



## AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 12:00 PM

#### **PRESENT (in person):**

Kim Pennelegion, Penny Senior, Chris Levan, Tim Grice, Philippa Sondheimer, Carol Friend, Katherine Greenhead, Julian Sondheimer, Sue Roles, Andy Mason, Jane Day, Will Gray, Jim Dawson,

**PRESENT (via Zoom):** Antony Constantinidi; Jon Garner, Robin Leach, David Atkin, Rosie Capetti, Jeremy Cheek

1. **APOLOGIES:** Nick Totman, Debbie Blackmore, Janet Hall, Keith Trivett, Chris Hopper, Julia Woods, Paula Nixon,
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR 2021 AGM**  
No matters arising  
*Jim Dawson proposed and Tim Grice seconded the adoption of the minutes. Motion carried.*

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Subscription rates 2023-24 (wef April 2023)**

Proposed that club subscription rates remain unchanged for 2023-24.

Rates for 2023-24:

Full adult senior - £288 pa (£24 PM), Junior/Student - £144 pa (£12 pm), Vac student £30 , Coach £72 pa (£6 pm), Boat rack - £72 pa (£6 pm). Family rates - when a full adult sub is paid, children are half price. A family never pays more than the cost of two adult subs. Non-rowing membership rates £72pa (£6pm). Indoor rowing membership of £216 pa (£18 pm).

*Vote: All agreed, unanimous. Motion carried.*

Acknowledged that with the cost of living situation (and the likelihood of increased club costs) subscription rates will need to reviewed in a year's time.

4. **CAPTAIN'S REPORT (attached)**

No matters arising.

Penny Senior has stepped down as Club Captain, a position she has held since 2007. Robin Leach offered a personal and heart-felt thanks for Penny Senior's contribution as Club Captain, acknowledging her tireless support and encouragement of all club activities whilst in this role.

Avon County Rowing Club recorded a vote of thanks for Penny Senior's considerable contribution to the club during her captaincy.

#### **CO-ORDINATORS' REPORTS (attached)**

No matters arising.

It was noted that there has been good parental involvement over the past year.

## **5. SAFETY ADVISOR'S REPORT (attached)**

No matters arising.

Jon Garner commented that accidents within the past year are comparable (pro-rata'd given our reduced rowing activity) with previous years.

## **6. TRUSTEES' REPORT (attached)**

Chris Levan presented the Trustees' Report (up to March 2022) and explained that the report shows the rent collected from the three lease-holding clubs on site and paid over to the Duchy (our landlords). The rent that is charged for the site is subject to a 5-year review; at this point, rent will automatically increase by CPI and therefore we will see a rent increase.

The Duchy have been very helpful, especially during COVID . The Trustees were notified on the 17 September 2022 that there is a new landlord.

Chris Levan confirmed that due to personal reasons, he is resigning from the post of Trustee and this also includes his role as External Examiner.

The Club thanked Chris Levan for all of his support as Trustee.

Will Gray proposed and Carol Friend seconded the adoption of the Trustees' Report. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **7. TREASURER'S REPORTS (attached)**

Julian Sondheimer highlighted the following from the Treasurer's report :

- The Club Accounts are for the period to March 2022.
- Following the big drop in income in the previous year due to the pandemic, membership subscriptions are now back to normal level.
- Club events in the past year generated a very good income.
- Overall there was a healthy surplus for the year.
- 4 boats have been purchased, at a cost of £67k. These are all extremely useful additions to the fleet and have been heavily used.
- As of March 2022, we had a very healthy balance sheet (approximately £80k) which is a good platform to take us forward.

## **BOATHOUSE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS (attached)**

Julian Sondheimer highlighted the following from the Boathouse Management Accounts report:

- The Boathouse Management Accounts are for the period to March 2022.
- We aim to generate approximately £4k surplus to build up the capital fund. The capital fund is used to pay for big capital expenditure (for example, replacing the heat exchanger). Up to March 2022, we did generate the surplus needed to build the fund with the capital fund standing at just under £35k.
- Noted that since March 2022, we have paid for the re-stoning of the entrance track.
- It was noted that our current electricity fixed price contract ceases in December 2022 so we will not face the full force of the energy crisis until January 2023. As a club, we have reviewed our energy consumption within the boat house, however due to its configuration it is not easy to reduce our consumption. The

energy business contract is not protected by the domestic price cap; we are currently waiting for advice from the Government regarding the support that will be put in place. The impact of the energy prices will have an impact on all of our contributions in due course.

- Bristol University (one of the 3 tenants on site) have had a fire safety review completed. The club has been given a copy of this and a meeting is due to take place in October 2022 to review the salient points.

Antony Constantinidi is currently in negotiations with the Duchy regarding VAT payable on rent. The Duchy had previously verbally agreed to a VAT exemption at the end of the 10-year post-construction period, however this is still being negotiated. If successful, this will make a considerable saving.

Will Gray proposed and Jon Garner seconded the adoption of the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## 8. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Chris Levan confirmed that he will be stepping down from his role as External Examiner. The committee thanked Chris Levan for all of his help, this has been hugely appreciated.

It was agreed that we need to seek an external assessor; once we find a suitable individual, this will be put to the members to agree.

## 9. REPORTS FROM CLUB EVENTS (attached)

Circulated. Nothing to report.

## 10. MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND CHARGES

Circulated. Nothing to report.

## 11. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

| POSITION                       | NOMINEE'S NAME       | PROPOSER'S NAME & Signature | Seconded by: Name & Signature  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| President                      | Antony Constantinidi | Susan Comber                | Kim Pennelegion read out the proposer and seconder names to those present.<br><br>All nominations were seconded as a group by the attendees. No dissensions. |
| Captain                        | Jon Garner           | Jon Barton                  |  |
| Honorary Secretary             | Kim Pennelegion      | Jane Day                    |  |
| Honorary Treasurer             | Julian Sondheimer    | Susan Comber                |  |
| Men's Co-ordinator             | Tim Grice            | Susan Comber                |  |
| Women's Co-ordinator           | Jane Day             | Jane Day                    |  |
| Social Rowing Co-ordinator     | Philippa Sondheimer  | Susan Comber                |  |
| Beginner's Co-ordinator        | Clair Ponting        | Susan Comber                |  |
| Development Squad Co-ordinator | Angela Scott         | Jane Day                    |  |
|                                |                      |                             |  |

|                                   |                                   |                     |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Junior Co-ordinator</b>        | <b>Penny Senior</b>               | Jane Day            |  |
| <b>Volunteer Co-ordinator</b>     | <b>Philippa Sondheimer</b>        | Susan Comber        |  |
| <b>Indoor Rowing Co-ordinator</b> | <b>Gudrun Wiesenthal-Saunders</b> | Susan Comber        |  |
| <b>BSU Student Co-ordinator</b>   | <b>Emily Forsyth</b>              | Philippa Sondheimer |  |
| <b>Safety Advisor</b>             | <b>Poppy Kearney</b>              | Will Gray           |  |
| <b>General Committee Members</b>  | <b>1. James Dawson</b>            | Susan Comber        |  |
|                                   | <b>2. Will Gray</b>               | Susan Comber        |  |
|                                   | <b>3. Katherine Greenhead</b>     | Jane Day            |  |
|                                   | <b>4. Patsy Lamb</b>              | Jane Day            |  |
|                                   | <b>5. Poppy Kearney</b>           | Kim Pennelegion     |  |
|                                   | <b>6. Marian Lovell</b>           | Jane Day            |  |

All motions carried.

