



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held via Zoom

Monday 6 June 2022, 7.45pm

Present: Clair Ponting (CP), Jim Dawson (JDw), Jane Day (JDy), Jon Garner (JG), Will Gray (WG), Tim Grice (TG), Kim Pennelegion (KP), Penny Senior (PSen), Philippa Sondheimer (PSon), Julian Sondheimer (JSo)

Apologies: Angie Scott (AS), David Atkin (DA), Antony Constantinidi (AC), Lynne Miller (LM), Marian Lovell (ML)

1. Minutes of last meeting –

Approved and adopted

2. Update on Action list –

ACTIONS pre 21/3/22 meeting	STATUS
Mirrors – gym ML to mark up railings, JDw/AC to fix railings once new fixings have been delivered	Electrical sockets have been moved, tape is now on the walls indicating where mirrors are to be installed. Runners and screws in cupboard understairs. Action: JDw to install mirrors
All to consider options/volunteer to assist with dealing with rubbish/recycling Bins – PSen will do further web research into options for bins solution that are more organised than our current provision.	WG has spoken to UoB re students' rubbish, happy for bins to be placed in Bristol boathouse and they deal with their own rubbish. Plan to also put a bin into Monkton boathouse and ours; this will hopefully have positive results Action: WG to sort out bins in various boathouses Update: Bins have been removed from clubroom, men's changing room and outside the erg room. Bins remain in the WCs (top of stairs) and ladies changing room, plus a small bin in kitchen area for tea bags. Monkton happy to remove their rubbish; Uni Bristol also OK with new arrangement ML to produce laminated notices.
BMC Secretary role – JDy no longer has capacity for this, having taken over Women's Co-ordinator role.	Action: PSen to advertise BMC secretary role on RNs. Action: JDy to speak to K Dawson – but may be more appropriate for ACRC Sec role. Update: Role has been advertised in RNs
ACTIONS FROM 21/3/22 MEETING	STATUS
Go Row – There is a specific role for an individual to take the Go Row Programme forward, someone with a business head who knows how to progress this.	No progress with ideas for who can take this forward. Action: PSen to add to RNs.
Safety – New RowSafe draft document	Not issued yet. Action: PSon/JG to look at drafted RowSafe document



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<p>Coaching and sports plan – Paid coaching – JG to prepare further information about paid coaching.</p>	Ongoing
ACTIONS FROM 9/5/22 MEETING	STATUS
<p>Boat damage 'Vicky Land' and 'Andy Mason' – AM to be returned to Janousek for repair, VL may also need to be returned. Will need Janousek to look at both boats before we know about potential insurance claims.</p>	Both boats are back at Janousek. VL minor repairs, hull repainted. AM – we have not yet received a quote for that repair.
<p>Competition for womens crews at events WAGS/women co-ordinator Whatsapp group may provide a suitable forum for discussions about competition, categories to enter.</p>	Action: JDy exploring with other co-ordinators, has spoken to Minerva so far.
<p>Boathouse Management Committee New track – stone from gate to between the boathouse.</p> <p>Solar panels – more information required, plus discussion with Russell</p>	<p>The levelling and re-stoning of the track and area between the boathouses is planned for late July early August subject to either MCS or UBBC objecting to the quote of just under £4000 inc vat .</p> <p>Action: AC/JG to explore further solar panel details.</p>
<p>Bristol Avon Regatta Review required of the whole process to identify how to improve it. Whilst fresh in our memory, a list to be created of discussion points for review by a smaller sub-committee</p>	PSen has drafted list of discussion points for review and circulated to a number of relevant individuals. This will be discussed in full at an appropriate point.
<p>Finances Shoes – we need to place a big shoe order, need to think about our requirements as sizing and quality differs with manufacturers.</p>	<p>A number of requirements were discussed. 'Antony' needs a 10 and 11; both TG and JDy will check boats to determine what is needed.</p> <p>Action: All to consider shoe requirements and confirmed with PSen</p>
<p>First Aid Course Are the Canoe Club putting on a first aid course in the near future?</p>	JG has booked himself onto a 1 st Aid Course as no planned courses through the Canoe Club.
<p>Rowing Squad meeting Previous meeting with TG/JDy/JG/PSen/CP useful for discussing rowing and squad-related issues.</p>	Ongoing
<p>Blades There may be issues with some of women's sculling blades, need to identify which are problematic to determine how to resolve.</p>	<p>Set of women's blades with delaminating spoons have now been re-headed. Back in the rack but need to be painted. Action: JDy to identify issue with women's blades</p> <p>Men's Dreher blade – may be repairable, spare may be available in boathouse. If handle needs replacing this may be more difficult.</p>
<p>Noticeboards Out of date and need to be updated</p>	Derek Walker has "volunteered" to sort out the committee pictures on the notice board but this should probably wait till the AGM
COMPLETED:	
Coxboxes –	



