



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

Committee meeting held via Zoom

Monday 31 July 2023

Present: Halina Bellova (HB), Jane Day (JDy), Jim Dawson (JDw), Katherine Greenhead (KG), Jon Garner (JG), Will Gray (WG), Tim Grice (TG), Patsy Lamb (PL), Kim Pennelegion (KP), Penny Senior (PSen), Philippa Sondheimer (PSon), Julian Sondheimer (JSon), Gudrun Wiesenthal-Saunders (GW-S)

Apologies: Antony Constantinidi (AC), Marian Lovell (ML), Angie Scott (AS), Kaitlyn Noble (KN)

1. Minutes of last meeting – Approved and adopted

2. Update on Action list –

<b>ACTIONS FROM 31/10/22 meeting:</b>	
<b>Boat House Management Committee</b> KP/JG to meet to discuss boards/displays	Ongoing.
<b>ACTIONS FROM 30/01/23 meeting:</b>	
<b>Calendar of events</b>	JG - Work in progress.
<b>ACTIONS FROM 20/03/23 meeting</b>	
<b>Boathouse Management committee</b> Pontoon	<b>JG progressing discussions with Monkton re pontoon</b> Work in progress. Agreement from Monkton to take 10m pontoon cubes (£40/cube), which with other materials on site, will be sufficient to make a pontoon. JG currently seeking prices for new cubes, feels that £40/each is realistic. There is also an offer of help to get the cubes to site (hopefully in 3-4 weeks time). JG also chasing for a quote for a replacement new pontoon (pontoon #1). JG will measure depth of river bed – needs ~30cm. We may need to dig out part of the river bed to give pontoon chance to float.
<b>Safety</b> Minerva/investigation to determine whether Minerva has a defib for emergency use	<b>JG to liaise with Maggie Cook/MIN</b> No reply from MIN yet. JG to chase.
<b>Club website</b> Potential for DofE, BSU, A Rees to input into revising website	Potential rejoiner (mens' squad) who has expressed an interest in helping with the club website, plus TW-S (a junior member who has coding experience). A Rees has expressed an interest in helping with content.



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	[Discussed in more detail in GRI section]
<b>ACTIONS FROM 24/4/23 meeting</b>	
<b>First Aid course</b> Took place 4/6/23, KP to update the FA notice board	KP still awaiting a number of photographs/contact details. KP to finalise the updated board (will need further updates once photographs are provided).
<b>Finances</b> Club insurances – cover provided for volunteers	<b>JSon/TG to explore further</b> JSon has provided insurance details to TG, TG work in progress
<b>Mailchimp</b> KP to look at further functionality of software	Ongoing. Nothing to report.  <b>KP to set up session – PSen, JDy, TG. Record it and make available to co-ordinators.</b>
<b>Level 1 and 2 coaching courses</b> JG to progress potential coaching courses with PSen	2-3 people at the club who are interested although September 2023 course in Monmouth is currently full.
<b>ACTIONS FROM 12/6/23 meeting</b>	
<b>Heavy weight scull for mens' squad</b>	Sean has been returned to Janousek and club has access to a MNK single.
<b>BMC</b> PSen has provided info re installation of additional sockets on outside of boathouse.	<b>KP to circulate to BMC members.</b> KP has drafted email to BMC members, to circulate for approval so that CRoach can start work.
<b>Safety</b> Washing of boats and blades after outings	<b>JG to sort out washing equipment</b> Done.
<b>Membership</b> O/s dosh spreadsheet	<b>JSon to organise Goolesheet access for JDy/TG</b> <b>All co-ordinators to chase squads for outstanding fees</b> O/s dosh – everyone has access to spreadsheet
Membership categories	<b>JG/GW-S/Pson to meet and work out system</b> Ongoing
<b>AGM reports</b> Reports to be sent to KP by end July if possible	10 August deadline
<b>Coaching</b> Replacement PK coach to be sought	JG exploring options, will report back in new committee year.

\* Actions highlighted in grey have been completed

### 3. Reports

**Captains** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below.

JG had previously circulated a club equipment list, highlighting purchasing priorities/requirements for the club. Men/women squad singles discussed:

Private sale of an 80kg men's single 'Argo', to be advertised for sale in RNs.