## 12. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS

The committee was asked about the role of the Club's VPs. For clarification, VPs have previously been officers of the Club. They may be asked to step into unfilled Officer positions, provide advice and assistance to inexperienced Officers, support in disciplinary matters and are generally viewed as a 'friend of the Club' providing support to ensure that Club does not fail.

Nominees: Andrew Barton, Julian Bewick, Debbie Blackmore, Chris Blunt, Janet Cooper, Graham Hockley, Chris Hopper, Robin Leach, Chris Levan, Geoff Peattie, Rosie Richardson, Simon Richardson, Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Julian Sondheimer, Nick Totman, Keith Trivett, Paula Weeks, Clair Ponting.

There were no other nominations for additional VPs.

Andy Mason proposed and Penny Senior seconded the election of the above-noted Vice-Presidents.  
Unanimous vote, Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12.35 PM**

## **Captains report 2022**

The club has emerged from the pandemic fighting! Although our membership numbers are not yet up to pre-pandemic levels, they are not far off, and building.

We have enjoyed racing again – although there has been a noticeable lack of opposition for many events which has proved frustrating. Some covid habits have been maintained – committee meetings continue via zoom, as do some training sessions.

We have welcomed two new boats this year – Geoff Peattie, a mens quad and Andromeda a junior boys quad. We are starting to need more storage space for boats ... we may need to store boats outside, as other clubs do. We have had a couple of bad accidents with the boats this year – no bad injuries to people thank goodness, but badly damaged boats – as well as the usual selection of bent riggers and bumps and scratches.

Again, this year we have had problems with visitors to the site, partying and leaving litter although nothing like as bad as it was during lockdown. As we have a footpath crossing the site, there is unfortunately little we can do to stop this. Swimmers also continue to be a challenge as they are so difficult to see and therefore avoid.

Our site team have been busy, keeping the boats in good condition and also improving the site. We have bought new cox boxes and a couple of the boats have been re-wired, with a bit of help from the Monkton boatmen (and their drill!). This is much easier to do now as the wiring loom is modular – if one bit breaks it can just be replaced. The new hedge has taken well (although we will see how well it survives the hot weather we are experiencing. The usual site weeding and tree clearing on the river has also taken place and Will does a great job keeping the lawn tidy. The track and area between the boathouses is due to be relayed in the next month or so, which will be a relief for car suspensions!

We have started to pay a coach for the development and men's squads for one session a week each. We will review how this goes to decide whether to continue or extend it. As a club that has always relied on volunteer coaches (and still does – the vast majority of our coaching is done by volunteers) this felt like a very big step!

We have installed mirrors in the gym (thanks to Marian) to help with coaching on the rowing machines. Two new ergometers – both with long legs – have been a welcome addition to the gym. All the machines have PM5 monitors now – and all of the handles have been replaced with newer style ones (as they are easier to clean). We have not yet started Indoor Rowing classes (part of British Rowing's Go Row Indoor initiative) but aim to start these in September. These will be open to non-members and will broaden our offer which will help make the club more inclusive. It will also provide an additional route into 'wet' rowing. As well as water sessions, many members have enjoyed circuit training together on Monday evenings in the club room!

The club hosted a L2 Club coach course in the Spring, which several members took advantage of and I ran a rigging workshop in July. We are an unusual club as we do have many qualified coaches in our membership, and even more unusual as we have more female than male!

Thanks to everyone who keeps the club running smoothly – there are far too many to mention but running a club of this size (both in numbers of members and the size of the site) is a huge undertaking and just wouldn't happen if we didn't have such a large group of volunteers.

Penny Senior  
Captain ACRC

## **Junior Coordinators Report 2022**

The junior squad is flourishing! It took a while for the effects of the pandemic to begin to wear off but things are much better now. We lost many of our older members but the younger ones are enjoying their sculling and the opportunity to

compete. Land training was well attended during the winter and water session were also busy before the summer break.

We have started lots of newbies off over the Summer and they are progressing well with many already in fine boats.

As with the other squads, we have struggled for competition at several events and most of the racing we have done has been straight finals, which is a bit dull. It has been noticeable that the juniors are keen to race in singles rather than crew boats – a consequence of the pandemic restrictions when singles were the only thing allowed. We have raced at some of the bigger events – The Scullery Head, National Schools Regatta and the British Rowing Junior Championships in July where our girls J14 quad came a creditable 6th.

Thanks to all the coaches, parents and helpers who help keep the junior section running, their help is much appreciated.

Penny Senior  
Junior Coordinator

## **Women's Squad Report 2022**

### Overview of the squad

Approximately 55 members of the women's squad. Of these, 35 members are involved to some degree in planned weekend outings with many crews now becoming more established and training regularly for events, 10 members are purely rowing socially and others row in singles.

There are about a dozen women in the Development Squad who at some point may move across to the main squad when it is felt that they are competent and ready to do so. I will work with Ange S and Poppy to understand their progress to agree individually when this might happen and, based on their aspirations, whether they will join planned outings or social rowing.

Planned training broadly happens on a Saturday morning in two sessions with a Sunday morning offered where there is demand. There are also planned weekday evening outings for some training crews and some crews who are self-managing as we have all tried to take advantage of the longer, light evenings. Tuesday evening has historically been the 'just turn up' time for the squad but hasn't taken off this year at all with limited interest.

Jon Garner has given invaluable coaching support for the squad on Saturday mornings as well as coaching the newly formed MasA8+ crew during the summer evenings. Poppy from Bath Spa has given some time to coach and cox and Nick Dolman has taken a few squad members under his wing as well as a number of other coaches from within the squad who are supporting in terms of coxing on the water, taking people out in small boats and coaching people to steer. All of this has been gratefully received! Many of the coaches within the squad would also like to improve our own skills generally and some of us are keen to learn to drive the launch to be able to offer more coaching from alongside crews.

### Racing

Some racing took place during Head Season but overall a pretty disappointing regatta season in terms of competition meaning a lot of crews entered had to withdraw. This is partly what prompted the Inter-Club discussion (below). However, a women's quad with Sal, Kath, Ange S and Hannah L made it through two rounds to get to the finals at Henley Masters in July, only being beaten by Exeter but with a new PB for the crew!

### Inter-Club Discussions

A meeting was held with some of the coordinators from Minerva, Ariel and Bradford on Avon in July to exchange ideas/experiences about all things rowing. We all agreed that things have been a bit tougher generally since lockdown with some reductions in numbers in many squads although Bradford on Avon have bucked the trend and seen a really big increase in numbers from 5 to 40 in the women's squad! It was felt that there is such a relief for many of us that

things are sort of 'back to normal' post-lockdown that there is less availability to train for some as people are planning holidays, etc, as well as some possible nervousness about getting back to side-by-side racing.

We discussed regattas and potentially targeting particular ones to try and create some inter club competition so that we don't have to keep scratching crews. Penny mentioned the idea of identifying specific crew types for men/women at events (which could vary by event) – we can look at this more for 2023 regattas.

To try and give some fun, race experience to crews, Penny has agreed to run an Autumn Madness event on the straight on 17th September with invites extended to these Clubs.

We also talked about the possibility of sharing trailers to get to regattas to make best use of space which would be more economical as well as potentially enabling Clubs to get to more events. This has already happened for Llandaff which enabled the women's squad to race.

### Small Boats

We ran an afternoon to help more squad members to try and build confidence in small boats to enable more independence when rowing. A number of people came down and helped out so that 7 people tried singles, 2x doubles went out and 2x pairs. It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon with lots of smiles and no capsizes! Another session is planned for 3rd September.

