



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held via Zoom

Monday 25 July 2022, 7.45pm

Present: Angie Scott (AS), David Atkin (DA), Antony Constantinidi (AC), Jim Dawson (JDw), Jane Day (JDy), Jon Garner (JG), Will Gray (WG), Tim Grice (TG), Kim Pennelegion (KP), Penny Senior (PSen)

Apologies: Clair Ponting (CP), Philippa Sondheimer (PSon), Julian Sondheimer (JSon), 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
BMC Secretary role – Jdy no long has capacity for this, having taken over Women's Co-ordinator role.	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.	Role has been advertised in RNs
Coaching and sports plan – Paid coaching – JG to prepare further information about paid coaching.	Paid coaching has moved forward, we have engaged Poppy Kearney who will be coaching the development squad on Thur pm and Sun am. Will trial it for a couple of months. Need to see whether it is worth it/what we think about it. Very positive feedback re PK's coaching, TG hopeful that this will have a positive impact.
ACTIONS FROM 9/5/22 MEETING	STATUS
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.	Both boats are with Janousek. PSen unsuccessful in getting Antony back to Janousek. Offers to help from Tideway Scullers which was appreciated although timing didn't work out. View that there is no rush to get the boat to Janousek as they are currently swamped. S McCarthy has offered if we need to transport the boat.
Boathouse Management Committee New track – stone from gate to between the boathouse. Solar panels – more information required, plus discussion with Russell	The levelling and re-stoning of the track and area between the boathouses is planned for late July early August, when AC knows date, will let everyone know. Action: AC/JG to explore further solar panel details. Ongoing.
Finances Shoes – we need to place a big shoe order, need to think about our requirements as sizing and quality differs with manufacturers.	Action: All to consider shoe requirements PSen still needs to know which boats need shoes/likely to need shoes in next 6 months so PSen can order. Ballpark figure £1k for new shoes for an 8



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<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. Has been re-headed. Needs to be repainted.</p> <p>Men's Dreher blade – may be repairable, spare may be available in boathouse. If handle needs replacing this may be more difficult. JG has managed to rebuild the handle, need grips.</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>
<p>Noticeboards Out of date and need to be updated</p>	<p>Will be updated by Derek Walker following AGM in September</p>
<p>COMPLETED:</p>	
<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>	<p>See Women's report</p>
<p>Rowing Squad meeting Previous meeting with TG/JDy/JG/PSen/CP useful for discussing rowing and squad-related issues.</p>	<p>Completed – see co-ordinator reports</p>
<p>Mirrors – gym ML to mark up railings, JDw/AC to fix railings once new fixings have been delivered</p>	<p>Completed – thanks to everyone involved</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>	<p>Done. Reviewed and discussed.</p>
<p>Coxboxes – Charging points next to Bay 3</p>	<p>Issue with charging point has been resolved.</p>
<p>Development plan for the LTR squad</p>	<p>AS has now taken over the Development Squad, this is now in hand.</p>
<p>Potential coaches following PSen assessing the recent coaching course</p>	<p>P Kearney will be providing the coaching</p>
<p>BAR – regatta financial results compared to the most recent previous events</p>	<p>Done</p>
<p>Medals to be collected from Worcester</p>	<p>Medals have been delivered to Russell who will deliver them to the club.</p>
<p>All to consider options/volunteer to assist with dealing with rubbish/recycling</p>	<p>Bins have been removed from clubroom, men's changing room and outside the erg room. Bins remain in 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</p>
<p>Safety – New RowSafe draft document</p>	<p>JG has circulated the draft document with this month's safety report. Not many changes (primarily – don't row whilst wearing a dry robe; don't row with hoodies with pockets; emphasis on competence in the water – floating deemed as important as swimming).</p>



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3. Reports

Captains - circulated, see below

Getting orders for 2022 T-shirts, PSen to circulate the list before order is placed.