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<p>Connection in 'Penny Senior' is different, may be able to change the connection at the coxes' end</p> <p>To review 'Clanger' – if not working, PSen to send back</p> <p>'Confused' – if this is unrepairable, to purchase new coxbox</p>	<p>2 broken coxboxes have come back, "Confused" has been replaced.</p> <p>Noted that there is another cox box not working – you need to keep downward pressure to keep it in. All to help identify which one this is and confirm with PSen.</p> <p>2 charging sockets – next to Bay 3. Right hand socket has been problematic – needs to be checked by others and if a problem, needs repairing.</p>
<p>To carry forward to September 2022 meeting:</p>	
<p>Welfare – ML to organise some overview training to ensure everyone is up-to-date with current guidance</p>	<p>Action: ML to organise training re Welfare</p>

3. Reports

Captains – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

Discussion surrounding the (to be vacant) Club Captain position and whether there is an opportunity to have a Deputy position for succession planning.

The coaching L2 club course which finished a couple of weeks ago, there are a couple who have already had their assessment.

Men –

TG raised his concern about the men's' squad and the negative impact of having little technical coaching opportunities for the squad to develop. Without a development plan in place, numbers are going down and there is no inducement to those that are engaging with the club. TG doesn't feel that he has the technical abilities to provide the level of support that is necessary, needs coaching/development for the men to be more defined. JG is currently working on the coaching plans, will be discussed when finalised.

JDy outlined her discussions with Minerva who are experiencing similar issues with squad numbers within the Women's senior crews. A suggestion was raised about possibilities of having composite 8s if we both have 4s/quads going to the same event.

AC/PSen and JG are in discussion regarding Sports plan. Men's numbers are small, difficult to make a consistent crew. We need to look at our squads and how we augment the men's squad. CP has been doing a brilliant job bringing in new members to the club but we are losing some. We need to get the core built up, over time and make sure that people who come off LTR are given best opportunity to transition into the squads, with coaching – not necessarily paid coaching – a development plan and show them that it is worth staying at Avon County.

L Sarti is now back for the next couple of months, CP to liaise with LS to progress LTR transition plans. Coaching needs to be drilled into specific technical development and continuous.

Action: CP to liaise with LS

In the meantime, to continue developing ideas about options for paid coaching. PSen in favour but recognises that there are challenges – expectations for the coach



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and those that are being coached. PSen strongly supports the planning committee work, ready to help in any way possible.

PSen will be assessing 2 or 3 of the coaching course – 2 from Bath Uni might be potentially interesting as paid coaches in future. PSen to be included in any development meetings for future.

Action: JG to include PSen in development meetings

Women – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

JDy has started to contact local clubs to discuss opportunities for competition. Intention was to better understand local clubs/competition so that we could potentially match crews and have competition. This conversation evolved with Minerva with their suggestion of composite crews. JDy is awaiting reply from Mens' Masters co-ordinator at Minerva and will speak to Ariel.

Deep Clean scheduled for this weekend, thanks to WG to volunteering. JDy will continue to encourage women to sign up.

Socials – contacted Flourish about a Sat evening event. Flourish have confirmed that whilst they do not have events, they have asked whether we have any volunteering opportunities for their staff.