Jane Day  
Women's Squad Coordinator

## **Men's Squad Report 2022**

### Post Covid

In September 2021, I reported at some length about the impact of 1½ years of Covid and its impact on club and squad activities and squad membership. I concluded that *'the potential for squad rowing activity (going forward) is (now) effectively unrestricted other than as a matter of personal choice'*.

In practice the return to full activity (seemingly in common with a number of other local clubs) has been relatively slow and patchy.

### **General summary of activities**

#### Overall pattern

- Squad sessions take place on Wednesday evenings (land training in winter, outings in summer) and Sunday mornings. Attendance on Wednesdays is necessarily affected by individual mid-week commitments. The core group attending on Sunday mornings has remained relatively small.
- There has been a reasonably healthy level of self-organised activity including both in respect of smaller boat crews (including singling) and mixed rowing.

#### September 2021 – April 2022 (Head Racing)

The squad was represented at Avon Bluefriars, Gloucester, Stourport, AAH, Worcester, Vesta and Head of the Dart with a number of winners. In particular there were large entries at Avon Bluefriars and AAH with an encouraging mix of levels and active engagement across the squad.

In very simple terms over the winter period, I noted in monthly reports that there was effectively a Mas F8 group of about 10 (Jon Garner et al) and a 'core' group of about 13 based around Sunday morning attendance forming the basis of a Mas E 8 crew; in both cases with individuals from those groups also self-organising into smaller crews. Within the

constraints arising from limited squad numbers (see below) and a slow return to full rowing this was a reasonably encouraging level of activity.

### May 2022 – August 2022 (Regatta Season)

This has been more difficult. With notable exceptions among a smaller cohort of the more elite and committed rowers (and single scullers) there has been a complete dearth of regatta entries. It is possible to identify a number of possible factors at play: very variable and generally low levels of general squad attendance due to alternative summer commitments and post-covid holiday plans; consequent lack of consistent training and formation of settled crews; reluctance to compete within the unforgiving (and potentially short lived) format of side by side racing particularly in the context of inconsistent training and preparation. There have also been more general issues at certain regattas around lack of matched competition in the region and, more latterly, adverse river conditions as a result of the drought but these are secondary to the underlying reasons. It is hoped that with increased and more integrated squad numbers (again, see below) and more committed and consistent winter training, next summer will see an increase in general competitive activity.

Notwithstanding the above, the squad has been/will be represented at a high level of accomplishment by a limited pool of experienced rowers (including in mixed crews and in singles) at BAR, GB Masters, Henley Masters, Stourport, Llandaff and Gloucester.

### **Strategic Overview**

My records show 41 current squad members. Of these it is probably reasonable to estimate that about 26 are actively involved in squad based rowing activities (including self-organised, individual and in mixed boats). This is a small active squad cohort which encompasses a wide range of ages and, more importantly, technical ability, experience and to some extent competitive commitment. It is currently difficult to integrate free standing individuals into matched crews.

I see the priorities for the coming year as follows:

- To increase squad numbers. This is not going to happen overnight. Retention from LTR and Development was ultimately disappointing last year but there are promising indications of a potentially greater level of retention from the current crop. There are also one or two current squad members who have been unable to participate in rowing recently and hopefully will be able to return shortly. I would hope that by this time next year we will have an active squad of at least 30 – 35.
- To develop particularly the newer and less experienced or less technically advanced squad members through enhanced coaching so that there is greater incentive for the more elite rowers to support those individuals in shared outings, at the same time encouraging the less experienced or advanced members to develop and remain actively involved.
- Following on from the above, to develop a broader mutually supportive structure involving rowers at all levels with greater focus on Sunday morning sessions. There are a number of experienced squad members who are already generous in supporting less advanced outings and a number of others who have freely indicated willingness in principle. However, there is an understandable and entirely reasonable reluctance simply to become involved in paddling up and down the river in unfocused and non-progressive 'novice' outings. This is a legitimate concern which will need actively to be addressed.

### **Coaching**

#### Land Training

Land training ran from September 2021 to April 2022 following a weekly programme devised, circulated and overseen by Andy Mason. This was delivered through live attendance on Wednesday evenings for those able to attend or through individual members following the same programme at home (or so they claimed!).

Huge thanks to Andy for this (and for his weekly attendance to supervise and encourage).

#### In house training on Sundays and Wednesdays

This was principally delivered by Andy Mason in particular over the winter season. Again, huge thanks.



### Other

In April 2022 Steve and Darrel organised and ran a two day coaching weekend with particular reference to sculling techniques mostly in 2x and 4x (also involving members of the women's squad). This was well attended and very successful. I'm very grateful to both for their initiative on this. With additional willing coaches this is an initiative which hopefully can be developed over the coming year.

### Paid coaching

The committee has approved a plan whereby the men's squad receive 2 hours of paid coaching on Sunday mornings. We have been fortunate to secure the services of Poppy Kearney who is extremely experienced and happy to be flexible about boat and crew numbers and types with focus on individual technical issues as well as crew development. The scheme has been under way since late July. The response from squad members who have participated thus far has been extremely favourable. I am optimistic that this will generate substantially increased focus and enhanced performance.

It is recognised that this is a trial and that the squad will need to demonstrate ongoing commitment.

### **Learn to Row and Development**

LTR is the subject of a separate report. I simply summarise issues which directly affect the Men's Squad:

- Clair Ponting has done her usual excellent job of bringing potential members into the club and actively guiding them through LTR.
- The Development phase is now co-ordinated by Ange Scott and supported by paid coaching from Poppy Kearney. This squad includes a number of potential recruits to the Men's Squad. These recruits will be encouraged, when ready to do so, to participate from time to time in full squad activities.
- I am optimistic that the current development scheme will provide a more focused and proactive pathway from LTR to full membership of the Men's Squad but it is essential that the Men's Squad recognises that this is a collaborative process and that its individual members have to support this pathway and thereafter, integration into the full Squad.

### **Boats**

We benefitted from the arrival of a new Stampfli 4x- (Geoff Peattie). This is in constant use. Thanks to the committee for this.

There has been an increased incidence of significant accidental boat damage this year which is beginning to impact on boat availability. Everyone is generally as careful as they can be – and these things happen. We may, however, need to explore the need for a bit of coaching and general instruction in self-steering to minimise the risks going forward.

### **Spond App**

This enables people to indicate availability or otherwise for upcoming outings and competitions and otherwise to comment and self-organise. The idea is to facilitate forward planning. Most of the squad has signed up but actual (and timeous) response remains poor. This makes life extremely difficult. This is a strong public request (demand) to all squad members to respond in good time to each and every invitation. It's for your own sake.

Tim Grice  
Men's squad co-ordinator

### **Beginner Squad Report 2022**

We decided upon 2 courses this year, a Spring and a Summer course with largely unrestricted numbers - the first time we have had this since 2019.

During winter we had an influx of under 40s contacting us so the idea was to run 2 courses, the first course being a fast tracked under 40s course in order to get them racing during the summer with the summer course being the usual mixed bag across age groups. The under 40s don't appear to have the same communications skills and it was a non-starter.

We did a taster before each of the courses. Not all those attending the taster sessions converted to a course. Some we never heard of again, some decided next year would be better for them.

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Taster</u> | <u>Course</u> | <u>Handed Over</u> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Spring        | 8~            | 10#           | 5                  |
| Summer        | 16*           | 11^           | 11                 |

~ 1 no show, 1 deferring to summer course, 1 deferring course to 2023, 3 returners unable to make taster

# 2 deferring to summer once started course as life got in the way, 1 joined not having done taster (and subsequently left at the end of the course to do offshore rowing)

\* 2 no shows to taster, 3 deferring course to 2023, 1 no further communication.