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**Action: JG to advertise private sale in RNs**

JSon is selling a 75kg single 'Merlin' (same ages/spec as Norbert). Potentially this meets the need for a general club boat. JG/JSon to discuss outside of meeting.

**Action: JG/JSon to meet to discuss further**

Lighter single for adults – before the club commits to a weight, JDy to seek views from the lighter weight women to determine what weight would be in most demand (55-60kg). JG view that 60kg would cover these needs.

**Action: JDy to liaise with specific members of women's squad to seek view**

From financial perspective, JSon happy with purchase of 1 or 2 boats.

Noted that there is a need for 2 heavier-end coxed quad/four boats to be available for the men. Although Derek and George are available, they cannot both be used as quads simultaneously. Potential (cheaper) option would be to purchase a quad set of riggers.

Monkton want to sell their skinny sweep blades, Simon to provide price. These have been trialled by some of the women's squad, new handles would be needed thought as they have caused blisters. The specification was discussed – agreed that once we have price and spec, will re-consider. To be discussed outside of the committee.

The idea of a rowing tank was discussed. Agreed for a small group (including PSON, PSen, Russell) to carry out a feasibility study. To be progressed outside of the committee.

**Action: PSON/PSen/Russell to progress feasibility study**

**Men** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below.  
Nothing to report.

**Women** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below.  
Nothing to report.

**Social rowing** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below  
PSON keen for Mailchimp to be launched asap as this will help with social rowing co-ordination.

**Action: KP to organise Mailchimp session (to be recorded) asap**

**Beginners (Adults)** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort is a mixed bunch, all having a positive experience.  
KG, TG, JDy and JG to meet to discuss development into the main squads.

**Action: KG/TG/JDy/JG to progress movement from LTR/Dev into main squads**

**Juniors** – Lots of racing, lots of winners at Bewdley and Llandaff. Junior British Champs, Strathclyde – 10 crews competed with 8 getting through to B-E finals,



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although none through to the A finals. Everyone performed as well as could be hoped. For the next few weeks, juniors will be rowing on Tuesdays and Sundays.

**Go Row Indoor** – Thomas W-S is interested in getting involved in club website, TW-S has a good understanding of coding and understands the software that is used for the ACRC website. He has helped to update the GRI webpages. The software has developed a lot since the club website was originally set up, TW-S has proposed that if the software is updated, functionality (booking forms, calendar, membership forms etc) could all be used very effectively.

JSon set up the website originally, he is happy to advise TW-S on the construction and provide input/involvement.

Discussions about changing the website highlighted the wider issue relating to membership and how best to manage this element of the club administration. One potential solution could be to amend the Adult google form headings and this would make it suitable for GRI, reducing our forms from 3 to 2. All agreed that membership is a bigger discussion, we need to consider all potential changes which may include the use of ClubHub.

Noted that JSon to be kept informed about all aspects of software updates so that he is able to understand what the issues are. TW-S believes that it will still be possible to update the website using the old version of the software.

## **Actions:**

**JSon to work with GW-S and TW-S to explore ideas and understand the implications of software updates**

**Pson/JDy/RG/PSen/JG/KP to explore all elements of the membership administration and what this might look like**

**JDy to facilitate a discussion between A Rees and TW-S. [AR – Content/TW-S – Coding, how to make the site work as we need]**

**Pson/TG to have discussion with Matt/men's squad re website**

## **BSU co-ordinator –**

Academic timetables are not yet available for the forthcoming year so BSU unable to confirm when members will be coming to the club in October and November. As soon as dates are known, BSU to send through to the committee.

BSU are planning on 1-2 races in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, details to follow once these are known.

KN/HB keen to integrate BSU members with ACRC members, potentially coming down at the same time as men/women sessions, going out in mixed crews.

**Action: TG/JDy/KN/HB/JG to meet at end of September to progress**

Boat booking system – HB to provide email addresses for BSU committee members so that all can make boat bookings.