Social rowing – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

PSen has volunteered to be the BR Regional Recreational rep.

Beginners – Circulated prior to report. All going well, aside from struggling with support for help. CP is emailing out regularly for support, with little success. Everyone wants to row, but nobody wants to help progress the beginners.

CP to write a paragraph for RNs – PSen to put a call out to see if net can be made wider.

Action: CP to draft paragraph for RNs, PSen to circulate

Warwick is a possibility for the beginners this year, if this goes ahead, CP to hand this over to LSarti. (Warwick dates ~20 August).

Juniors – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

Go Row Indoor – nothing to report

Volunteer co-ordinator – nothing to report

We did agree that people who left should get a letter. That is not appropriate in every person. PSen will draft a letter to S Lake.

Events - Redeemable refreshments vouchers for volunteers were discussed – whilst there is a cost to use, there is a huge benefit if this helps increase the number of volunteers and retain them. PSen view - happy to try it but not sure it would make any difference at all. Most people would probably want to pay and support the club. To try at this at the next event.



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4. Boathouse Management Committee

New winch for RiB trailer has been ordered, if successful we will replace the one on the Eton in due course.

AC currently liaising with the Duchy re the removal of illegal moorers.

Separately the Duchy are taking advice on VAT to see if they are able to remove this element from the head lease rent after the 10-year period following the redevelopment.

5. Welfare

Nothing to report

6. Safety Report – Circulated prior to meeting, see below.

Need to capture the Lush complaints and the RTA. JG and PSON to discuss. We have not had any follow up from police or insurers, it would appear that it has been dealt with as a RTA.

Dreher blades – incident from development squad. JG to pick up blade allocation/development squad outside of this meeting.

Action: JG/CP to discuss blade allocation for development squad

Wild swimmers – the incident report by WG is something that is happening around the country, we cannot stop swimmers. We have signage at the bottom lock, people need to take their own risk assessment and responsibility.

7. Events

Bristol Avon – Surplus of just over £4k, this is very good for the club. We had a very full entry and didn't really know what would happen after 2 years gap. PSON estimates we had to turn away about 25 boats.

We were stretched on helper numbers, this shortage did contribute to the event running a bit late by mid-afternoon which is a shame. JSON has had a lot of positive feedback from visiting clubs and spectators.

AC is interested to see the regatta financial results compared with the most recent previous events. JSON to email financial information to AC.

Action: JSON to send Regatta financial info to AC

Saltford Sprint – cancelled due to low entry levels. Need to discuss this in future whether we will take this event forward.

Avon Bluefriars – JDW will feed dates through to Marina and farmer re field. Will be starting to do some planning which is in October. Nothing else to report.



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Update: JDw has forwarded event dates to Salford and Bath Marinas, and G Lye

Avon Autumn Head – Nothing to report, however do need a new Chairperson.

Update: Fergus Hawkins has replaced DA as Chairperson

Spring head – JDw nothing to report

Social events –

Possible evening, and brunch. Will consult with PSen to make sure she can come!

8. Finances, Joiners and Leavers

Finances – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below

£4k from regatta contributed to healthy increase in bank balance from a month ago. Outstanding dosh - with regatta entries, o/s has gone up. JSon keep an eye to make sure doesn't get too high.

Medals need to be collected from Worcester and paid for.

Action: PSen to ask via RNs whether anyone passing Worcester could collect medals

Subs & Memberships: Report circulated prior to meeting.

At this time of year, report tends to be wrong as numbers change frequently. Numbers more positive than the report.

Membership – Report circulated prior to meeting, see below

New members & Leavers – Report circulated prior to meeting, see below

New juniors gradually filling in their papers and starting to pay.

9. AOB

TG keen for boat booking sheet to be resurrected as this is helpful clarifying which boats are available for outings.

JG – has fixed the virus

PSen – wondering whether there would be interest in a midsummer 26 June.

