



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

Saltford Rowing Centre
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: AGENDA

Sunday 24 September 2023, 12.00 noon
To be held in person (Club House)

1. Apologies
2. Adoption of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022 (previously circulated)
3. Matters Arising
 - a. Subscription rates 2024-25 (with effect April 2024)

Committee proposal to amend the subscription rates to:

Full adult senior - £324pa (£27pm), Junior/Student - £162pa (£13.50pm), Vac Student £35 (April-March), Coach £72pa (£6pm), Boat rack - £84pa (£7pm), Indoor rowing membership - £216pa (£18pm), Non-rowing membership - £72pa (£6pm). 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.

[Please see pages 3-4 below for background information]*

4. Captain's Report
5. Co-ordinators' Reports
6. Safety Advisor's Report
7. Trustees' Report
8. Treasurer's Report – including Boathouse Management Committee financials
9. Appointment of External Examiner
10. Reports from Avon County Rowing Club Events and Joint Events
11. Membership Report
12. Election of President, Officers and Committee
13. Election of Vice Presidents

Please note that all Members and Vice-Presidents are welcome to attend the AGM but that Donors, Junior Members, Temporary and Non-Rowing Members may not vote.

This Agenda, together with the draft Minutes of the 2022 AGM, has been circulated by email to all Members with email addresses.

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Background note for increase in Membership Subscriptions

AGM 24th September 2023

The committee proposes to increase membership subscription rates as detailed below. Not all rates are changing and any changes which are agreed at the AGM will only come into effect in April 2024. The changes are highlighted

Proposed new subscription rates

Full Adult/Senior - £324pa (£27pm), Junior/Student - £162pa (£13.50pm), Vac Student £35 (April-March), Coach £72pa (£6pm), Boat rack - £84pa (£7pm), Indoor rowing membership - £216pa (£18pm), Non-rowing membership - £72pa (£6pm). 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.

Current subscription rates

Full adult senior - £288pa (£24pm), Junior/Student - £144pa (£12pm), Vac Student £30 (April-March), Coach £72pa (£6pm), Boat rack - £72pa (£6pm), Indoor rowing membership - £216pa (£18pm), Non-rowing membership - £72pa (£6pm). 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.

The decision to propose an increase in membership subs is not something which the committee takes lightly. Therefore, I wanted to give you some background & explanation behind the proposal before the AGM vote.

This is the first increase in subs since the 2018 AGM which voted in favour for an increase taking effect in April 2019. Since then RPI has risen 32% and is likely to increase still further in the coming months. More relevant is that the general running costs of the club have increased significantly, and particularly in the last 12 months. We have had a 5 yearly site rent review increase of 30% (linked to RPI) and site electricity costs have more than doubled since January. Insurance, equipment & maintenance costs have all increased too. Adding these together our fixed cost base is increasing by at least £2,500 per year just this year alone. We are also using these funds increasingly to support a greater level of coaching resource available across the squads.

As a club, we are fortunate to be able to benefit from the profit generated by the 4 events we hold each year and which are successful because club members support them so well. They are of course always subject to cancellation for various reasons (usually weather) and so cannot be totally relied upon for income. However, over the years these events have allowed us to build up and maintain an excellent fleet of boats whilst also being able to keep subs at levels below those of other clubs in the area. We expect to be able to continue this in coming years.

For comparison, I have listed the Full Adult monthly membership rates for clubs in the area: ACRC £24 current, £27 proposed, Minerva £35, Bristol Ariel £28.50, City of Bristol £33, Gloucester £36. We don't know if any of these are going to increase in the coming year, but it would seem likely.

As a club we also appreciate that any increase in subs may be difficult for some members. We also don't want to lose anyone from rowing because of the membership cost. So I would also like to take this opportunity to say that we are able to provide a small number of discretionary reduced rates, in full confidence, when this is needed. Just see me, or Marian, or your squad co-ordinator if you want to know more about this.

Jon Garner
Captain