



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## Minutes of Meeting

held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham on  
Monday, 7 January 2013

Present: Antony Constantinidi, Penny Senior, Julian Sondheimer, Debbie Blackmore, Philippa Sondheimer, Helen Willcox

Apologies for Absence: Clair Ponting, Ivor Blackmore, Chris Brigden, James Dawson

### Action

**Minutes** - The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**Action List** – Reviewed and updated

### Reports (all previously circulated)

**Captain** – Penny to arrange for stumps from recently-felled trees to be removed. PSen

We will try to reschedule the Pudding Head for Easter, with a new title of Egg Head!

Penny to get a quote for the removal of the riverbank trees so work can commence on the 5<sup>th</sup> pontoon. This cost to be shared by UBris and Monkton. PSen

**Junior** – no matters arising

**Men** – no matters arising

**Women/Novice** - no matters arising

**Safety** – Safety audit reviewed and plans made for the items we are prepared to address.

**Welfare** - Some CRB's have expired, and Penny is chasing up the renewals.

**Club Development/Lease** – The revised forms for the BR grant were considered, and the committee approved their submission and authorised Penny and Antony to sign the legally-binding Form 9.

Sport England require further information from us to finalise the novation of the joint grant to ACRC's name. Once the information is submitted, we will receive the grant letter in our name. The committee considered the terms of the Sport

England grant and agreed to accept the terms. The Project Agreement remains unsigned. Antony is chasing the Finance Director at UBris daily to try to complete this document so work can, at last, begin.

### **Fundraising**

£5,900 has been received during the 'matching period', with further pledges that should bring the total to £10,000 – which will be matched by an anonymous donor. Various committee members are chasing up the pledges.

### **Finance & Subs Reports (previously circulated)**

Noted that the decking & barrel costs for the raft, as well as the Oarsport megaphone cost should be included in the creditors totals.

### **Events**

Head – Volunteers are being recruited. We will indicate on the invitation to race documents that the site will be under construction and ask participants to bear with us.

President's Dinner – Waiting for confirmation from Albie that 16 March is a convenient date for him.

**Explore Rowing Grant** – Nothing to report. No reply from BR yet.

**British Rowing Coaching Position** – We have received a letter from BR advising that they will no longer be offering coaching support to the club. They have offered 2 free places on a UKCC L2 coaching course, which we will accept, and onwardly offer to 4 participants at the usual 50/50 shared cost.

DB

We discussed various ways of having Simon Wilson continuing to coach the crews with whom he is currently working. It was agreed that those crews who wish to have this coaching will need to make a contribution toward the cost.

### **New Members**

Junior – Katie Brennan

**Sport England Grant/Change to Club Rules** – Having taken legal advice, the committee resolved that:

The Club Rules should be supplemented by the addition of the following Rule[a1] 1.4: "The Management Committee shall have the power to borrow money, and to charge the whole or any part of the property belonging to the Club as security for repayment of the money borrowed or as security for any

grant"; and  
by deleting the heading of Rule 1 and replacing it with the following:

"Management Committee: Appointment, Disqualification, Roles and Powers";

and in accordance with section 1.4.2 of the Club's constitution this supplemental Rule should be notified for the members of the Club and presented for confirmation by all the members of the Club at the next Annual General Meeting.

### **Any Other Business**

We are discussing plans to accommodate the Dragon Boat club on site, either partially in the West Boathouse or with a fenced enclosure.

Once we have a commencement date for the building works, we will put 'Apologies for our Mess' notices through our neighbours doors, with contact information should anyone wish to complain. DB

**Next Meeting Monday, 4 February  
35 Long Street, Devizes, SN10 1NT  
(map will accompany agenda!)**