Action: PSen to circulate T-shirt order list prior to placing order

Discussion regarding private coaching for individuals who may wish to learn to row at ACRC outside of the LTR courses. This will enable us to offer different options and attract individuals who have different motivations. All in favour. Potential option for 'graded' cost, cost differing depending on the level of experience of the coach. Individuals would need to join the club in order to then take part in the private tuition. Would be interesting to equate how much LTR course costs vs membership and private lessons.

PSen to explore further.

Action: PSen to explore private LTR tuition options further

Discussion regarding current ACRC members who may wish to have private coaching. There are a number of individuals who have expressed a wish. Noted Saturday mornings might be a challenge due to use of the launch. Suggestion that we borrow Monkton launches for private coaching. JG to check whether we are covered with insurance for these instances.

Action: JG to check with JSon re launch insurances

Men – Circulated, nothing to add

Women – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

Noted the very positive interclub discussions initiated by JDy.

Social rowing – Circulated prior to meeting, see below

Beginners – no updates

Juniors – Circulated, see below

PSen will organise a capcize drill for late September.

PSen to liaise with Simon (before Friday) re a list of potential new juniors.

Action: PSen to organise capcize drill for September

Go Row Indoor – nothing to report

Volunteer co-ordinator – nothing to report

Development squad - AS has taken on the role of Development Squad co-ordinator. Details have been passed over from CP, AS is hoping to work with her and a group volunteers on Thur, Sat and Sun. Has no idea how many will be turning up on Thursday. P Kearney will come every Thur.



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4. Boathouse Management Committee

Illegal mooring situation – AC is in touch with Nick Mould/Duchy, meeting 2nd week of August, need to have engagement from the Duchy to assist with this problem. Signage was discussed – these needs to be more prominent (perhaps at Coaches' Corner?), although there are 2 signs at the bottom lock, these are ignored. AC to escalate this problem with the Duchy.

Action: AC to seek Duchy assistance to resolve illegal mooring issue

Balcony floor – part of it is rotten, AC has a contact who should be able to fix it.

Insurance of site is up for renewal in August. Discussions ongoing regarding rebuild costs and associated insurance. There is a discrepancy between rebuild costs proposed by Duchy and a 3rd party, AC will recast the numbers.

Action: AC to recast insurance rebuild cost calculations

Tree – the fallen tree will be sorted

5. Welfare

Nothing to report

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

The main points from the safety report concern:

- the RTA which will be reviewed this week,
- Lush meeting has been very positive,
- towing incident – it is worth considering that anyone new to towing trailers getting them to tow on site so that they know about overhangs.

Around the country there have been a lot of collisions everywhere plus similar issues with near misses with wild swimmers. Advice from BR Safety Advisers is that we need to keep looking out, we know where our hazards are and need to accept that it is difficult to mitigate against if other individuals do not take responsibility for their own safety.

Trees down at 600m. Would be good to have CART boat to assist.

Pontoon damage – increase of people we have had on it. AC/JDw and JG are keeping on top of the planks that are damaged.

PSon has given JG list of updated contacts, this is not yet in the keysafe as there are still updates required. If anyone needs an emergency contact number, please contact JG.

Discussion regarding bridge jumpers - we need to manage how we act as we cannot control their actions. We have to control what we do, we can't control others. WG to find out who is responsible for that bridge and ask them if there is anything they can do.



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7. Events

17 September event planned – see Captain's report

Avon Bluefriars – planning process has started, JDw has not had any feedback so presumes all is well. Helpers – we need a lot of them for 8 Oct. M Peacock will be re-ordinating helpers, he will start recruiting in September. All to encourage their squads to assist. Pson has contacted the social rowers who will organise the catering. J Bewick at Bluefriars is wanting to move from looking after radios, has been speaking to JDw and JSon about taking over the VHF radios. No objections to us buying the radios. JDw to confirm with J Bewick.

Action: JDw to liaise with J Bewick re purchasing VHF radios

Poster on the ACRC website about the Avon Bluefriars head race. Meeting this week to talk about the question of turning into the top trailer field and Barndale Farm in view of crash at regatta.

