



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

Committee meeting held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham Monday, 17 February 2014, at 7:30pm

Present: Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Jim Dawson, Helen Willcox, Debbie Blackmore, Chris Brigden, Clair Ponting, Ashton Vaughan

Apologies: Antony Constantinidi, Julian Sondheimer

Minutes of Last Meeting: approved and adopted.

Action List: updated and new version to be circulated. The site builder has provided hardcore for the gabion base for the new raft. Jim has asked Chris Blunt to liaise with the builder to arrange for its deposit into the river in the correct location.

Reports (previously circulated):

Captains – The Eton will need to be taken out of the water before the transom can be repaired. Jeremy and Antony are on the case.

The committee agreed to the £1136 refurbishment costs for Vicky. The quote for Voldemort is yet to be finalised, but is currently £2021. Once we have a final quote we'll decide whether or not to proceed.

Juniors – no matters arising

Womens – question asked about who's running JTU at the weekends. Charlotte Hook is now in charge of JTU.

Novice – no matters arising

Club Development: The setting up of the management committee and the necessary joint bank accounts is progressing smoothly.

UBBC have asked that the proposed opening date be rescheduled for 27 September. All agreed. **Jim** will let Gordon at UBBC know this date is fine with us.

The new raft is ready to be decked, then installed, when river levels subside.

Penny presented her work to date on racking options. It was agreed to have sliding racks for the 8's and possibly some of the 4's (including the coastal boats, as they are very heavy). Penny also looking at RowPerfect's blade racking, which allows access to all blades on the rack, without having to remove every blade to get to the one at the back.

Penny and **Jim** will start planning the singles racks, which will be wooden. It was noted we'll need several more floor trolleys, as well as a wheeled device of some sort to place the coastal boats on when they come off the rack – for transport to the bank.

Finance & Subs Reports: no matters arising

Fundraising: Agreed to set an initial target of £100k for the boat purchase fund. This amount would fund the first tranche of the Boat Wish List, plus some blades. Darrell suggested we have a barn dance (before the boats go in) and Clair has offered to run a line dancing class.

Boathouse Memorabilia Display: Agreed we want to display as many items as possible, but the club room belongs to all three clubs, so most of the display will have to be in our boathouse. The club room does not have much wall space anyway – mostly eaves.

Events:

Head Race - The Head Race Committee has reluctantly decided to cancel our 1 March Head, due to serious safety concerns. The river is fast, more rain is expected, and inexperienced crews would find the conditions very hard to manage. We have never had a serious incident, and would like to keep it that way. It was a difficult decision, but one the Committee supports. Penny wondered if Wycliffe would like our date, over the short course, run as a joint venture.

Avon Autumn – Profits are in the region of £1200 and Penny proposed purchasing something specific with the funds, so volunteers can see/use a tangible benefit from their hard work. There was a majority agreement to purchase two new cox boxes (which are in increasingly short supply), and two stop watches.

Regatta – First meeting was last week, with another scheduled 6 April. Plans on target.

New Members: None

Any Other Business: George Hurst has taken on, unofficially, co-ordinating the young men's crew(s).

Ashton Vaughan has tendered her resignation from the committee, and was thanked for her all-too-brief tenure.

Clair is seeking newsletter submissions

The women's 80 crew needs a cox for City of Bristol.

Date and Time of Next: Monday, 17 March, Solo Cottage, 7:30 pm