Action: TG/JDy to seek interest levels in squads for 26 June event

Date of next meeting: 25 July 2022, 7.45pm



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Space (the final frontier)

No sign of a quote for a timber framed shed (10m x 15m) to give us some idea of cost of putting up another shed yet.

Boats

Andy Mason has gone back to Janousek. No news on a quote yet.

Vicky has gone back to Janousek.

Albie's new A frame has arrived.

Cox boxes

There are 2 chargers at the back of bay 3 now – although I couldn't get the right hand electricity socket to work yesterday – may have been me.

AGM

I do not plan to stand as Captain in September.

Coaches

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	SPC	RYA II Powerboat
Chris Hopper					Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Penny Senior			Y 17		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julian Sondheimer					Y	Y		Y	
Andy Mason					Y	Y		Y	Y 08
Geoff Peattie					Y			Y	Y 08
Philippa Sondheimer					Y				
Charlotte Hook		Y						Y	
Jon Garner		C 22							Y
Nick Dolman		C						Y	
Annette Bartlett		Y 17						Y	
Patsy Lamb		Y 17						Y	Y 15
Liz Gray	Y 17								
Ange Scott	Y 17								
Clair Ponting	Y 17								
Andy Haines	Y 18								Y 18
Carol Friend	Y 18							Y	
Katherine Greenhead	Y 19								
Marian Lovell	Y 19								
Jane Day	Y 19								
Odette McCarthy	Y 19								
Darrel S		Y							
Abbie Rees									Y 15
Rob Shaw									Y 08
Susan Comber	Y 20								
David Atkin	R								
Tim Grice	R								



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Lynne Miller	R								
Luke Sarti	R	C 22							
Steve McCarthy		R							

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

Wins

Bristol-Avon Regatta

Mas G 2x Alastair & Peter

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Newbies

I am chasing newbies to fill in the membership form.

National Schools Regatta

We took 2 crews: J14 4X+ ad WJ16 4X-. Both enjoyed themselves despite not making it through to finals. Thanks to Odette and Steve for taking the kids to Monmouth so that I could be at Dorney with the WJ16 girls.

Wins

Bristol-Avon Regatta

J14 4X+ Ollie F, Honor, AJ, Albert, coxed by Primrose

Monmouth Sprint Regatta

WJ13 1X Primrose

J14 1X Albert

WOMEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Competitions

Katherine, Ange E, Marian and Jane racing in a Mixed 8 MasE at GB Masters on 12/06/2022, being coxed by Luke from Bath Spa.

Sal, Kath, Ange S and Hannah L entered as a quad at Henley Masters on 08/07/2022.

Would like to enter crews for Llandaff and Bewdley – are men/junior crews planning on going to either of these?

Can we talk about which regattas the squads are interested in going to this year to create a race calendar for the Club.

Inter-Club Discussions

I have spoken to the Masters Women's Squad Coordinator at Minerva, Sunita, (and sent a message to the Masters Men's). We discussed the idea of identifying regattas to target this year and the types of crews we think we will send to see if we can raise similar to ensure competition, the potential of sending composite crews particularly in bigger boats like 8+ potentially as second races at a regatta, some side-by-side racing on our straight and getting together more socially.



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Sunita is really positive about arranging a date to meet. I will also contact Ariel and have a similar conversation and then try and sort a date for this.

Laura Cowan at Minerva is organising a trailer for the Worlds in September – Jon and Russ and Steve and Darrel are in touch to book space on the trailer.

Deep Clean at the Clubhouse

Arranged for the weekend of 11th/12th June, volunteers from the squad are signing up – men are very welcome to help too, please!

Socials and Brunch!

Have contacted Flourish to enquire about holding an event there on a Saturday evening, will update if there is any progress on this.

Looking at a date for the next Saturday brunch, possibly on 16th July.

MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Competitions

BAR

Disappointingly, lack of competition led to the withdrawal of some crews. Singles and doubles did compete. Congratulations to Peter and Alastair (2x) and Russell (1x – albeit in Gloucester colours) who were winners.

Monmouth (Regatta and Sprints)

Again cancellation due to lack of competition was an issue. A single entry in the Sprints.