Autumn Head - DA has passed on the information about the Head to Fergus who is taking over the Chair role.

To note – this event clashes with the 4s head this year; the Vets 4 Head is the day after although this probably won't affect us too much.

Spring Head

Nothing more to report, although noted that the event date clashes with WEHORR

Social events – none to report

8. Finances, Joiners and Leavers

Finances – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below
Shows healthy balance

Psen has already started looking at boat purchasing plan. Will send to JDy and TG so we can start to get an idea of what we plan to buy going forward. If we are wanting Stampfli and Janousek will need to order with a lot of notice – long wait times.

Action: Psen to send draft boat purchasing plan to JDy/TG

JSon has proposed a small change to the layout of the club accounts. All in agreement that this is a good suggestion.

Subs & Memberships: Report circulated prior to meeting.

Membership – Report circulated prior to meeting, see below

Looks like numbers gently increasing. Currently we do not know how many LTR will transfer to becoming members, most of the new juniors have signed up now.

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



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9. AOB

Mike Tucker has asked whether he can use the site for a day's 1st aid training course. This has been agreed subject to the training taking place when the site is not busy.

JDy to find out more information about the A4 closure – signage has recently appeared at the Globe.

JDy to organise another co-ordinator meeting.

WG suggested we consider purchasing headcames (~£30/each) for training purposes.

KP to confirm AGM report dates. Summary of Captain and Secretary role to be provided. DA confirmed that he will be standing down at the AGM but is happy to help at events.

Action: PSen/KP to draft role information

Robin Leach has been in contact with immense amount of details about Steve Redgrave. Noted that we have historical records stored in the eaves.

PSen to sort out the blade handles that have been taken off and wrapped, ready to go.

Date of next meeting: 26 September 2022, 7.45pm



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Space (the final frontier)

Still 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.

Boats

Andy Mason has gone back to Janousek. Still no news on a quote yet – I have chased.

Vicky has gone back to Janousek.

Antony needs to go back to Janousek. I did take him to Brit Champs as Janousek usually attend – unfortunately they weren't there and my attempts to get a lift from another club failed.

Development Squad coordinator

Ange Scott has agreed to take on this role.

Paid Coaching

Poppy has agreed to coach the development squad on Thursday evenings and mens squad on Sunday mornings. We are trialling this for a couple of months and will then review. Initial feedback is good.

Coaching Courses

I will sort out a session coach course for the Autumn.

Mirrors and Toilet rolls holders

The mirrors have been installed in the gym and a proper toilet roll holder has also been installed in the accessible toilet – thanks to all involved!

2022 T-shirts

Alex Fraser has used one of the designs for SSR prizes as a basis for a T-shirt. Orders are flooding in (!) and I will order them in the next few days.

Last of the Summer Wine

I will organise a regatta (private match) on the 17th September – on the same basis as 'Not Bristol Avon' and Midsomer Madness' regattas last year. Matching crews on speed as before but also with specific events for coxed quads, mixed experience doubles (a newbie with a more experienced bod) and singles for people who think racing in a single is a really bad idea.

Newbies – private coaching

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	



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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							
Lynne Miller	R							
Luke Sarti	R	C 22						
Poppy Kearney		Y 22						
Steve McCarthy		R						

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

Wins

Bewdley Sprint

Low Cri 1X David Atkin

JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Newbies

I think most have now joined.

British Rowing Junior Champs

Our WJ14 4X+ were 4th in their time trial and then 6th overall. J14 4X+ and J14 1X both made the 'C' finals.

Wins

Llandaff Sprint

WJ13 1X Primrose

WJ14 1X Tatiana

WJ14 2X Talya, Tatiana

J14 4X+ Ben, Sam, AJ, Albert, Ollie

Bewdley

WJ14 1X Tatiana

WJ13 2X Liv, Primrose

J13 1X Liv

Bewdley Sprint

J14 2X Ben, AJ

WJ14 1X Tatiana

J13 1X Primrose



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WOMEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Competitions

Sal, Kath, Ange S and Hannah L raced as a quad at Henley Masters and made it through quarter and semi-final to reach the final. They were beaten by Exeter but achieved a PB time!