**Action: HB to provide email addresses to JDy for BSU committee members**

Membership forms – Pson confirmed that these are available directly from the club website. Pson to provide the link. When the individual BSU members are known, HB/KN to provide Pson with a list of names.

**Action: Pson to provide HB/KN with link to membership form**



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## 4. Boathouse Management Committee

The tree surgeon has been to the club today to inspect the poplar tree, it is not diseased.

Gravel – this will be completed the last week before b/holiday.

The University boathouse alarm has been reinstated.

The Duchy are going to put up 'no mooring signs' and will also remove the 2 fallen trees.

Improvements to our CCTV following 2 incidents this summer. Currently we have 3 cameras that don't show the area between the boathouse, they show the West Wing and the access from the tow path. Options to divert footpath, hire security to deter unwelcome visitors were discussed, both not considered viable. CCTV improvement would be good. Would need our own system so that we are in control of the images. Agreed that this is a BMC action to follow-up. JG will be putting up new signage this week.

**Action: BMC to follow-up CCTV improvement options**

## 5. Welfare

Nothing to report.

## 6. Safety Report

The trailer has now fixed and back on site. Agreed that JG/PSen will discuss whether anything needs to be progressed with CoB once the bill has been received.

**Action: JG/PSen to discuss trailer/CoB once cost is known**

JG circulated a copy of the Bristol University fire safety officer report. AC will follow up with a meeting. JG confirmed that the emergency lighting is maintained by Apex and that new fire extinguishers have been placed in the clubhouse/boathouse. University of Bristol have responsibility for the maintenance/servicing of these fire extinguishers.

We need to ensure we make all members aware of the emergency evacuation in event of fire during induction training.

**Action: JG to include emergency evacuation procedure in RNs  
KP/JG – new signage to confirm procedure**

## 7. Events

**Avon Bluefriars Head (7 October 23)** – A planning meeting is scheduled for 1/8/23, following that JDw to feedback to committee what help may be needed.

**Avon Autumn Head/Spring Head** – nothing to report at present



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**BAR 2024 proposal** – The proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. It is a big change from what we do currently. The Regatta committee is generally supportive of having a junior only regatta. There are a lot of benefits having junior only-event and, the Saturday would not be too different from our current 1-day event. We would be giving a shorter, less frantic day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day would also be shorter.

A number of examples were given of other clubs that have historically run 2-day events and struggle with the finding sufficient volunteers to help, this has resulted in them now considering to reverting to a 1-day event.

Concern was raised regarding 2-days and the strain this will potentially put on helpers and organisers. Noted that if the 2<sup>nd</sup> day is an invitation only event for Masters, this would be less of a burden on resources. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day would not have the same feel as a big regatta event, although there would be more scope to have many different options and categories. We need to consider offering adaptive events as well.

Noted that we need to explore how much interest there would be from local clubs, we need to see whether people would want to come and have a race on the Sunday.

Discussions relating to the fee to race on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, prizes, the safety requirements, desirability of a limited competition were discussed. If this is a BR affiliated race, we would need to provide first aiders and safety boats, all of which costs (and therefore needs to be factored into the entry cost).

The welcome pack does include statement about helping out at events, this needs to be reinforced to new members.

**Action: PSON to create a survey to send out to local clubs to gauge interest and explore all aspects of a 2<sup>nd</sup> day for masters/novice/open events**

Agreed that the committee will reserve making a decision about juniors only for the Saturday until PSON has had feedback from other clubs.

## 8. Membership & Subs

**Membership** – Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below. Nothing to add.

**New members & Leavers** – Report circulated prior to meeting, see below. Nothing to add.

## 9. Finances

– Report circulated prior to the meeting, see below.

The financial report shows a £3.5k increase since mid-June, this has been largely due to the £2k from tasters and LTR courses. O/s dosh has gone down and is now standing at ~£1.5k. We've been doing well with the GoCardless.

There is no news about the Bath Uni insurance excess.

Noted that there will be a cost for Sean single refurbishment.



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## 10. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

PL has been in discussions with the MS society, the MS Society contact is coming to visit at the beginning of September to get familiar with club and to promote at a Living Well event at the end of September. Hopefully there will be a follow-up next year.