^ 1 joining on session 1 without doing the taster (had a child at the club)

The taster fee was increased to £20 from £15 in 2021 for around 4 hours of workshops. The course fee for 8 weeks course was also increased to £120 from £110 in 2021 including membership of British Rowing, a handbook and checklist and a club Learn to Row t-shirt. This is still very competitive and more value for money than the other local clubs. Anticipate this fee will remain for the next year.

During my 'closed' period I will do my usual GDPR cleansing of the waiting list and start to look at dates for next years courses as well as reflecting on anything that needs updating or adapting in the course so that it remains relevant.

Clair Ponting  
Beginner Coordinator (Adult)

## **Social Rowing Report 2022**

Social Rowing started in Spring 2021. It is for all adults, people who only want to row once a week or now and again, people who have a crew but want an extra row etc.

At the moment we go out on Thursday and Sunday mornings. Two or three club members are adjusting their working times so that they can join in on a Thursday. Thursday is cake day – thanks to our bakers.

The long-term aim is to try and get rowing going several times per week on a Just Turn Up basis with everyone happy to sweep, scull, steer and cox. This needs quite a big squad of versatile people. We would also like to organise social and social rowing events such as getting together with squads from Ariel and Minerva, going to rowing tours etc. British Rowing is putting emphasis on social rowing these days so there might be more opportunities.

The squad has grown a little since last year and has been helped on its way by the fact that the breakage of a sweep rigger on the Robin Leach meant that, for several wonderful months, Robin Leach was rigged as an oct and we took full advantage of it. We can generally get at least eight scullers for our outings and the oct is ideal for accommodating less confident scullers. We hope it will become available again.

We invited Minerva for a Jubilee Row but they declined as they had invited a guest coach. However, we mustered 18 Avon County people and had our own Jubilee Row, culminating in a race, of sorts. We borrowed a Monkton oct which, although lovely to scull, required a cox with a small triangular bum.

Since AGM 2021, the Social Rowers have taken on the event catering, making their contribution to the profits at our increasing numbers of ACRC-run events. Social Rowers also provide accountancy and membership services to the Club and the Region. But mostly they have fun!

We hope the club will continue to support us.

Philippa Sondheimer

15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### **Safety Report for Club AGM 2022**

#### **Summary of Safety Incident Reports**

The main reasons for safety incident reports being filed by club members in the last 4 years are compared below.

| Description                               | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------|------|
| Simple capsize out of a single            | 18   | 26   | 14   | 14   |
| Simple capsize out of a double            | 2    | 3    | 2    | 4    |
| Collision with no damage                  | 10   | 1    | 9    | 5    |
| Collision involving injury or damage      | 3    | 4    | 3    | 4    |
| Near miss requiring swift avoiding action | 2    | 2    | 3    | 0    |
| Incidents at the pontoons                 | 3    | 4    | 2    | 3    |
| Other                                     | 5    | 3    | 4    | 4    |
| Other clubs' accidents at our events      | 11   | 0    | 1    | 6    |
| Total                                     | 54   | 43   | 38   | 40   |

#### **Key points regarding Safety Incident Reports**

- Capsizes have reduced following the return to a more normal rowing pattern post covid restrictions (ie more members back into larger boats again)
- Collisions are on a steep rise this year. Fortunately there have been no serious injuries, however we are hitting too many other boats and far too many stationary objects (boats, bridges, trees, etc). 3 boats have had to be returned to Janousek for significant repair & inhouse boat repairs are all too frequently required. Reducing collisions will remain a major focus for the 2022/23 committee.
- Slips & trips around the boathouse and pontoons remains a concern. Members must continue to take care when launching / recovering boats & moving about the boathouse. Regular work is done to try to maintain the pontoons and more action is planned to improve the 'mooring' for early autumn.
- The two most serious of the "Other" was a launch capsize & a trailer towing incident. Both incidents were reviewed in detail.
- Incident reports from other club visitors have risen now that we are able to hold events again. We also recorded a car accident which occurred on the A4 on the day of ASH22. All of these reports are reviewed at the specific event wash up meetings.

## **Other Safety Matters**

The Avon is being increasingly used for swimming, paddle-boarding, pleasure canoes as well as motor craft and a lot more rowers. The risk therefore of collision is greatly increased. Rowers must always keep a good look out and scullers / bow steers must look round at least every 5 strokes and more often if necessary. The message has to be, if in doubt, then stop! We can not assume that other river users are in control of their craft, have seen us, or indeed know the navigation rules. This must remain a top focus for the Committee and all members in 2022/23

Keeping the river clear for rowing remains a constant challenge and major work to remove fallen trees is all too frequently required.

The Club Safety Audit was completed in late 2021 and accepted by British Rowing. Rowsafe was revised in Spring 2022 and changes reviewed at Committee.

The Club Committee is advised of relevant issues raised in the BR HWSA Report and RowSafe and issues guidance to members through Rowing Notices.

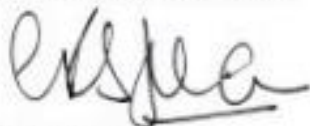
Thank you to all who mend our boats, report our incidents, and work to keep our facilities and river as safe as possible to us to use.

Jonathan Garner  
Club Water Safety Adviser  
August 2022

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB  
TRUSTEES ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022

For & On Behalf of  
Avon County Rowing Club



C J Levan  
Trustee

22 August 2022  
Dated

**AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB  
TRUSTEES ACCOUNT**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 2022**

|                                      | 2021/22<br>£    | 2020/21<br>£    |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                        |                 |                 |
| Rent Receivable                      | 7,990.34        | 7,990.34        |
| Income from Moorings                 | -               | -               |
|                                      | <u>7,990.34</u> | <u>7,990.34</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                   |                 |                 |
| Rent Payable to Duchy                | 7,990.34        | 7,990.34        |
| Income from Moorings to Duchy        | -               | -               |
|                                      | <u>7,990.34</u> | <u>7,990.34</u> |
| Excess Income over Expenditure 20/22 | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        |

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31 2022**

|                                     | 2021/22<br>£    | 2020/21<br>£    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>               |                 |                 |
| Lloyds TSB Bank Account             | 2,548.83        | 2,548.83        |
| Debtors                             | 3,995.17        | 3,995.17        |
|                                     | <u>6,544.00</u> | <u>6,544.00</u> |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |                 |                 |
| Creditors (Duchy of Cornwall)       | 3,995.17        | 3,995.17        |
|                                     | <u>3,995.17</u> | <u>3,995.17</u> |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>           | <u>2,548.83</u> | <u>2,548.83</u> |
| <br>Financed by:                    |                 |                 |
| <b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>              | 2,000.00        | 2,000.00        |
| <b>TRUSTEES ACCUMULATED ACCOUNT</b> | 548.83          | 548.83          |
|                                     | <u>2,548.83</u> | <u>2,548.83</u> |