Llandaff - Abbie and Victoria made it to the final in a W2x; Hannah T, Chloe P, Joanna and Chloe B won their first round of W4+ but were beaten in the semi-final; Hannah T, Chloe P, Joanna, Abbie, Victoria, Becky P, Kayleigh and Chloe B were beaten in a straight W8+ final. All had fun and were glad to be racing in the sunshine!

Next regatta is Stourport on 13/08: entering a WMasA8+, WMasA4+, MxD8+ and possibly MxD/E4x-

Also looking at Gloucester on 27/08 and possibly Ross on 28/08.

Inter-Club Discussions

Penny, Tim and I had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with some of the coordinators from Minerva, Ariel and Bradford-on-Avon 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 also felt that there is such a relief for many of us that things are sort of 'back to normal' that there is less availability to train for some as people are planning holidays, etc, as well as some possible nervousness about 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! Possibilities talked about for this year are Stourport (may only be ACRC – not sure the other clubs are going) Oxford, Gloucester and Ross. 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.

- Since then I have contacted Gloucester and Ross about running a low CRI event for perhaps W4x+ if we think that we will have competition from these other clubs which they both seem to be open to.

Linked to this, Penny mentioned the idea of an 'Autumn Madness' event run between our Clubs to give junior and adult crews some fun experience of racing: this would be 500 metres up and downstream with each crew racing three others with similar estimated finish times. This would enable perhaps an 8+ to race with some more experienced rowers teaming up with development squad members to form a crew from within the club. May be a BBQ or social food share afterwards. Date for this is **17th September**.

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 Afternoon

Ran a small boats afternoon on 16th July to encourage more squad members to try small boats. A number of people came down and helped so that 7 people tried singles, 2x doubles went out and 2x pairs. It was a gorgeous sunny afternoon with lots



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of smiles and no capsizes! I'm planning to organise another one for later in the summer depending on availability which will probably be on 3rd September.

MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Competitions

There were entries at National Masters and Henley Masters with good performances. Special mention to Antony's crew at Henley. Despite having to row in a heavy borrowed boat they came very close to winning the final.

Current sign up for remaining regattas (Stourport, Gloucester, Ross and Worcester – apart from a Mx and 1x at Storuport) is showing low levels of interest but I will chase this. It may be that with coaching (see below) there will be more confidence to compete.

Development, squad numbers, land training and general

Participation in co-ordinated training has remained generally at a relatively low level over the past month (for detail and explanation see previous report).

The major development here is the start (on Sunday 24 July) of paid coaching. The coach is Poppy Kearney. The plan is for 2 hours of coaching from the launch on Sunday mornings for those who want it in whatever combination of boats fits attendance (including smaller boats). The first session was essentially an assessment (video and note taking) with some drills - intended to lead to more focused input in future sessions. The unanimous response of the crew involved (an 8) was positive. Whether coincidentally or not attendance was higher. This is an exciting development for us. Although I suspect that the picture will remain variable through the holiday season and that the full impact will kick in in the autumn. I'm very impressed by Poppy and am optimistic. It is intended that this will link up in due course with Poppy's coaching of the Development Squad.

Thanks to the committee for this.

Coaching

See above.

Is there any possibility of a Session Coach course at the club in the near future?

Discussions with other clubs

I refer to Jane's report on this meeting. Big thanks to Jane for her initiative in setting it up. It was interesting and extremely useful.

BEGINNERS REPORT

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SOCIAL ROWING REPORT

Avon County

Not much going on – taking out the octuple when we can, otherwise a coxed quad. And me. Have been a bit impeded by Monkton's beginners recently but they are very helpful in getting us off the water!



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Julian and Philippa now away for a week or two and hoping that people will organise themselves using the WhatsApp group. Some people might go for doubles on a Thursday when the river is (a bit) quieter.