Through friends and family contacts, we are hopeful that we have an individual with MS joining for a taster session this summer.

Last week JG/PL/KP met with Alistair Macfarlane - Activity & Wellbeing Manager for Parkinsons UK (PUK)/Bristol branch. He organises the health and wellbeing programme for Bristol and has offered to link us with the Bath branch. It was a very positive and enthusiastic meeting; AM will report back to the PUK committee. We are hoping to run a couple of taster sessions with them before the end of the summer.

All in agreement that the adaptive rowing programme does not require a separate membership or subs category, we can accommodate this within existing structure that we have.

## 11. AOB

Noted that at the Junior British Champs, BR/Stratclyde asked for volunteers to help run the event. They contacted local schools and youth organisations (Scouts, cadets) to seek volunteers. This is potentially something we can consider doing for our events.

Pson confirmed that she maintains the 1<sup>st</sup> aid boxes.

BSU are still waiting for the club keys to be returned from EF.

Christmas shoe box appeal – Pson to provide further information for JG to include in RNs.

Thanks noted for T Comber who has taken on the cleaning of the clubhouse for the summer.

T-Shirts – All co-ordinators to check with their squads for orders. Agreed sensible approach is to order a box and they can be used for next year as well as the t-shirt design is undated.

**Date of next meeting:** 25 September 2023, 7.45pm



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## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Who can remember the glorious weather back in June...? At least the rain keeps unwelcome visitors away & the water feels really warm if you happen to have a training development experience (aka capsized)

On a very serious note though we did have 2 significant incidents involving unwanted visitors back in June. The Monkton launch was set adrift and one of our juniors was assaulted, although fortunately not harmed. These incidents were reported in RN & are covered in more detail for this meeting under the Safety Report.

The highlights since the last meeting are:

- We've had 58 crews racing across 7 different events, with 18 wins (lists in RN).
- We saw the first heat win for an ACRC woman at HRR when Finn Stratton won the first round in the Stonor Challenge Trophy (W2x)
- Midsummer Madness on 24<sup>th</sup> June lived up to its name with some great fun racing over 500m on our straight. Clifton College came & joined in and thoroughly enjoyed the day.
- LTR2 is now ½ way through and the course is going very well. The LTR1 graduates are also progressing well in the Development Squad. Thanks to Katherine, Jane and all the helpers involved in this.

Equipment:

- Sean B-T is back at Janousek being repaired and should be back with us during August.
- Shane Cameron is looking to sell his 80kg Eton single ARGO (previously owned by Darrel) for <£2k either to the club or a member. I can put on RN but is the club interested?
- Boat purchases. Having discussed our fleet needs with the squad co-ordinators, I would like to propose that we order two basic Janousek singles, both with 3 stay riggers and reinforced bow canvases. Cost each £6780 incl VAT. Lead time 16 weeks. One would be 55kg to satisfy a growing need for lighter adult singles. The second at about 70/75kg to replace Snow White. I have attached the boat purchase wish list.
- MKN sweep blades for sale. For discussion.

Some dates coming up

- w/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August. We are planning to have the area between the boathouses re-gravelled. There will be some big equipment on site and some disruption, but it shouldn't prevent normal rowing activities.
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Big Avon Paddle. This is a repeat annual charity event organised in aid of Dorothy House by Channel Kayaks. We will host a couple of monitors on our landing stages for the day as in previous years.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. AGM at Noon
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Minerva are hosting rowers from Alkmaar and have invited us to join in a mini headrace. Details to follow
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. ABH. Lots of help needed as always. Details to follow

## **MEN'S SQUAD REPORT**

### **Generally**

Sign up for squad sessions has remained patchy – with numerous absences and alternative commitments (including my own). However, there has still been a





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reasonable amount of activity within the squad, principally on a self-organised basis in smaller boats (and in Jane's mixed 8). As we approach the winter, I confidently(?) anticipate increased focus on and commitment to planned activity through August and sign up is already showing signs of increasing.

We have a squad meeting planned for 10 September 2023 to discuss and formulate plans for the head season. Watch this space.

