



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham Monday, 13 January 2014, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Jim Dawson, Antony Constantinidi, Julian Sondheimer, Helen Willcox, Debbie Blackmore

Apologies: Chris Brigden, Clair Ponting, Ashton Vaughan

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved and adopted with the notation that the junior blades came from a Sports Unlimited grant.

Update Action List: Penny to circulate an updated action list after the meeting. Further actions detailed below:

Robin will need at least one new rigger. **Debbie** to provide details to Penny for Action List.

Jim to ask builders if they can source free hardcore for the river bottom (for gabion placement).

Reports (previously circulated)

Captain – Damaged boats will be taken to Janousek this week for repairs scheduled in March. Chris Hopper seems usable so will not go in for repair at this point. Agreed to have Vicky resprayed and Voldemort rewired whilst they are there.

Agreed to institute a boat rescue plan when the river level reaches 1.4m, if it's still raining at that point. Discussed how best to relocate boats when the river floods. Suggestions included extra high racking, block and tackle system to sling the boats into the rafters and cemented-in outdoor racks.

Juniors – No matters arising

Men's – No report. No co-ordinator.

Women's – There are several crews, all doing their own thing. Planning a squad meeting to discuss racing plans and to schedule boat availability whilst JH is in shop. There is at least one 80 doing WEHARR, and one doing Vesta.

Novice – Philippa investigating LTR structure in consultation with WAGS so the various LTR's run in the region could culminate in a beginner regatta.

Safety- no report

Welfare - no report

Club Development/Lease – MNK and UBBC have now committed to the extra expenditure. We have reviewed the running costs and ACRC's approximate share will be £885 pcm, to include the reserve amount.

Darrell has approached us for support in applying for footpath relocation. He is proposing swinging the footpath away from the river from the upstream point beyond the steps, to run along his lane and emerge near the pub. We have agreed, but understand the likelihood of it getting through planning are slim.

Boat Purchase Wish List – Using feedback from the equipment survey and our sense of what boats the club requires (with the current membership composition), the following proposed list was drafted. Committee members were asked to come to the next meeting prepared to further discuss and agree a purchase list.

BOAT TYPE	QUANTITY	WHY
8o	2 – 1 women/1 men	Current 8o's are heavily used and getting bashed about. Women's squad could field 2 8o's crews regularly if we had the boats.
4+	2 – 1 hwt/1 med wt	The med wt one would replace George, who is very very old
Explore 4+/4x+	4 – 2 of each	LTR and recreational rowers
4-/4x-	2 – 1 women/1 men	More scullers these days, and we only have Chris and Victor available.
2-	2 – 1 women/1 men	We don't have a women's pair at all. And only 1 men's pair.
2x	3 – 1 big men/1 women/1 jnr	Need one for the large men. Only Ogley currently suitable for women. And never enough jnr doubles.
Explore 2x	2	LTR and recreational rowers
1x	6 – 1 big men/2 women/3 jnr	Need a 90kg for men. Again, not enough singles for women or jnrs.
Explore 1x	Not sure	Might be able to satisfactorily adapt restricted boats to use as transition from Virus to fine boats.

Finance – Membership figures will be acceptable to British Rowing. Forecasting £30k in subs for this financial year, which is a marked increase over last year!

Fundraising – **Debbie** to investigate setting up an easyfundraising.org.uk account, on the recommendation of UBBC, who have raised £260 in 6 weeks using the scheme.

We need to start planning a significant fundraising effort for boat purchases, especially once the boat 'wish list' has been agreed.

British Rowing Fee Structure – The method for charging clubs has been simplified and should present no issues for ACRC.

Events – We need the new raft in time for the March Head. Penny suggested the Head committee consider offering more prizes, especially for junior crews where there are A and B crews entered in the same age category.

Admission of New Members – Bria and Issy MacDonald, both juniors.

AOB – **Helen** to look at setting up a Facebook group as a means of disseminating information about boat rescue, site cleanup and other club activities.

Date and place of next

Monday, 17th February at Solo Cottage, Keynsham