Good news is that the Social Rowers led by Lynne are available to do the catering again for the Monkton Bluefriars SBH.

WAGS

Philippa now the Regional RecRow rep. Bit of an uphill struggle.

There are meetings of a National Rec Row committee but the next one is TBA.

There is a proposal for a WAGS rowing tour in several sections:

- Caen Hill to Bradford on Avon – K&A canal
- Bradford on Avon to Bath – K&A canal
- Bath to Bristol – River Avon
- Bristol to Avon mouth – Tidal Avon
- Avonmouth to Clevedon – enthusiast identified!

This is looking a bit improbable unless we do some or all of the canal sections in canoes or punts – working on it – planning to write a summary paper for the National Committee.

Recreational Rowing Strategy – have not been able to access this either. I feel that a Strategy might depend on someone being able to define Recreational Rowing – or maybe that is the project. We shall see.

MEMBERSHIP & SUBS REPORT

Membership numbers

	Label	31 March 2022	June 2022	July 2022	Notes
Full	F	99	100	104	
Full paying junior rate during lockdown	FJ	2	2	2	
Coach	C	2	2	2	
Non Rowing		3	2	2	
Student	S	0	1	1	
Vac student (paying)	VAC	19	3	3	Brend, Brown, Stratton
Vac (maybe maybe)	VACM		7	7	
VAC (never to be seen again)	VACL		8	8	
Junior	J	53	53	60	
Taster	T	5	2	5	
LTR Taster + course	LTR	6	9	17	
Junior - family membership 1 parent	Jfam	2	1	1	
Junior - family membership 2 parents	Jfam2	3	3	3	
Bath Spa	B	30	30	0	Only pay till May
Non Bath Spa Leavers this FY	L	58	10	16	
Total exc all VAC, LTR, BSU		164	164	175	



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Total exc all Vac and LTR		194	194	175	
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Points to note and action if appropriate

Membership – Great upturn in membership – junior recruitment is going well and several adult T/LTR people have joined (including one who had previously decided not to). Let us hope that the current batch of taster and LTR adults also want to stay. Really need to try and get the Bath Spa admin sorted for the October batch of students.

Subs – Good to see a slight rise in monthly subs income to £3300 for July.

JOINERS & LEAVERS

Info as at 2pm Tuesday 19th July

Paying people included in membership numbers

Adult Joiners

Antonia Kyriakogkona	ado.kyr@gmail.com (paying)
Xavier Albano	xavieralbano@gmail.com (paying)
Brittany (Bee) Wylie	beelianewylie@aol.com (paying)
Rosie Capetti	rosemary.culling@btinternet.com (paying)
Alistair Sertin	alistair.sertin@yahoo.co.uk (paying)
Amy Pendry-Brazier	alpendry@gmail.com (paying)
Michelle Iodice	iodixx@hotmail.com (invited)

Adult Rejoiner

Miranda Butcher	mirtom16@hotmail.com (paying)
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Student (re) Joiner

Junior Joiners

Arjuna Pankhania	alisonpankhanian@gmail.com (paying)
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Emily Eldridge	alex@chrisandalex.info (paying)
Talia Brown	emmerjanebrown27@gmail.com (paying)
Mya Brown	emmerjanebrown27@gmail.com (paying)
Ewan Sparey	neil@komplete.uk.com (paying)
Alexis Blayney	D.blayney@hotmail.com (invited, paid July in cash))
Emma Francis	cfrancis803@gmail.com (paying)
Ben Bryan	laurenbryan73@gmail.com (paying)
Recine Theaker	stheaks@live.com (paying)
Freddie McDonald	zoemcdonaldwriter123@gmail.com (invited)
Emma Atkins	Clairatkins1@googlemail.com (invited)

Leavers (or joiners who didn't really happen)

Anthony Higson	mail 29/6, GCL mandate cancelled/removed
Charlotte Barr	GCL mandate cancelled 28/6
Ben Phillips	mail 9 July, GCL sub cancelled 10/7
Hamman	GCL mandate cancelled 7/7
Katie Gibbard	WhatsApp and GCL mandate cancelled
Charlotte Taylor Weekes	GCL mandate cancelled 12/7