The current indications from LTR and Development are that there a number of promising potential recruits and that, as I understand it, most of them at least are planning to join for the longer term. The challenge will be to welcome and pro-actively integrate them into the squad and ensure that their particular requirements for continuing development are catered for.

We need more coxes and inboard steerers in the squad. The burden currently falls unfairly on very few. To be actively addressed.

## **LTR/Development**

Members of the squad continue to support the excellent work of Katherine and Jane. There is now a clash of commitments at 8am on Sundays morning between men's and development squads. Subject to the views of Jane (and Katherine) it will be helpful to use this as an opportunity to start bringing suitable development squad members across. To be discussed with Jane.

## **Regattas**

We were represented at British Masters (with a brilliant victory for Darrel in Mas 1x) and Henley Masters. Mazen and Michele achieved their maiden silverware at Bewdley in the Low CRI 2x - so terrifying their opponents that they (the opponents) capsized (well, whatever it takes).

Some modest plans for Oxford, Gloucester – and Great Ouse.

## **Coaching**

Poppy has now departed. Her input into the men's squad last year was extremely important and led to a marked and visible improvement across the board but most noticeably in the 'core' Sunday Squad. I regard it as essential to continue with regular, consistent coaching – and also thereby to maintain engagement of the newbies.

The sculling camp through June was well received.

## **Other**

Agree with Jane about training for the launch (and its conking out!).

## **WOMEN'S SQUAD REPORT**

### **General**

Quite a few of the squad have been continued to support with LTR and more are being encouraged to get involved - these are future members of the women's squad, and we need to support their development and help them feel involved in the squad and Club!

Blade painting has begun to smarten them up a bit .... Plan to be put together to get all of the women's blades painted over the coming weeks.



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## Racing Past and Future

HWR for Abbie and Victoria WMAsA 2x. They didn't qualify but had an amazing experience and loved it!

Henley Masters for WMAsC 4x- (Sal, Ange S, Kath and Hannah) who made it to the final but were then beaten and Abbie as WMAsB 1x

## Looking ahead

Gloucester 26-27/08 – Mx8+, W2x currently entered. Checking for more interest from across the squad

## Sculling Camp

Sculling camp with Poppy was well received by a number of women who joined in during June with some rowing in fine singles for the first time.

## Looking Ahead

Starting to think about the squad expanding over coming months with LTR/development squad members joining although some may focus more on social rowing outings. I will be talking to coxes and coaches from across the squad to understand if anyone is willing to take on a crew to develop both themselves and the crew. Would also like to explore more people learning to drive the launch to be able to offer coaching from alongside although the launch has a habit of conking out mid-outing half way down the river which is frustrating and is then very hard to restart. Can the engine be looked at to see if there is an opportunity for it be more reliable?

## **SOCIAL ROWING REPORT**

### Mingle

The Mingle went ahead on 15th June with Minerva bringing two coxed quads, one coxless and one coxed four. Two lots of eight Minerva people went out in the oct with Julian coxing. Four Avon County people were coxed by Helen Cooke in a MIN quad and then Helen coxed a crew of two Minerva men and two Avon ladies. A lot of cake was consumed, and fun was had by all. Pity so few Avon people available.

We are planning to Mingle again after the summer holidays.

We heard about the Minerva trip to the Voga Longa – maybe for 2024 their enthusiasm will work where my administrative approach failed!

### New Joiners

Once Jon and Jane had kindly updated the Welcome pack, I sent it out to the new June Joiners together with a plug for Social Rowing.

Several Dev squad members are available on Thursday mornings; some have already come in the oct with us and I am hoping that we shall soon have more people for a Thursday morning outing. We shall need to get more coxing training going.

