



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT SOLO COTTAGE, STOCKWOOD VALE, KEYNSHAM, BS31 2AW
AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 25 JULY 2011

Present: Penny Senior ("PSen"), Keith Saunders ("KS"), Jim Dawson ("JD"), Julian Sondheimer ("JS"), Philippa Sondheimer ("PSond"), Antony Constantinidi ("AC"), Veronica Rodriguez ("VR"), Ian Vickery (IV), Clair Ponting ("CLP")

Apologies: Alastair Watson ("AW"), Simon North ("SN"), Chris Hopper ("CH")

Item

PSen opened meeting at 7.35 pm by welcoming everyone.

1 Apologies

As above.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes had been circulated by email.

Pg2 Salford should be amended to Saltford

Pg3 It has taken 2 months to get this far and not going to take a further 2 months from here.

Pg6 Banned from Docks should be replaced with 'it was understood that it was alleged ...'

Minutes adopted.

3 Matters arising/Action List

Raft painting. Somebody had fallen through a hole in the raft, hurt ankle but it was recovering now. Our raft is probably too wet at the moment to paint but could paint a thin piece of wood and then attach this to the raft edge.

Wiring – Simon and Peter have created a wiring meaning kit.

CH had talked to Chris Blunt who didn't think a concrete 'raft' was a very good idea!

River markers – only the 250m needs to go up.

Sign – JD had put the waterproof crayon idea on the back burner.

Alarm company forms had been completed in order to transfer to the new company.



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Subs debtors – working through list.

Avon boatnumbers nearly done, P Sen was chasing private people, Tom and John Hodge were still in need of numbers.

Reviewing subs for next year – Increase from £18 to £20; Student £10; Junior £9. This is a proposal. The club has not raised subs for 4 years.

JD prepared documents for circulation, AC to do his bits, diagrams to go on website. P SOND will remove all pictures to make the document smaller in order for it to be circulated to members.

JS to upload diagrams to website.

Nomination for ARA National Coach of the Year: Jeremy.

Monkton Day – dinner in evening (8th October), speaker possibly Steve Williams JD to organise. P SOND was seeing JMB and Gordon Raey on Thurs will ask about possibility of speaking. CLP will email last year's post to P SOND. 3 courses £22.

BBQ – CLP going through developments, saying approached bakers and butchers about providing food. RL had a BBQ if we could collect it. It was decided on a bring-your-own food for the BBQ 14th August, Sunday, 12.00 ready to cook, need balloons, plates and napkins.

Training camp not happening.

HORR Committee replacement for GP but nothing going on at present.

4 Reports

Captain

Report circulated by email. It has been a busy time with locks and pontoons. Blades – do we buy Dreher or not? Dreher and Crokers are very different but just need time in the boat to get used to them. The ones we had tried were very impressive. They are more expensive than Concept 2. Keith tried yesterday but didn't like the handles, are they one piece? Maybe worth paying a bit more, sculls more pressing, Dreher may be better due to delaminating of existing blades although they are 12 years old! Buy 4 sets at around £2k.

Men's Coordinator

None.

Women's/Novice Coordinator

Emailed report. Novice win for Tony's crew, Jessie has dropped out as doesn't really want to row. It appears the crew is breaking up. James Camp maybe able to assist with coaching.



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Beginners are lurking and eventually becoming members, 8 from yesterday. LTR course programme pilot course coxing part. Experience crew with a novice cox.

Scheduling beginners around JTU 10.30-11.30 Becky happy to help, also Juniors to help out beginners. Any disabled rowers – assess case by case but usually refer to Sarah or to Gloucester.

Junior

Report emailed. Nothing further.

Safety Advisor

AW would be standing down at the AGM.

Welfare Officer

None

Equipment

None.

5 Club Development/Lease

AC had management meeting with Monkton and Uni re structure of company limited by guarantee. Uni will not countenance a company limited by guarantee.

How best to do it? Financially capital costs 2:2:1 (us being the 1).

Operate whole site as a whole or possibly split site if not agree.

There are two leases top field and our site. Sharing all costs and revenue.

Approached Nick Mould in writing for Duchy confirmation. Waiting for a reply.

Simon Hinks of Uni gone back to draftsman to reflect what was discussed at meeting.

JD and AC seen two shed manufacturers – expensive, 2 concrete slabs were the most expensive bit £400,000 two boathouses concrete and nothing inside.

David Gibson has plans and will give a quote.

Planning registered now as there was sign up by the gate. BANES people have been down to have a look at the trees, they are diseased and dangerous and so should come down.

A general discussion ensued regarding divisions and cake portions!

Uni has £360k worth of pledges from parents but nothing as yet from the Uni



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itself. Monkton had raised £100k in the first day believed to be in the region of £400k now, we need to provide £150k.

6 Fundraising

AW take up fundraising as would be more interesting.

IV suggested using top field for car boot sales.

7 Finance Report (Including Subs)

Subs forecast £20k

Lots more members than last month. Will mail CLP with new members names.

Interest growing on 90 day account. Debtors were going up because of the time of year and events.

Impending major expenditure, AC had given JS something from Architect re: site clearance.

The Launch engine needed to be replaced. A second hand Honda 10 Longshaft, a new one would cost £2k.

Committee gives go ahead to JS to change insurance company if necessary and sensible to change.

8 Events

Head

None

Regatta

There had been an email from RL regarding an auction of a trophy taking place in at Aldriges regarding a 1849 Bath City Regatta trophy. The trophy was rather disappointing although embossed it was not particularly a good embossing and was only 6inches high so the reserve was quite high for it. Decided not to bid for it.

Social

Previously discussed.

9 Boathouse and surrounds

In Captain's Report.

10 Admission of New Members

None

11 AGM

This will take place on Friday 23rd September at Saltford Hall at 7.30 pm. Subscriptions increase. Racking fee no increase. Wording for constitutional changes to incorporate Explore. Categories of members one for current member with occasional paddle say £10 per month, use captain's discretion?



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Smoking – not happy about smoking on site, put up sign's on the boathouse. Committee agreement to a formal notice of Club.

No changes to VPs.

JD, AC and KS give apologies for AGM.

KS has been president for 30 years this September and believes that with the developments afoot that he should step down and proposed AC for the role as President. AC explained that he was very busy at the moment.

Boathouse fund – launch by fundraising committee, need up to £200k.

12 Any Other Business

SN (via CLP) – Spares for boats – this was in hand.

SN (via CLP) – Working weekend – this would be for the new committee to organise.

VR will forward a picture of Gabby who recently won a Gold Medal for the website and newsletter.

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

AGM – Friday 23rd September at Saltford Hall, 7.30 pm.

The meeting then closed at 9.50 pm