas canister checks annually. Philippa will contact the RNLI and ask what they do and what audience they need.

Events – Avon Autumn – CART boat won't be coming until sometime after Christmas so we'll need to do some clearing and buoing of obstacles on the straight before the race. Will and Debbie to do this at the weekend. Penny to send Fiona a list of juniors who are able to help. We have 83 entries at the moment and Philippa has sent out a reminder.

Avon Spring – The first planning meeting was on Sunday. Thinking of inserting an additional long division for scullers only, to reduce their waiting time. The event would have the same number of boats competing, with the number of boats/division being reduced accordingly. Ivor is looking into whether it is feasible in terms of volunteer shift changes.

Bristol Avon Regatta – no news

UBBC Head – 6th December. Their race manager has approached Jim for assistance.

Monkton Bluefriars – Julian Bewick has asked for a 'What is the Future of the Monkton Head' meeting, to include a review of the financial incentive for AVN's considerable assistance. The new treasurer wants to streamline things. Suggestions to date include the possibility of AVN applying to Bluefriars for a grant for match-funding a new junior boat (for example). Julian Bewick is also looking at the man-hour input from AVN and possibly working out a financial return based on that number.

Bath Spa Uni – Their constitution is still not sorted out, so they can't be affiliated yet. They are governed by our constitution at the moment. Penny reports that their coaches are doing a really good job.

Finance/Subs (attached) – We have paid for the three new boats, the swingulator and the refurbishment of some junior oars. O/S dosh is under control. The Duck Race was a very successful fund-raiser. Dobby & Hedwig have been repaired - £1000 to be invoiced shortly

New Members (August and September) – Full: Clare Crossley, Shane Cameron, Hugh Kenyon, Catherine Neary, Wendy Prince, Christine Wright, Elizabeth Thallon, Emma Vincent, Steven McCarthy, Jacqueline Walker, Victoria Legge, Pip Burrows, Kieran Mulvaney, Pete Morris, Daniel Prescott, Frankie Tuck, Joanna Hunt

Juniors: Finley Feaver, Imogen Scott, Megan Cooper, Ellie Sweet

Any Other Business – Penny – welcomed Will Gray to the committee

Nic – Has found a Stampfli 90-100kg 1x for sale in Gloucestershire. It's 7 years old and is offered at £3500. A new Janousek is £4600 with our discount and the committee agreed to purchase a 1x Janousek (100kg) instead.

Rather than purchase new blades at the moment, Nic will regear the men's blades and label them accordingly to indicate for which type of boat they should be used.

Philippa– The WAGS AGM is 26 November in the clubroom. Both the Chair (Phil Clements) and Deputy Chair (Jane Turner) are standing down. If anyone is interested, do let Philippa know.

Annette thinks there might be takers for another launch driving course. Penny will ask in RN and, if there is sufficient interest, we'll book the fellow who comes to the club and uses our launches for the training.

Southwest Rowing offered a boat maintenance course at Glos RC. There was no interest at this time in doing the same.

River Avon Users Group– want to set up a database of riparian owners. Antony has given the names to the group twice already (via Graham Hockley and Jane Turner). CART have done a riverbank survey down to Hanham, although we know nothing about this.

Antony –Mike Smith has had a look at Vengeance with a view to some basic sprucing up. We unanimously agreed that if the work involved can be done in a couple of days, it is worth doing. Antony will ask Mike what he thinks needs doing and if it can be done in the time frame suggested.

Moorings – Darrell says he has the man lined up to start the work on the bank.

Date and Time of Next – Monday, 11 December 2017 at 7:30pm

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 mended	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		
Equip	Shorten all yellow/white/brown sculling blades	19/06/17	PSen	
Equip	Look at Snow White	19/06/17	AC	Started
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	Ask BR to negotiate boat licenses	03/10/16	Psond	Asked
Admin	Look through new members list and sort out muddles	03/10/16	CP, PSen	Started
Admin	Chase junior forms – see joiners & leavers note	13/12/16	PSen	
Admin	Update kids contact list	3/04/17	PSen	Started
Admin	Put gudgeon on eBay	19/06/17		
Admin	Chase UBBC re crash	19/06/17	PSen, AC	Started
Admin	Be more severe about insurance	19/06/17	JS	
	Talk to UBBC re newbies			
	Ask if there is a plasterer in club?			
	Head lease?			