### Rowing Tour

Julian and I were the only members of Avon County on the BR Rowing Tour ( 21-23 July Stourport to Gloucester ). We were actually part of the bank team and our tasks consisted of:

- Applying to CART for the licence
- Becoming First Aid qualified ( would have been better focussed on hypothermia than CPR! )
- Helping with the purchase of 95 meal deals from Stourport Tesco after lunch pub let us down



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- Helping with the de-rigging and re-rigging of 17 quads ( most with 3-stay riggers ) because of a change of plan necessitated by the less than helpful behaviour of CART
- Rowing through the rain from Upton to Cheltenham College ( lovely Worcester crew )
- Rowing from Cheltenham College to Gloucester
- Gate duty ( electronic access ) at Gloucester
- Ferrying stranded people from Cheltenham College to Gloucester

I don't feel that the above works as a sales pitch.

But we are taking part in the Wannsee Tour in September as paying customers and that might yield some positive publicity to show our RecRow people that there is more to life than the Bristol Avon.

## **LTR/ADULT BEGINNER REPORT**

The group of 14 is developing well. It is a bit more of a mixed bag this time around. We have one already doing brilliantly in a fine single and another going to give it a go this week.

The rest are developing at different rates but mostly going in the right direction.

The process is positive, and they are all reporting that they are enjoying it. The summer course is suffering from a lack of availability as people take summer holidays so there are quite a few missed sessions (one newbie has only managed one session in total!) Support continues to be good, Jane doing a sterling job of nudging people to help.

Steady stream of enquiries from people joining the waiting list for the course next year, with a possibility of some doing a few private sessions in September.

## **GO ROW INDOOR REPORT**

We have said goodbye to Anna, who did an amazing job of instructing our GRI weekday classes and have welcomed Halina from Bath Spa in her stead starting classes on the 17/7/23. We also look forward to welcoming Will Hall Hains, who has expressed an interest in running GRI classes, and welcome any other volunteers.

We continue to trickle along with new people attending for taster sessions and to date we have had 63 people attend a GRI taster session, since inception. some becoming regulars, others moving onto the LTR and others who drop off.

Going forward I am trying to build consistency of attendance and a simpler booking method, so the GRI can run more independently.

Thomas (my son/junior) has offered to update the clubs website. He believes he can add a booking calendar on the website for people to book into GRI classes, so they do not have to email.

He also feels he can update the membership form so that it includes GRI and LTR, so that all members details are held in one place. Additional members can then update their membership information themselves, this would include changing, medical information, contact information, Club membership information like moving



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from GRI to LTR or having both, to cancelling memberships. Our thoughts being this would help keep membership information up to date.

He has said he can also put a club Callander on the web page so that we can put all up and coming events from races to meetings to booking, to maintenance work, or university and Monkton use on - not sure if this would be helpful. He has a few ideas and has started on this in order to show what it could look like; this is being done separate to the website so there is no disruption and or commitment on behalf of any one to accept this possible change. This is just an offer that is being made to see if this may help with challenges brought up previously about recording GRI members. If the committee is happy with this and would like Thomas to continue building an updated website, he would like to request information and ideas on what you would like to see on the web pages, including creative ideas as it would save him time if he had this upfront, this ensures he is building a website exactly as the club would like. Obviously, there is no obligation to make any changes to the website once he has finished, the committee is invited to look at his proposal for the website and if you like it, he said he can simply replace the one for the other. If there is time in the agenda, maybe this can be touched upon or scheduled in for a future meeting?



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## MEMBERSHIP & SUBS REPORT

### Membership numbers

	Abbr	31 March 2023	12 June 2023	31 July 2023	Notes
Full	F	96	103	106	
Full paying junior rate during lockdown	FJ	2	2	2	
Coach	C	2	2	2	
Non Rowing	N	5	4	5	
Donors	D	3	3	3	
GoRowIndoor	GRI	3	3	3	
GRI Coordinator	CGRI	1	1	1	
GRI, also doing Taster	GRI,T	1	2	0	
GRI, also doing LTR	GRI,LTR	5	0	0	
Student	S	2	2	1	
Vac student ( paying )	VAC	3	3	4	Stratton, Bellova, Firman, Poettier
VacM ( maybe maybe )	VACM	7	8	8	
Junior	J	41	42	39	
Taster	T	13	13	13	
LTR Taster + course	LTR	16	5	13	
Junior - family membership 1 parent	Jfam	5	7	7	
Junior - family membership 2 parents	Jfam2	0	0	0	
Bath Spa	B	27	0	0	
Non Bath Spa Leavers this FY	L	75	11	17	
Total exc all VAC, T, LTR ( only ), BSU		163	171	169	
Total exc all Vac, T and LTR ( only)		190	171	169	