(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 – have given up on these people

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



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 25 July 2022						
1. BANK BALANCE			This report (25/07/22)	Previous report (06/06/22)	Change	
	Interest rate					
Current account - General ¹			48,446	42,764	5,682	
CAF Cash account			4,946	21,599	(16,653)	
CAF Gold account ²	0.35%		18,002	3,000	15,001	
Virgin Money account	0.40%	TBC	18,109	18,109	0	
Total in bank			89,502	85,472	4,031	
¹ General excludes subs standing order receipts since 09/07/22						
² Includes £3,000 events working capital						
ENTRIES/KIT/MISC DEBTS/(CREDITS)						
Balance 31/03/22 (after write-offs)			374	374		
Race fees			2,928	1,879		
Kit & Misc			786	600		
Credits this year			(2,828)	(1,563)		
Total Current Balance			1,261	1,290	(30)	
NB active members only						
2. MAJOR INCOME & EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT						
(excluding normal routine items)				Amount		
Purchase of 2,000 medals (balance)				1,340		
3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME						
				Amount		
Insurance excess Andy Mason 2x repair				500		
A Constantinidi 4- repair				TBC		
4. FINANCIAL ISSUES						
£15,000 transferred to CAF Gold Account to take advantage of interest rates beginning to return to meaningful levels						



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SAFETY REPORT



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Safety Report for Committee Meeting 25th July 2022

Incidents 2021/22

Incidents reported since the last meeting.

Date	Description	Reported online by club
14.5.22	Road Traffic Accident on A4 at 11.30am (approx) on 14th May 2022. A car belonging to and driven by a regatta spectator was shunted in the rear by another car whilst waiting to turn right off the A4 into our regatta parking field. No one was seriously hurt although both cars were damaged. Police attended the incident. First Aid was provided by our regatta First Aid supplier. A sub-committee of the regatta organising committee is reviewing the incident fully with a view to seeing if there is any way in which we might help mitigate against similar accidents in the future.	20257
14.5.22	<p>The owner of narrow boat Lush sent this complaint (extracts): We left Saltford marina, around 14:30 and very quickly realised that there was a rowing regatta underway. A man in a high vis vest, said that they were just about to start a race and requested that we wait for 20 minutes until they had started. I was unaware and uninformed of a regatta until this point. I decided to wait for the race as it was the kind thing to do. I was not happy about it.</p> <p>The man in the high vis told me to throw a rope to him and he would pull me back into the spot that he wanted me in - I was not allowed to wait against the pontoon... He pulled the boat down-stream and towards the scaffolding poles that stick out of the bank. Needless to say, the boat went into the poles which scratched the hull of the boat in three places.</p> <p>In reply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We advise CART of the race and they had put out a notice. The marina owner had said that she would inform her customers. The regatta will send a more detailed notice to CART next year and also give more information to the marina owner and, if possible, to the boat owners so that boat operators can see how the regatta is organised. • Lush could not occupy a pontoon as racing crews were continuously launching and coming in. • The Chair of the Regatta has met the complainant and she has accepted £30 damages. 	20393
14.5.22	The owner of narrow boat Lush sent this complaint (extracts): On the return journey around 18:00, coming up to the regatta from the other side, I could see that there were boats lined up to start a race, heading downstream. I slowed down and their safety speed boat came around and	20394