# ACRC Accounts to 31 March 2022

FOR AGM

## AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2022

| 31-Mar-21 |  |         | 31-Mar-22 |
|-----------|--|---------|-----------|
| £         | FIXED ASSETS                                 | £       | £         |
| 86,763    | Boats and Blades                             |         | 122,737   |
| 418       | External assets (pontoon, hard standing etc) |         | 334       |
| 87,180    |  |         | 123,071   |
|           | <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |         |           |
| 72,865    | HSBC & CAF current accounts                  | 52,076  |           |
| -         | - HSBC deposit account                       | -       |           |
| 78        | CAF Gold account                             | 3,000   |           |
| 18,085    | Virgin Charity deposit account               | 18,109  |           |
| 8,540     | Stock  | 7,185   |           |
| 3,322     | Debtors                                      | 7,688   |           |
| 102,889   |  | 88,057  |           |
| (10,509)  | less: Creditors                              | (9,893) |           |
| -         | - Creditors (grants not yet spent) *         | -       |           |
| (10,509)  |  | (9,893) |           |
| 92,381    | <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |         | 78,164    |
| 179,561   |  |         | 201,235   |
|           | <b>Represented by:</b>                       |         |           |
| 176,684   | Unrestricted Fund                            |         | 196,534   |
| 2,877     | Grants not yet released to income account *  |         | 4,702     |
| -         | - Restricted Fund **                         |         | -         |
| 179,561   |  |         | 201,235   |

\* See Note 3 (grants analysis) for a note about the treatment of grants in the accounts

\*\* Includes funds generated by Heads, Regatta and 100 Club, not to be used for general expenditure

Based on the records produced to me, the Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022 are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Club.

C J Levan

Dated:

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

The Club Committee has determined that the balance sheet total should be divided into designated funds:

|         |   |         |
|---------|---|---------|
|         | <b>Assets used for normal day-to-day rowing club operation:</b> |         |
| 87,180  | Fixed assets  | 123,071 |
| 25,000  | Working capital   | 25,000  |
| 8,540   | Kit and medals stock  | 7,185   |
| 120,720 |   | 155,256 |
|         | <b>Reserves for specific purposes:</b>                          |         |
| -       | - Opportunistic boat purchases                                  | -       |
| 2,500   | Contingencies   | 2,500   |
|         | <b>Reserves available for development:</b>                      |         |
| -       | - Restricted  | -       |
| 56,341  | Unrestricted  | 43,480  |
| 179,561 |   | 201,235 |



**AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**for the Year ended 31 March 2022**

| Year<br>31-Mar-21 |   | Year<br>31-Mar-22 |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| £                 | <b>INCOME</b>   | £                 |
| 32,710            | Subscriptions from active members   | 40,548            |
| -                 | - Fees from potential members   | 2,265             |
| 2,588             | Donations & fund raising (excl specific boat purchase)  | 2,137             |
| 719               | Grants recognised as spent<br><i>(see Note 3: Grants analysis)</i>                            | 1,175             |
| 4,661             | Subscriptions and rent from associated clubs  | 4,776             |
| 1,896             | Boat storage fees   | 2,196             |
| -                 | - Dividends from Heads & Regatta  | 19,244            |
| 89                | Bank Interest   | 24                |
| <u>42,662</u>     |   | <u>72,365</u>     |
|                   | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>  |                   |
| 10,765            | Rent and maintenance of premises  | 10,793            |
| 3,821             | Insurance - boats   | 4,532             |
| 710               | Insurance - other   | 813               |
| 1,989             | Boat maintenance  | 4,035             |
| -                 | - Event equipment   | 667               |
| 21,782            | Depreciation and write offs   | 30,755            |
| 56                | Launch fuel & repairs   | 932               |
| 81                | Coaching course fees and costs  | 16                |
| 1,190             | British Rowing and EA/Canal & River Trust fees  | 1,535             |
| 649               | Administration costs  | 969               |
| 167               | Web Site & Publicity & Club Dinner  | 158               |
| 418               | Net expenditure member services   | 310               |
| -                 | - Elite support   | -                 |
| 19                | Sundry  | -                 |
| <u>41,647</u>     |   | <u>55,516</u>     |
| <u>1,016</u>      | <b>Profit / (Loss) before exceptional items</b>   | <u>16,850</u>     |
|                   | <b>EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>  |                   |
|                   | - Site development costs net of donations and grants<br><i>(see Note 4: site development)</i> | -                 |
|                   | - Donations for specific boat purchase  | -                 |
| <u>1,016</u>      | <b>Profit / (Loss) after exceptional items</b>  | <u>16,850</u>     |

NOTE 1 MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

|   | Year<br>31-Mar-22<br>£ |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Unrestricted Fund:</i>                                   |                        |
| Balance at start of year                                    | 176,684                |
| Change in fund  | 16,850                 |
| Absorption of event working capital<br>into these accounts  | 3,000                  |
| Balance at end of year                                      | 196,534                |
| <i>Grants spent but not yet released to income account:</i> |                        |
| Balance at start of year                                    | 2,877                  |
| Grants spent  | 3,000                  |
| Grants released to income account                           | (1,175)                |
| Balance at end of year                                      | 4,702                  |
| <i>Restricted Fund:</i>                                     |                        |
| Balance at start of year                                    | -                      |
| Dividends from Heads & Regattas                             | 19,244                 |
| 100 Club profit   | -                      |
| Donations & Fund Raising for Boat Funds                     | 1,237                  |
| Boat/oars purchase (after any grant)                        | (63,646)               |
| Balance at end of year before transfer                      | (43,165)               |
| Transfer from Unrestricted Fund                             | 43,165                 |
| Balance at end of year                                      | -                      |

NOTE 2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

|                            | Year<br>31-Mar-22<br>£ | Restricted | Unrestricted |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>BOATS &amp; OARS:</b>   |                        |            |              |
| Janousek 8 Jim Dawson      | 20,929                 | 20,929     |              |
| Janousek 4+ Patsy Lamb     | 13,929                 | 13,929     |              |
| Janousek 4x- Andromeda     | 15,894                 | 15,894     |              |
| Janousek 4x- Geoff Peattie | 15,894                 | 15,894     |              |
| <b>OTHER:</b>              |                        |            |              |
|                            |                        |            | -            |
|                            | 66,646                 | 66,646     | -            |

### NOTE 3 GRANTS ANALYSIS

Until a grant is spent, it is shown as a creditor in the accounts.

A grant (and a donation) which is given for and spent on a specific capital item is brought into the Income account over a period of years, on the same profile as the associated depreciation.

| GRANTS STILL TO BE SPENT |         |         |   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---|
| 31-Mar-20                | £       | £       | 31-Mar-21   |
| Unspent                  | Awarded | Spent   | Unspent   |
| (b/f)                    | in year | in year | (b/f)   |
| -                        | -       | -       | - Sport England Awards for All (£5,000 2006)      |
| -                        | -       | -       | - Coaching Awards                                 |
| -                        | -       | -       | - BANES "Sports Unlimited" Award (£1,500 2008)    |
| -                        | -       | -       | - BANES "Sports Unlimited" Award (£600 2010)      |
| -                        | -       | -       | - ESC Lottery Fund (Explore boats) (£10,000 2014) |
| -                        | -       | -       | - Rowing Foundation (Junior 4x-) (£3,000 2021)    |
| -                        | -       | -       | - TOTAL - ALL GRANTS                              |

| 31-Mar-21 | £       | £       | 31-Mar-22 |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Unspent   | Awarded | Spent   | Unspent   |
| (b/f)     | in year | in year | (b/f)     |
| -         | -       | -       | -         |
| -         | -       | -       | -         |
| -         | -       | -       | -         |
| -         | -       | -       | -         |
| -         | 3,000   | 3,000   | -         |
| -         | 3,000   | 3,000   | -         |

| GRANTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SPENT - RECOGNITION IN INCOME ACCOUNT |         |            |   |
|--|---------|------------|---|
| 31-Mar-20  | £       | £          | 31-Mar-21   |
| Unrecognised   | Spent   | Recognised | Unrecognised  |
| (b/f)  | in year | in year    | (b/f)   |
| -  | -       | -          | - Sport England Awards for All (£5,000 2006)          |
| 687  | -       | 137        | 550 Sport England Awards for All (£10,000 2008)       |
| -  | -       | -          | - Coaching Awards                                     |
| 161  | -       | 32         | 129 BANES "Sports Unlimited" Award (£1,500 2008)      |
| 126  | -       | 25         | 101 BANES "Sports Unlimited" Award (£600 2010)        |
| 2,621  | -       | 524        | 2,097 ESC Lottery Fund (Explore boats) (£10,000 2014) |
| -  | -       | -          | - Rowing Foundation (Junior 4x-) (£3,000 2021)        |
| 3,596  | -       | 719        | 2,877 TOTAL - ALL GRANTS                              |

| 31-Mar-21    | £       | £          | 31-Mar-22    |
|--------------|---------|------------|--------------|
| Unrecognised | Spent   | Recognised | Unrecognised |
| (b/f)        | in year | in year    | (b/f)        |
| -            | -       | -          | -            |
| 550          | -       | 110        | 440          |
| -            | -       | -          | -            |
| 129          | -       | 26         | 103          |
| 101          | -       | 20         | 81           |
| 2,097        | -       | 419        | 1,678        |
| -            | 3,000   | 600        | 2,400        |
| 2,877        | 3,000   | 1,175      | 4,701        |

### NOTE 4 SITE DEVELOPMENT

In May 2013 the Trustees of Avon County Rowing Club signed a Project Agreement in relation to the site at Saltford. The other parties were the Duchy of Cornwall, the University of Bristol and Monkton Combe School. The Agreement committed the Trustees and the Club to pay certain sums of money and to sign sub-leases with the University of Bristol and Monkton Combe School. In return, the Agreement committed the Duchy to issue a 60 year Head Lease to the Trustees and to have new boathouses and a facility block constructed. The new buildings belong to the leaseholder and the sub-tenants have rights to occupy designated parts of them.

Construction of the new buildings commenced in August 2013. The buildings were completed in August 2014 and at 31 March 2015 Avon County Rowing Club had no remaining expenditure commitments. The total expenditure from Club resources was £71,521. The remainder of the Club's share of the cost was met by grants and donations, including £60,000 from British Rowing and £50,000 from Sport England.

The Club does not propose to include any value relating to the new buildings in its Balance Sheet and therefore the net amounts paid by the Club after grants and donations were included in the Income & Expenditure account as an Exceptional item of cost.

The expenditure incurred in the year to 31 March 2017 was the Club's share of expenditure on installing improved sewage disposal facilities.

# **Saltford Boathouse Accounts**

Period 12 months to March 31st 2022

Avon County Rowing Club

University of Bristol

Monkton Combe School

Avon County Rowing Club / University of Bristol / Monkton Combe School  
Saltford Boathouse

Accounts 12 Months to March 31st 2022

CASH BOOK - CAF Cash A/C 25093 & Gold A/C 97892  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2021/22

|   | Code          | Per Accounts<br>£ | Debtor<br>£ | Creditor<br>£ | Accruals/<br>pre-paid<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2021/22<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2020/21<br>£ |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>   |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| ACRC  | 1             | 10,620.00         |             |               |                            | 10,620.00             | 10,620.00             |
| UBBC  | 2             | 7,380.00          |             |               | 2,460.00                   | 9,840.00              | 9,840.00              |
| MCS   | 3             | 6,780.00          |             |               |                            | 6,780.00              | 6,780.00              |
|   |               | <u>24,780.00</u>  | -           | -             | 2,460.00                   | 27,240.00             | 27,240.00             |
| Other income  | 11            | -                 |             |               |                            | -                     | 1,500.00              |
|   | <i>Income</i> | <u>24,780.00</u>  | -           | -             | 2,460.00                   | 27,240.00             | 28,740.00             |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>  |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| <b>Basic</b>  |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| Rent  | 101           | 7,990.34          |             |               |                            | 7,990.34              | 7,990.34              |
| Insurance - to August 19th 2022                                   | 102           | 3,619.16          |             |               |                            | 3,619.16              | 3,490.75              |
| Bank Fee  | 103           | 96.00             |             |               |                            | 96.00                 | 69.00                 |
|   |               | <u>11,705.50</u>  | -           | -             | -                          | 11,705.50             | 11,550.09             |
| <b>Utilities</b>  |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| Electricity   | 201           | 2,105.99          |             | 314.52        |                            | 2,420.51              | 1,740.17              |
| Telephone   | 202           | 355.97            |             |               |                            | 355.97                | 882.59                |
| Cesspit Emptying  | 203           | -                 |             |               |                            | -                     | 204.00                |
| Water   | 204           | 150.47            |             | 209.76        |                            | 360.23                | 239.12                |
|   |               | <u>2,612.43</u>   | -           | 524.28        | -                          | 3,136.71              | 3,065.88              |
| <b>Cleaning</b>   |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| Service   | 301           | 1,520.00          |             | 120.00        |                            | 1,640.00              | 1,140.00              |
| Ancillary   | 302           | 347.41            |             |               |                            | 347.41                | 157.37                |
|   |               | <u>1,867.41</u>   | -           | 120.00        | -                          | 1,987.41              | 1,297.37              |
| <b>Security</b>   |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| Keys  | 401           | 81.41             | (60.00)     |               |                            | 21.41                 | 46.50                 |
| Locks   | 402           | 101.50            |             |               |                            | 101.50                | -                     |
| Fire Alarm Annual Maintenance                                     | 403           | -                 |             | 204.00        |                            | 204.00                | 204.00                |
| Intruder Alarm Annual Maintenance                                 | 404           | -                 |             | 384.00        |                            | 384.00                | 384.00                |
| Emergency Lighting Annual Maintenance                             |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
|   | 405           | -                 |             | 96.00         |                            | 96.00                 | 96.00                 |
| Fire Alarm Repairs  | 406           | -                 |             |               |                            | -                     | -                     |
| Intruder Alarm Repairs  | 407           | -                 |             |               |                            | -                     | -                     |
| Emergency Lighting Repairs  | 408           | 54.90             |             |               |                            | 54.90                 | 86.30                 |
|   |               | <u>237.81</u>     | (60.00)     | 684.00        | -                          | 861.81                | 816.80                |
| <b>Repairs/Maintenance</b>  |               |                   |             |               |                            |                       |                       |
| Buildings (incl accrual for annualised roller door maintenance)   | 501           | 47.70             |             |               | 500.00                     | 547.70                | 265.26                |
| Roadways  | 502           | -                 |             |               |                            | -                     | -                     |
| Trailer field, Barnsdale field                                    | 503           | 170.00            |             |               |                            | 170.00                | 205.00                |
| Planted areas   | 504           | 152.00            |             |               |                            | 152.00                | 88.46                 |
| Pontoons  | 505           | 183.32            |             |               |                            | 183.32                | 1,002.22              |
| Gym Equipment (incl accrual for annualised ergometer maintenance) | 506           | 148.60            |             |               | 500.00                     | 648.60                | 250.00                |
|   |               | <u>701.62</u>     | -           | -             | 1,000.00                   | 1,701.62              | 1,810.94              |

Avon County Rowing Club / University of Bristol / Monkton Combe School  
Saltford Boathouse  
Accounts 12 Months to March 31st 2022