### Points to note and action if appropriate

**Membership and subs** – Nice increase in adult membership following the LTR. The money is now showing in the bank; July subs were £3200

**GRI** – We agreed last meeting to discuss our GRI admin (signing up forms and membership payments and the transition from GRI to LTR to full membership ) but have not done so. I think it would still be useful – for the issues see June report.



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## JOINERS & LEAVERS

### Paying people included in membership numbers

#### Adult Rowing Joiners ( receive Welcome Pack )

Heather Yeomans [hevayeo@hotmail.com](mailto:hevayeo@hotmail.com) ( [paying](mailto:hevayeo@hotmail.com) )  
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Emma Baker-Gaunt [ebakergaunt@gmail.com](mailto:ebakergaunt@gmail.com) ( [paying and WP sent](mailto:ebakergaunt@gmail.com) )  
Abi Shears [shearsa95@gmail.com](mailto:shearsa95@gmail.com) ( [invited](mailto:shearsa95@gmail.com) )

#### Vac memberships

Tom Bennett [twbennett024@gmail.com](mailto:twbennett024@gmail.com) ( [invited](mailto:twbennett024@gmail.com) )  
Falk Poetter [falk.poetter22@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:falk.poetter22@bathspa.ac.uk) ( [paid, but in euros!](mailto:falk.poetter22@bathspa.ac.uk) )

#### Adult returners

#### GRI joiners ( Non PAYG people )

Hilary ( Hills ) Stone [welovehilly@gmail.com](mailto:welovehilly@gmail.com) ( [SumUp 7 July, invited to GCL for August onwards](mailto:welovehilly@gmail.com) )

#### Junior Joiners

Daisy Gilmour [Lucy.gilmour1@outlook.com](mailto:Lucy.gilmour1@outlook.com) ( [paying](mailto:Lucy.gilmour1@outlook.com) )  
Adam Butterworth [tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk) ( [paying](mailto:tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk) )  
Matthew Butterworth [tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk) ( [paying](mailto:tarabutterworth@hotmail.co.uk) )

#### Leavers ( or joiners who never really happened )

Nicola Stevenson ( F ) [GCL mandate cancelled](#) 20 June  
Oliver Bendrey ( J ) [GCL mandate cancelled](#) 29 June  
Poppy Kearney ( now Alumna ) [farewell](#) 28 June  
Jess Dench ( GRI ) [mail](#) 28 June  
Caroline Thorn ( F ) [mail to Jon, mandate cancelled](#)  
Ben Bryan ( J ) [GCL mandate cancelled](#) 20 July  
Toby Vivallos ( J ) [removed from GCL, mail from Penny](#)

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



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## FINANCIAL REPORT

AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB						
Financial Report for Committee Meeting on 31 July 2023						
		This report (31/07/23)	Previous report (12/06/23)	Change		
<b>1. BANK BALANCE</b>						
	Interest rate					
Current account - General <sup>1</sup>		31,451	27,706	3,745		
CAF Cash account		8,130	8,426	(296)		
CAF Gold account <sup>2</sup>	2.05%	49,492	49,281	211		
Virgin Money account	1.00%	18,192	18,156	36		
<b>Total in bank</b>		<b>107,265</b>	<b>103,569</b>	<b>3,696</b>		
<sup>1</sup> General excludes subs standing order receipts since 09/07/23						
<sup>2</sup> Includes £3,000 events working capital						
<b>ENTRIES/KIT/MISC DEBTS/(CREDITS)</b>						
Balance 31/03/23 (after write-offs)		544	544			
Race fees		4,643	2,901	1,742		
Kit & Misc		34	34			
Credits this year		(3,715)	(1,068)	2,647		
<b>Total Current Balance</b>		<b>1,506</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>(905)</b>		
<b>2. MAJOR INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ITEMS SINCE LAST REPORT</b>						
(excluding normal routine items)			Amount			
20 taster, 14 LTR			2,080	income		
<b>3. IMPENDING MAJOR EXPENDITURE/INCOME</b>						
			Amount			
Insurance excess Bath Uni 4x repair			500			
Trailer repair			TBC			
<b>4. FINANCIAL ISSUES</b>						



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## **SAFETY REPORT**

### **Incidents 2022/23**

Incidents reported since the last meeting.