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	<p>asked us to wait, which I was already doing and happy to do so. As I had already slowed in reverse and Lush was drifting sideways slightly, as narrowboats do in reverse as they have minimal control like that. I went into gentle forward gear to straighten the boat up to remain in control, I believe at that point there was an engine malfunction and the reverse cable became disconnected from the engine - leaving me without reverse and the ability to slow down and stop. This meant the boat remained in forward gear and continued down river - not going at an out of control speed - still as slow as a narrowboat.</p> <p>This situation would have all been fine for me to comprehend and alter my manoeuvring if there hadn't been at least 5 people on the bank shouting at me aggressively to slow down, that I was going to crash into rowers and that I didn't know what I was doing.</p> <p>Avon County says: When first in sight of the Start position, ie as it rounded the bend from Bath direction, LUSH appeared to be moving at speed through this congested area and not heeding requests from the marshalling launch to reduce speed and wait. LUSH took a (correct side) line through the crews who had to take avoiding action, and seemed to hit the portside blade of a Minerva masters single who was holding a position near the start on the field side bank so had limited room to move. The LUSH skipper shouted that reverse had been engaged but that it was having no impact on the boat speed so was having to continue downstream. After the close call with the Minerva sculler LUSH continued at some speed toward Saltford on the field side of the course.</p> <p>Although this is a very low-probability incident, we will review our safety procedures to see whether any improvements should be made.</p>	
31.5.22	Simple capsized – Max Hawkes (reported by MH with no further info)	20254
10.6.22	Janos fell out of Errol, got back in and sculled home.	20255
11.6.22	Ethan fell out of Scabbers doing roll ups just downstream of rafts. Swam it back in.	20256
8.6.22	At 7pm. Mark Peacock and Tim Grice in Debbie B. Going upstream, the bow side blades struck Newbridge and the boat capsized. Combined efforts got Mark back in and he rowed to Minerva. A passing quad towed Tim over to Minerva. The double emptied the boat and sculled it back to Avon County; they were unhurt and had warm showers. Bent stay on stroke side (during capsized?) straightened at club	20258
22.6.22	At 7pm at 500m, Tim Grice capsized from Norbert. Simple capsized.	20256
8.7.22 06:30	<p>Steve McCarthy damaged a boat while trailing. He says: I arrived at the club about 0630 and checked all straps / lights etc before pulling away. As I manoeuvred out of the trailer park I misjudged the extent to which Antony Constantinidi (4-) was over hanging the van. I had previously completed this same manoeuvre with a similar trailer load so had not anticipated just how long the boat was. As I turned the bow of Antony caught the RHE of the boat house.</p> <p>Lessons are to change my exit manoeuvre to come straight out and reverse back to Bristol Uni boathouse to achieve much greater bow clearance and to have a walking banksperson when manoeuvring in confined spaces.</p>	20396



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Issues Arising

- 20257 RTA. There is a review meeting this Thursday to action changes required to future event parking procedures to try to mitigate future such events.
- 20393/4 Lush. Julian followed up and met with Owner of Lush. A very positive meeting. Improved communication with the Marina and boat owners is actioned for future events starting with ABH22
- 20396 Towing. Resulted in major damage to AC 4-. Should we review how we 'sign up' new trailer towers so that we can learn from & avoid the repeat of historic incidents?

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)

- Again, lots of collisions around the country. The advice to keep a good look out is repeated.
- Specifically a 2x had a near miss with a group of 3 swimmers who did have hi-viz floats. The advice from HRSA is.. "Please understand that it is not acceptable to continue rowing unless you are sure that the water ahead is clear. If you are not sure then you must stop." For us, we need to remember that it is one of our regular hazards to look out for, particularly near the pontoons, bottom bridge and moored boats, mainly in summer but may be even during cooler months

Rowsafe & Club Safety Audit

Rowsafe 2022 is available. See attached. The changes are highlighted. Nothing we don't already know and cover 3 main areas

- No dryrobes in boats
- No hoodies with pockets in boats
- Emphasis on competence in the water rather than just swimming ability. Eg. Ability to float as important as ability to swim

Other Matters

- Watch out for fallen trees (now 250m, 600m & between top bridge & weir). We've asked if the C&RT work boat can help us clear them asap. They may cause some disruption to head races.
- Pontoon damage is on the increase, possibly due to lots of extra use in the hot weather. Watch out for loose or broken planks and let me know if you find any problems.



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- Philippa has given me a list of updated emergency contacts. Once she returns from holiday we'll update again and put a revised set in the key safe.