Going forward

- GB Masters – Jon/Russell (2-), Darrel/Steve (2x), Andy D/Robin/Russell/Jon (Mx8)
- Henley Masters – Antony/Jon/Jim/Russell (4-), Darrel/Steve (2x)

Enquiries out for remaining regattas (esp Llandaff/Bewdley) but no commitment as yet. Will chase this.

Development, squad numbers, land training and general

A number of smaller units remain active on a self-organised basis (and in mixed rowing) but the general sign up for and/or commitment to regular squad outings is very low – and this is a concern. To repeat earlier comments:

- I am aware of a number of squad members who have alternative summer plans and are unable to commit on a regular basis. This can't be helped but with low squad numbers to start with the effect is disproportionately great.
- Lack of numbers and disparate abilities and goals make it difficult to organise matched as opposed to somewhat unsatisfying ad hoc scratch crews. I perceive a consequent lack of incentive to prioritise or commit to squad outings.
- There is a lack of development and coaching structure (see below) which acts as a disincentive to those who are interested in more focused and technically progressive outings. This in turn is leading to a falling off of interest from some current members and an outflow of potential members (in the last week or two at least 2 BSU graduates whom Luke was keen to recruit are off to Minerva – others will follow). We have three very recent enthusiastic (and reasonably promising) LTR graduates and need to work to retain them.



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- The building of a larger (and younger) men's squad will not happen overnight but we need to start.

If anyone has more in the way of strategic ideas, please feel free to contribute!

Coaching

Looking back through the minutes, I see that the idea of paid and structured external coaching was discussed in detail as long ago as 4 December 2021 and has been a carried forward item since then. I repeat the comments I made in March

- Coaching. This discussion needs to be moved forward. We rely on Jon (who is already very busy with a large number of commitments) and Andy both of whom commit an enormous amount of time to the Club. We're extremely grateful to both of them. But the current structure is inevitably piecemeal. Dedicated coaching at all levels but particularly with new rowers would add to the effectiveness and viability of the squad. There is a strength of view, as reported to me, on this issue (this has been raised again with me by squad members) (emphasis added).

We are definitely falling behind other clubs. I have also received external enquiries from individuals who are interested in what coaching and development we have to offer. I do my best to improvise!

I'd like this to be an item for discussion this evening.

BEGINNERS REPORT

Spring graduated and now working towards Warwick in August (emailed Warwick to check on dates etc so that we can prepare). Most of Spring have now joined the club (although some have needed a couple of prods). They are preferring sculling.

Summer - we have had taster sessions for 16 people - 3 converted from Spring tasters or the Spring Course. Some of the people who did the summer taster have postponed the course until Spring 2023. 2 people I've never heard from again - shame one guy was really amazing!

Struggling a bit with helpers. Katherine and I were away the Jubilee weekend and I had to cancel the sessions as no one was available to help. The Dev Squad haven't gone to Luke as originally planned - Luke didn't come back to me so I had to deal with them myself.

It would be good if Coordinators could please ask their squads if anyone can help out to lighten the load for Katherine and I. We have significantly reduced the course size to 16 to assist but ideally 24 people per course would be better as then there will be more feeding through to squads and hopefully better retention.

SOCIAL ROWING REPORT

Avon County

Still battling on, taking out the oct where possible.

Failure – 26th May – This was supposed to be our sea rowing day but Thursday was the worst day of the week for weather and the guide cancelled us. Had a blustery outing on the Avon in a coxed quad instead and it was terrible.

Triumph – 2nd June – our Jubilee Row. Minerva could not come out to play so we borrowed the Monkton oct anyway and got two octs out and had a little race, followed by cake, sausage rolls, and coffee. We are lucky in having two master bakers



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in the squad. And thanks to two gallant coxes. Our cox box did not work in the Monkton Vespoli and our cox did not fit into it but, apart from that, we had a lovely time and thanked Monkton profusely. Simon said, "Pleased it still floats".