Date	Description	Reported online by club
16.6.23	Adam Butterworth in Fang capsized opposite rafts. Inexperience. Swam boat to raft 5pm	24832
18.6.23	Rory in Glacier at the top of the river. Gate not done up enough. Rescued by MIN launch.	24843
13.7.23	Monkton reported that a large branch had fallen out of the Poplar Tree between Rafts 1 and 2, and 4 and 5 as they were packing up their kit. The tree fell onto a launch and bent the side of it. No-one was hurt but Simon Brown had been in the launch 5 minutes earlier. The trees are inspected regularly by a tree surgeon; the last inspection had been Autumn 2022. A further inspection has been booked for 31st July.	25244

### **Matters Arising**

- The report from the tree surgeon (25244) should be available for the committee meeting.

We have also just had an expensive repair to the large trailer. It was driven some considerable distance back from Strathclyde with the handbrake left on. This resulted in a wheel coming off completely as the wheel bearing collapsed. All 4 brakes & wheel bearings needed to be replaced. The driver wasn't from ACRC, but it is a sobering reminder to everyone who tows to do the basic checks before setting off.

### **HRSA Monthly Report – June 2023**

(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)

Yet again there have been lots of on the water collisions reported around the country – fortunately not on the Avon. I can't re-emphasise enough the need to keep to the correct side and look ahead regularly (at least every 5 strokes, even if you think the river ahead is clear)

### **Rowsafe & Safety Audits**

UBBC's Fire Safety Officer has carried out a Fire Safety Audit of the boathouses and facilities block. The audit and report is attached. A review meeting is being organised in September.

### **Matters Arising**

- Antony to arrange follow up meeting with UBBC
- Point 2 - I'm arranging PA testing through Chris
- Points 7 & 9 – Are these covered by the Apex contract
- Point 8 - Can we agree how we cover off the induction training requirement

Other Matters





# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

As reported in RN, but since the last committee meeting, we've had 2 incidents involving unauthorised visitors on the site.

The Monkton launch was set adrift by a couple of lads who then ran off. The launch was recovered safely without further incident.

Much more seriously one of our juniors was pushed in the back by some youths when trying to take their boat from the landing stage after an outing. The youths then tried to grab the boat & also attempted to drag another boat from trestles. They then went into the boathouse, threw stones and cans and sprayed water pistols at rowers. The Police were called, and although they responded quickly, they just missed the culprits. We do have photos though thanks to some very quick thinking so there's hope that the youths may be identified & charged.

It must have been a pretty frightening experience for those involved & we need to try to make sure that everyone feels safe when they come to the club to row.

So, please can we all take care and look after ourselves and the site. In particular, whilst this warm weather continues:

- Keep the bottom gate closed & locked in the afternoons & evenings. I know it's a nuisance, but it doesn't take long to open/close You can always park in the top field and walk down if you wish (or if you don't have a gate key).
- Keep the boathouse shutters down, the wicket gate locked and the main facility door closed when there is no-one left in the area. If you need the number for the key safe to unlock the boathouse door, please ask me.
- I would suggest that people don't go down in the evening on their own to row but make plans to meet others and row in numbers. Specific plans will be made for junior sessions.
- It is good practice to take a mobile out in the boat with you anyway (in a waterproof bag ideally). That way you can call for help from other club members or the police if you need to without having to land.
- If at any point something doesn't feel right, please go inside, shut the door and call the Police. Damage to boats and facilities are of secondary importance to personal safety. Please do not stand up to anyone who is behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner if you feel at all at risk.

## **Matters Arising**

- Should we improve the existing CCTV coverage
- Additional 'private property' signage is being put up.