CASH BOOK - CAF Cash A/C 25093 & Gold A/C 97892  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2021/22

|   | Code | Per Accounts<br>£ | Debtor<br>£    | Creditor<br>£     | Accruals/<br>pre-paid<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2021/22<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2020/21<br>£ |
|---|------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Improvements/Equipment  |      |                   |                |                   |                            |                       |                       |
| Pontoon/bank<br>(pontoon brackets)  | 701  | 426.24            |                |                   |                            | 426.24                | 172.61                |
| Signs<br>(various)  | 702  | 480.72            |                |                   |                            | 480.72                | 2.00                  |
| Equipment<br>(vacuum cleaner, 2 x ergos, 2 x extra<br>monitors)   | 703  | 2,760.64          |                |                   |                            | 2,760.64              | -                     |
|   |      | <u>3,667.60</u>   | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>                   | <u>3,667.60</u>       | <u>174.61</u>         |
| Expenditure   |      | <u>20,792.37</u>  | <u>(60.00)</u> | <u>1,328.28</u>   | <u>1,000.00</u>            | <u>23,060.65</u>      | <u>18,715.69</u>      |
| Surplus Income over Expenditure before<br>Interest and Other Charges  |      | 3,987.63          | 60.00          | (1,328.28)        | 1,460.00                   | 4,179.35              | 10,024.31             |
| Bank Interest Received  | 901  | 1.21              |                |                   |                            | 1.21                  | 3.23                  |
| Surplus Income over Expenditure after<br>Interest and Other Charges carried<br>forward to Maintenance Reserve |      | <u>3,988.84</u>   | <u>60.00</u>   | <u>(1,328.28)</u> | <u>1,460.00</u>            | <u>4,180.56</u>       | <u>10,027.54</u>      |

**Avon County Rowing Club / University of Bristol / Monkton Combe School  
Saltford Boathouse**

**Accounts 12 Months to March 31st 2022**

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31 2022**

|  | 2021/22<br>£ |  | 2020/21<br>£ |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Bank</b>                              |              | <b>Bank</b>                              |              |
| Cash A/C                                 | 33,056.39    | Cash A/C                                 | 29,230.65    |
| Gold A/C                                 | 7,130.90     | Gold A/C                                 | 7,129.69     |
|  | 40,187.29    |  | 36,360.34    |
| <b>add Debtors:</b>                      |              | <b>add Debtors:</b>                      |              |
| Debtors                                  | 60.00        | Debtors                                  | 90.00        |
|  | 60.00        |  | 90.00        |
| <b>less Creditors:</b>                   |              | <b>less Creditors:</b>                   |              |
| UoB Payment of Rent in Advance           | (2,460.00)   | UoB Payment of Rent in Advance           | (2,460.00)   |
| Accruals annualised specific maintenance | (1,957.00)   | Accruals annualised specific maintenance | (1,500.00)   |
| Other creditors                          | (1,346.87)   | Other creditors                          | (2,187.48)   |
|  | (5,763.87)   |  | (6,147.48)   |
|  |              |  |              |
|  | 34,483.42    |  | 30,302.86    |
| <b>represented by:</b>                   |              | <b>represented by:</b>                   |              |
| <b>Maintenance Reserve</b>               |              | <b>Maintenance Reserve</b>               |              |
| Accumulated Surplus Bfwd                 | 30,302.86    | Accumulated Surplus Bfwd                 | 20,275.32    |
| 2021/22 Surplus income over Expenditure  | 4,180.56     | 2020/21 Surplus income over Expenditure  | 10,027.54    |
|  | 34,483.42    |  | 30,302.86    |

I have examined the attached Balance Sheet and the respective Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended on March 31st 2022.

In my opinion and based upon the records produced to me the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Treasurer.

signed by C. J. Levan  
Examiner

Dated:

Note to the Accounts:

The policy of the Boathouse Management Group is to generate surplus income averaging £4,000 per year over 10 years, to provide a fund for refurbishment and replacement of capital equipment when required.

## **AGM Report for Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head 2021**

This was, for ACRC a completely new event which, rather than lose the date in the BR racing calendar, we took over from Monkton Bluefriars who had decided they could no longer organise it. Bluefriars were more than happy for us to rename the event whilst retaining their name as well. For prizes we produced some attractive Avon Bluefriars mugs which displayed both the Bluefriars and ACRC logos.

ABH21 was one of the first Head Races to take place after the easing of the restrictions due to Covid-19 over the previous 18 months. We had 132 boats racing, somewhat less than the c.150 we had hoped for and expected, which means there is definitely room for growth. The date unfortunately clashed with the Open Days of some of the schools which meant they could not enter. In addition some Clubs and Schools were slow and cautious to return to racing after Covid. Having less boats did make life easier in terms of getting them launched and back ashore after racing and we were able to reduce the time between divisions.

Organising the helpers proved not at all easy for this race because of the reluctance of some of our adult members to sign on for the day, followed then by over-many excuses from people wanting to drop out from the rota. Bradford on Avon were extremely helpful in lending a hand. Simon Brown from Monkton was the only Monkton Bluefriars helper, which was disappointing. Those who did commit did a fantastic job and deserve a massive vote of thanks from the organising committee.

Odette & Steve McCarthy very kindly took on the organisation of the Catering because there were NO other volunteers and did a great job keeping everyone fed during the day.

The racing went very well. There were a few incidents at the Bottom Bridge and some crews said they hadn't heard instructions from the Monitors at the Special Controlled Zone - surprising that, because it was manned by very experienced people.

The Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head 2021 turned in a good financial result with a profit for the day including catering of £1870 - a very welcome addition to ACRC funds.

Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head 2022 will be raced on Saturday 8 October. Please hold the date and please sign on to help when the appeal goes out.

Jim Dawson, Chairman Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head Organising Committee

## **AGM Report for Avon Autumn Head 2021**

AAH in 2021 was run off the back of the Bluefriars Head held the previous month, the organisation was run along the same lines, with the same documentation, including the addition COVID precautions that were necessary.

There were 112 entries. Division numbers were well balanced: Short Div 1 - 12, Long Div 1 - 50; Short Div 2 - 13, Long Div 2 - 37.

The advent of Bath and Bristol Universities (and Swansea ) was welcome and we should encourage universities to attend, possible using it as an event for 'second' and 'third' crews.

Conditions were good.

The finish was moved to Coaches Corner (shortening course by about 50m). This worked well. Good comms and good visibility. Need to maintain access along footpath and keep spectators away.

Becky Panton ran catering and did a great job. Instead of a BBQ we decided on Toasties and soup. This was fine, although the BBQ was missed. It also required careful set up of electrics to the back of the boathouse, so as not to



overload the circuits. Recommendation post event included a water tap at the back of the boathouse and a heavy duty electrical circuit.

The Head contributed about £4,455 to club funds (catering contributed £827).

David Atkin  
Chair, Avon Autumn Head

### **AGM Report for Avon Spring Head 2022**

It was great to run this race once again for the first time since 2019. The 2020 race was cancelled due to the bad weather and condition of the river, whilst the 2021 event was a casualty of the Covid pandemic. This time, the weather was kind and the large number of competitors thoroughly enjoyed getting back in action for a full-on race once more.

We received a very strong level of entries from most of our loyal Clubs and Schools and all the Divisions had to be closed in advance of the published closing date. 315 boats took part with 48 eights, 111 fours and quads, 79 pairs and doubles and 77 singles. For the first time for several years we increased to entry fee from £10 per head to £12, but that didn't impact the entry at all.