WAGS

On 31 May, we received the minutes of the meeting of 4th March of the BR Recreational Rowing Committee. Surprise extracts included:

- RW is organising a touring workshop at Falcon on 20th March. There are a few places left and Pete L will promote it to WAGS clubs.
- Pete L will speak to Darrell Samanjoul and Billy Sardar and do a "dry run" of the proposed Avon tour by the end of May. He suggested involving Philippa Sondheimer, who is active at Avon County. JT offered to attend a meeting or visit the area.

I really felt that this was not working, and discovered on 3 June that our rep, Pete Life, had stood down. Who knew? Anyway, I have volunteered to be the WAGS RecRow rep and we shall see what happens.

Also circulated on 31 May was a Recreational Rowing Strategy Review. Main points:

- We have to become vibrant by 2025.
- No, seriously, Avon County is interested in doing different things, getting together with other clubs and (even) requesting a bit of coaching. I don't think we are interested in leagues etc.

MEMBERSHIP & SUBS REPORT

Membership and Subs Report June 2022 (figures to 8th May)

Membership numbers

	Label	31 March 2022	June 2022	Notes
Full	F	99	100	
Full paying junior rate during lockdown	FJ	2	2	
Coach	C	2	2	
Non Rowing		3	2	
Student	S	0	1	
Vac student (paying)	VAC	19	3	Brend, Brown, Stratton
Vac (maybe maybe)	VACM		7	
VAC (never to be seen again)	VACL		8	
Junior	J	53	53	
Taster	T	5	2	
LTR Taster + course	LTR	6	9	
Junior - family membership 1 parent	Jfam	2	1	
Junior - family membership 2 parents	Jfam2	3	3	
Bath Spa	B	30	30	
Non Bath Spa Leavers this FY	L	58	10	
Total exc all VAC, LTR, BSU		164	164	



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Total exc all Vac and LTR		194	194	
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Points to note and action if appropriate

Membership – Membership is constant as this point; as ever, the LTR course is replacing people who have left.

JOINERS & LEAVERS

Joiners and Leavers and payment queries V1 June 2022

Paying people included in membership numbers

Adult Joiners

Tania Kyriakogkona ado.kyr@gmail.com (reminded)
 Tony Higson anthonyoliverhigson@gmail.com (paying)
 Jonathan Dean jmhdean@hotmail.com (paying)
[Nicola Stevenson](mailto:nicstevenson29@gmail.com) nicstevenson29@gmail.com (paying)

Adult Rejoiner

Laura Steen lsteen03@gmail.com (paying)
 Susan Comber jcomber@icloud.com (paying)

Student (re) Joiner

Laura Bathe-Taylor (now student) loulou2995@hotmail.co.uk (paying)

Junior Joiners

Arjuna Pankhania alisonpankhanian@gmail.com (reminded)
 Daisy Davies cerys.davies42@gmail.com (paying)
 Charlotte Taylor-Weekes janetaylorweekes@gmail.com (paying)

Leavers (or joiners who didn't really happen)

Niamh Smith GCL cancelled, mail to Penny
 Ruby Kirk GCL cancelled, no mail
 Kitty Campbell GCL cancelled, no mail
 Steven Lake GCL cancelled, no mail, but needs VolCo letter
 Megan Phillips GCL cancelled, no mail

(NB People who leave temporarily are counted as left as they are not paying – they are not deleted from the spreadsheet)

People previously listed and invited but not paying

Louisa Franco louisaf franco0403@outlook.com (reminded)
 Keith Joce tedjoce72@gmail.com (contacted, but no further action by PS)