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	

Complete or no longer needed:

Safety	Organise a safety session for parents	09/05/16	Pascale	
Equip	Get trailers serviced – not needed	19/06/17	AC	
Equip	Sell Gudgeon – advertise at ASH	19/10/15	DB	Started
	Write reports for AGM			Complete
	Coaches supper		DB	Organised

Captains report:

Equipment - Repair

The broken women's scull (red/white/blue) has been repaired and the original 'Project Oarsome' macon sculls have all been re-sleeved. The broken Dreher scull is more difficult as Dreher are impossible to get hold of to get spares so Nick is going to see if he can mend the head rather than replace it.

Snow White has been repaired but has since got a problem with its shoulder which is now being looked at.

Albie and Penny have both had new amplifier/rate wiring at the cox's end of the boat.

There are problems with the Eton engine too.

Equipment – new

The 3 boats have all been ordered and are in production.

Outstanding Dosh

Still over £2000 outstanding, sigh.

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
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		C 17					
Patsy Lamb		C 17					
Liz Gray	Y 17						
Ange Scott	Y 17						
Clair Ponting	Y 17						
Abi Shears	Y 17						
Andy Haines	?						
Jo Elliott	?						

Key:

Y – qualified (+ year) C – did the course but hasn't qualified yet B – booked on course (+year)

Results

World Masters Rowing Champs

E2- Jon and Russel

Matters Arising

None

Junior Coordinators Report:

Newbies

Trying to sort out those that have actually joined and those that have decided not to (but don't have the courtesy to mention it).

Technical sculling camp

This was very much enjoyed by those that attended.

I may run another camp at half term.

Capsize drill

This was reasonably well attended – thanks to all who helped.

End of Season Duck race and barbeque – September 30th

This was great fun and a good fund raiser (almost £700 raised).

Results

Matters Arising

None

ACRC Men's Squad Report 2nd October 2017

Stourport Regatta all the way back in August saw Jon G and Russell T win E2-. Will, Bob, Mike D and Mike C with Kieran coxing E4+ made it to the final with a good row in their heat.

Wow Wow WOW! FISA Masters in Bled were a fantastic end to the regatta season with Jon G and Russell winning E2-. Antony and Russell both came 2nd in their F1x finals. Russell T, Antony, Jim and Jon G came 3rd in F4x-. Antony and Russell t came 4th in F2x. Jim came 5th in H1x and in their F4- they came 6th. A wonderful set of results for ACRC, the Boys did us proud.

Next stop on the way to World Domination by Russell, Antony, Jim and Jon G with the rest of the squad hopefully following their lead, will be Worcester SB Head, Monkton Bluefriars and the Pairs Head all this Month.

Most of the guys who want to race, and turn up to squad sessions, are in crews now. The Beginners are enjoying improving their rowing and sculling and we have had a few experienced rowers from other clubs swell our ranks, so all looking rosy for the Head Season. We just need younger boats for greater crew weight than the club currently has....

Women's Squad Report, August & September 2017

Races

Philippa, Fiona, Ruth and Jo H represented Avon County Women's Squad at Bled this year, in a quad and double. There was very positive feedback regarding their experience and aspirations are already in gear for World Masters 2019.

The women's squad didn't attend Stourport in August.

Congratulations to the women who culminated their Learn to Row experience by racing at Upton (reflected in Beginner's report).

A quad, coxed quad, and coxed four (possibly two) are entering Monkton.

General

The squad meeting was well attended. Crews have/are being formed for the head season ahead. Land training has started but will only run on a Tuesday this year. Some but not all blades were painted...before we ran out of paint/drying opportunities.

Some of the women have asked about a boat maintenance course...is this possible?

Written by: Patsy Lamb, Women's Squad Coordinator

Report of the Beginner Coordinator, Clair Ponting October 2017

Since the last meeting, and as reported at the AGM on Saturday, one of the 3 crews I took to Upton Regatta on 10 September won - in dramatic style. We made headlines in the local news where more was made of our win rather than the winners of the main event due to the first final finishing in a deadheat and rerow which we managed to win by half a length. So congrats goes to Steve, Tim, Pete and Emma coxed by Kieran.

The other 2 crews of all ladies really enjoyed themselves and whilst some were disappointed with the results they were (and so was I) very pleased with their performances which have been captured on video (by one of our supporters) if anyone is interested in viewing it.

Maybe I will go back to Upton after all next year - see if we can win!!!

Having handed over 7 men and 8 women to their coordinators last weekend I'm going into my fallow time of year. That said I'm getting 2-3 enquiries a week for courses so it looks like we should be able to run 3 sessions next year, if I organise it correctly and the Coordinators can cope with numbers being handed over at the end of it.

During my downtime from the LTR between now and January I will be able to update my info sheets for the website, plan for the 3 sessions next year and recruit my helpers. Will look to market the courses on the website around beginning of January.