After unnecessary 'exchanges' between our finish timers and the boat owners in the Saltford Marina enclosure at the Avon Bluefriars Head, it was decided to move the finish point slightly upstream to the towpath at Coaches Corner. This worked very well and our timers had a much better view of boats as they approached the finish and were able to get on with their job without any distractions.

The big entry did mean however that two of the 3 short divisions were over-subscribed meaning that these very inexperienced crews took longer to marshall and start than the schedule allowed and the event finished a little behind time, with the delay particularly noticeable for boats racing in Division 6. For the 2023 race, we will limit each of the short divisions to a maximum of 25 boats.

I'd like to thank the members of the ASH organising committee and especially our large army of volunteers without whom the event could not be staged. The Head Committee is most grateful to all those helpers who put in such a good effort in the build-up and on the day to make ASH22 a great success.

The Catering was organised by Lynne Miller, very ably assisted by other social rowers. Well done! It was a very welcome and much appreciated part of the day. It also contributed a very useful amount of money. Hopefully this group will go forward to organise the catering for our other events.

Our thanks also go to our neighbours who were again extremely helpful, especially to Gordon Lye (car parking off the A4 in his Barnsdale Park field) and to Darrell & Lynn Pickup of Saltford Marina (use of their field for boats on trestles).

ASH22 turned in a great financial result with a record profit for the day including catering of £11240 - a very welcome addition to ACRC funds.

ASH23 will be raced on Saturday 23 March. Please hold the date.

Jim Dawson, Chairman Avon Spring Head Organising Committee

## **AGM Report for Bristol Avon Regatta 14 May 2022**

Having missed two years, we knew reminding ourselves how to run the regatta would not be easy. We were lucky to have quite a lot of continuity in the organising committee and in many roles in the setting-up and on the day, and the hard work and on-the-spot thinking of the experienced hands and those new to the task meant that the regatta delivered a great day of racing to 175 crews.

We did not know how many entries to expect. Entries were due to close on 5 May but by 29 April we were full and suspended entries. We know of at least 25 entries that had to be rejected.

There was good feedback from visiting clubs, with several saying they had enjoyed their day.

The regatta statement of account is attached and shows that just over £4,000 was generated for the club.

There were challenges on the day. A main one was the manpower resources to run the event, and there were also issues to do with road traffic and management of other river traffic. We have reviewed these challenges and identified a number of action points to take forward.

Julian Sondheimer, Chair, BAR Organising Committee

**BRISTOL AVON REGATTA**  
**14 May 2022**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

|   | Regatta<br>2022 | Regatta<br>2019 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                               |                 |                 |
| Entry fees (Note 1)                         | 6,380.00        | 6,000.00        |
| Catering and programme sales (Note 2)       | 567.16          | 886.52          |
| Donations                                   | 196.71          | 196.71          |
| Sponsorship                                 | -               | 300.00          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                         | <b>7,143.87</b> | <b>7,383.23</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                          |                 |                 |
| <b>On racing</b>                            |                 |                 |
| Medals                                      | 336.66          | 377.38          |
| Numbers and pins                            | 31.15           | 31.50           |
| BROE fee                                    | 129.24          | 143.04          |
|   | 497.05          | 551.92          |
| <b>On event</b>                             |                 |                 |
| Sound system                                | 265.00          | 264.00          |
| Radio hire                                  | 250.00          | 250.00          |
| First Aiders                                | 373.00          | 297.50          |
| Lifesavers                                  | -               | 300.00          |
| Chairs, tables hire                         | -               | 27.00           |
| Toilets                                     | 420.00          | 370.08          |
| Refreshments and wine for umpires, sponsors | 280.19          | 251.97          |
| Programme printing                          | 182.00          | 142.00          |
| Rubbish disposal                            | 149.99          | 109.99          |
| Damage to a narrowboat                      | 30.00           | -               |
| Insurance borrowed power boats              | 112.00          | -               |
| BR Insurance                                | 121.00          | 119.00          |
|   | 2,183.18        | 2,131.54        |
| <b>Other commitments</b>                    |                 |                 |
| BR affiliation fee                          | 61.00           | 60.00           |
| Insurance of trophies                       | 166.71          | 166.71          |
| West of England Committee                   | 186.20          | 76.00           |
|   | 413.91          | 302.71          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                    | <b>3,094.14</b> | <b>2,986.17</b> |
| <b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>                    | <b>4,049.73</b> | <b>4,397.06</b> |
| <b>NOTE 1: ENTRY FEES</b>                   |                 |                 |
| Entry fee per seat (normal)                 | 11.00           | 10.00           |
| Seats in published draw                     | 555             | 600             |
|   | 6,105.00        | 6,000.00        |
| Entry fee per seat (ACRC/BSU)               | 5.50            | 5.00            |
| Seats in published draw                     | 34              | 74              |
|   | 187.00          | 370.00          |
| Entry fees (for published draw)             | 6,292.00        | 6,370.00        |
| Adjustments                                 | 88.00           | -370.00         |
| Entry fees (actual)                         | 6,380.00        | 6,000.00        |
| <b>NOTE 2: CATERING AND PROGRAMME SALES</b> |                 |                 |
| Takings                                     | 1,328.21        | 1,054.52        |
| Ingredients                                 | 593.05          | netted off      |
| Hire of barbecue                            | 168.00          | 168.00          |
| <b>Surplus</b>                              | <b>567.16</b>   | <b>886.52</b>   |

## **Membership and Subs Report 2022**

Note: The financial information below is based on the membership spreadsheet dated 8<sup>th</sup> August (the day the bank statement is published) and the membership information is based on the situation at 16 August – the date of writing.

### **Membership**

The membership is as follows:

| Membership type                    | No of Members |               |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | 2019          | 2021          | 2022          |
| Full                               | 148           | 109           | 105           |
| Coach                              | 3             | 5             | 4             |
| Student                            | 4             | 3             | 1             |
| Vac Student                        | 16            | 16            | 17            |
| Junior                             | 41            | 54            | 58            |
| Taster only                        | 6             | 0             | 5             |
| LTR taster + course                | 0             | 9             | 16            |
| Junior family membership 1 parent  | 4             | 4             | 1             |
| Junior family membership 2 parents | 2             | 3             | 3             |
| Bath Spa                           | Not yet known | Not yet known | Not yet known |
| Leavers this FY                    | 37            | 12            | 23            |
| Total excl leavers and Bath Spa    | 224           | 203           | 210           |

### **Notes**

In normal times, about one third of members leave every year and membership is topped up as beginners arrive and move through to the squads.

August/September is always a time of transition for the membership numbers as beginners are still signing up. The new Development Squad is in process of establishing itself so we have more people than usual designated “taster” or “LTR” and are hoping that they will be joining the club. Also, in August we never know how many Bath Spa people will join.

### **Subs etc Income**

There are 3 categories of regular income from non-Bath-Spa members:

- Subs and rack rent income – if everyone who is currently a member stays and pays for the whole year (unlikely!) the income would be about £40,000, which includes about £1800 rack rent. Money collected to date is about £16,000.
- Some people (actually 5) make a monthly donation toward a boat fund. Money raised so far this year is £235 and in a whole year would be £564.
- Donors – These are people who don’t row any more and have left their standing orders running in order to make a donation to the club. This runs at £87 per month (although two of the donors are racking boats ) so about £1000 per year.

Bath Spa are normally invoiced £96 for each student to cover October to May inclusive. This year they have paid £2880 for their 30 members.

Philippa Sondheimer  
Membership Secretary