FINANCIAL REPORT



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Financial Report for Committee Meeting on						
6 June 2022						
			This report (06/06/22)	Previous report (09/05/22)	Change	
1. BANK BALANCE						
	Interest rate					
Current account - General			42,764	39,275		3,489
CAF Cash account			21,599	16,637		4,962
CAF Gold account (Event working capital)		0.25%	3,000	3,000		0
Virgin Money account		0.40% TBC	18,109	18,109		0
Total in bank			85,472	77,020		8,451
General excludes subs standing order receipts since 09/05/22						
ENTRIES/KIT/MISC DEBTS/(CREDITS)						
Balance 31/03/22 (some to be written off)			550	550		
Race fees			1,879	682		
Kit & Misc			600	460		
Credits this year			(1,563)	(1,185)		
Total Current Balance			1,466	507		959
NB active members only						
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT						
(excluding normal routine items)						
				Amount		
BAR surplus				4,050	income	
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME						
				Amount		
Purchase of 2,000 medals (balance)				1,340		
Insurance excess Andy Mason 2x repair				500		
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES						

SAFETY REPORT



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Safety Report for Committee Meeting 6th June 2022

Incidents 2021/22

Incidents reported since the last meeting.

28.5.22	KathD capsized from Charlotte Land. About 20 feet from pontoons. She says, "I backed up while moving instead of held up and corkscrewed myself in!"	19987
25.5.22 09:30	100m off Minerva, Tony Higson in Claudio with Jon Dean. His Dreher blade cut his hand. Tony says, "The end of the rubber has split exposing and possibly caused by the black material (carbon) underneath which I assume had already splintered prior to my using it. As I was rowing the end of the carbon sliced my finger. I had noted the cracked rubber on the handle prior to going out on water but didn't realise there was also the more solid material cracked underneath".	19984
15.5.22 2pm	On the straight, simple capsized, Brighdie Oliver capsized from Florence	19986
28.5.22 15:50	Coming downstream by the 250 marker, Will Gray had a near miss with a swimmer. He says, "I was sculling back to the club house in Charlotte Land, making frequent observations over my left shoulder to ensure that there were no other craft on the river in my line of direction. The first I was aware that there was a swimmer in the water was as I passed her going up stream on the left-hand side. With brown hair and no float to mark her progress, she was barely visible, (she was using the breast stroke and only her head was above water). I advised her of her vulnerability concerning river traffic in general, and she continued on her way. I would suggest I missed her by 1, possibly 2, feet and that if I had hit her with one of my blades the results could/would have been serious.	19983
29.5.22	Faith Bridge fell out of Scabbers near raft. Got back into boat for a short while then got out and had warm shower.	19985

In addition, there were 2 incidents at BAR on 14th May which are still to be reported, awaiting updated information.

- Reported minor damage to narrow boat "Lush". Complaint raised by owner and is being dealt with by Julian.
- RTA on A4 at Barnsdale Field. A summary of the incident is being collated by Jon for discussion at BAR Wash Up on 11th June.

Issues Arising

- BAR incidents are being dealt with by the BAR wash up



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- 19984 – there is damage to the end of the blade handle which needs replacement – tbd Penny. This raises a couple of questions regarding training:
 - why were the dreyers being used in a stable 2x
 - are LTR beginners taught not to use damaged equipment. The grip was pretty much falling off the handle which didn't just happen.
- 19983 – potentially a very serious incident. Well spotted Will. Should we consider putting No Swimming notices on our pontoons. Perhaps "No Swimming from these pontoons. Beware Rowing Boats" or similar. Not sure we can do much down the river other than lookout.

HRSA Monthly Report – Jan 2022

(This is a monthly report we receive on notable safety incidents and updates from across all BR clubs. The incidents reported in this section are not from ACRC, but may provide useful information and learnings for us)

A variety of incidents reported around the country this month, none of which require any particular extra action for us – ie we know about these things already. The last is relevant to BAR22 wash up.

- Be careful when towing (the MHD incident is reported)
- Check heel release straps.
- Antisocial behaviour – rocks thrown at rowing boats
- Look out to avoid collisions
- Take care overtaking
- Watch out for swans
- Take care around pontoons & slipways
- Look after volunteers at events – eg. don't leave safety boat crews out on the water for long periods without a break.

Rowsafe 2020 & Club Safety Audit

A revised Rowsafe 2022 is being issued soon.

Other Matters

I've replaced the launch safety kit dry bags (following a safety audit as part of my L2CC). The old buckets just didn't quite measure up!