I will also send emails to all those on the 'waiting list' to cleanse the list from those not interested so that we are Data Protection compliant when the new regulations come in around April 2018. This email will need to state that 'if we haven't heard from them by x date, they will be removed from our database of those interested in rowing so that we are complaint with new Data Protection Regulations'. So that we don't fall foul of the rules we have to ask everyone to opt out of receiving information, as I understand it but I know in the coming weeks I'm having a training course on the subject so will know more about what is involved. I believe that as a membership organisation we have to contact all those who we have details for and ask them if they wish to remain on our database – again I will know more shortly as with a membership of 4000 at work it will affect us greatly soon. Watch this space.

Safety Report for Committee October 2017

Incidents 2017/8

Incidents since the AGM Report i.e. since 31 July 2107

Date	Description	Reported online by club
13.8.17	09:50 alongside Tutum (wide beamed boat). Lister (LTR) in Virus. Frightened of hitting Tutum, got close, took left hand behind and let go of blade, tried to catch blade, lurched and fell in. Swam back to pontoons, got back in and continued session.	9373 29/9
15.8.17	Top of straight. Tristan McCarthy in Fang fell in (beginner)	9372
15.8.17	Regatta finish. Laura Morris in Hedwig. Fell in turning round (beginner)	9374
24.8.17	08:30 half way up straight between 500 and 750. Antony Constantinidi and Russell Thornton in Storm vs MIN W2x in Juturna. MIN travelling downstream along railway side bank – head on – no warning.	9376 29/9
30.8.17	13:50 opposite rafts. Jonah Willits in Norbert fell in doing roll ups	9378
31.8.17	At 11:00 opposite rafts. Henry Bennett in MNK 1x fell in doing drills	9380
1.9.17	am opposite rafts. Poppy Fraser in Sharon fell in doing drills	9384
1.9.17	Opposite rafts. Will Hall-Haines in Errol fell out doing drills	9385
10.9.17	11:15 Imogen Clements (novice) in Hedwig and Nat Gunning in Charlotte Land. Imogen on wrong side of river trying to correct her position. Nat came past and his blade ran over Hedwig's bow and broke off splashboard. No other damage.	9379 29/9
10.9.17	At 10:45 at rafts. Harriet Argent and Eleanor Hawkins capsized while getting into Unity. No damage or injury.	9386

12.9.17	200m upstream of boathouse. Barge turned into path of eight. Stroke blade under barge, Cox (Sal Lewis) jumped out to avoid getting hit. No damage.	9382
24.9.17	09:30, 400m up straight. Robin Wood in Keith Trivett (2-) and Debbie Blackmore in Crabbe (2x). Alongside collision with pair proceeding upstream and double down. Pair on bow side of double. Crabbe slightly damaged bow.... Illegible	9383 29/9

Issues

The Safety Alert on 5th September was about collisions and I asked for it to be circulated via RN.

The new adults had the Safety briefing (inc discussion of capsized poster) on 2 September.

Philippa (28 Sep 2017)

Report to Committee re subs etc November 2017

The bank statement emerges on 8th of the month so the figures below are to 8th October.

Subs and Membership

Subs "forecast" - £38969

Subs collected - £21564

Membership – Club 196 (target 215)

BR 121 (target 155)

GoCardless

Currently, 53 members are paying by DD.

For GCL payments and fees, please see separate statement.

Philippa

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB							
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 6 November 2017							
1. BANK BALANCE							
	Interest rate	This report (06/11/17)	Previous report (02/10/17)	Change			
Current account - General		15,565	45,284	(29,719)			
Current account - Captain		1,547	4,491	(2,944)			
Deposit account	0.03%	949	949	0			
100 Club account		1,054	1,054	0			
CAF Cash account		5,208	6,243	(1,035)			
CAF Gold account	0.05%	777	777	0			
Virgin Money account	0.50%	17,717	17,717	0			
Total in bank		42,819	76,517	(33,697)			
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 08/10/17							
There are also accounts for ACRC events: HSBC (all except Bristol Avon Regatta), NatWest (Bristol Avon Regatta)							
Debtors: Entries & gym/landtraining		1,049	1,136	(87)			
Debtors: Kit		409	425	(16)			
Total entries & kit debtors		1,458	1,560	(102)			
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT							
(excluding normal routine items)							Amount
Boats (W4x- Andrew Barton, M4x-/4- Antony Constantinidi, J2x Nymphadora)							33,479
Duck race							700
Renovations to oars							1,271
Swingulator (incl 2 ergo front-ends)							3,100
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME							
							Amount
oars (4 sets Junior sculling)							2,000
							2,000
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES							