



# AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

## MINUTES

### **Committee meeting held at Solo Cottage, Keynsham Monday, 17 March 2014, at 7:30pm**

**Present:** Penny Senior, Philippa Sondheimer, Jim Dawson, Debbie Blackmore, Clair Ponting, Julian Sondheimer

**Apologies:** Chris Brigden, Helen Willcox

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Noted that Charlotte Hook is in charge of JTU, and that not all the 4's will have sliding arm racking. February minutes adjusted accordingly. Approved & adopted with changes.

**Action List:** updated and new version to be circulated. Debbie to text Robin's serial number to Penny so she can order the riggers. Debbie to ask George Hurst to compile an inventory of what sculling blade grips and Empacher slots need replacing.

#### **Reports (previously circulated):**

Captains – The Eton should be back on the water in 10 days.

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 – Congratulations to our WJ15 quad who won at the Scullery last week. Fantastic result!

Womens – no matters arising

Novice – no matters arising

**Club Development:** We are preparing the documents to release the first payment from Sport England, and have sent the necessary documents to British Rowing for release of their second tranche payment

Agreed that we will purchase 3 uprights and 6 sliding arms for the 8's racking initially and buy additional parts as and when we have more 8's. We will build the remaining racking ourselves and replace it with bespoke racking as and when it is deemed necessary.

Our raft repair team have decided to fix the uni's raft. It has been sinking for months and there has been no sign of repairs on their part.

**Finance & Subs Reports:** The debtor amount is subsiding a little. And City of Bristol have refunded our entry fees, which was a pleasant surprise.

Philippa to circulate the BR grant application development plan action sheets before the next meeting. We need to document our progress to BR, and all committee members are asked to review the forms and provide input.

**Fundraising:** Penny to circulate details of the Legacy 300 programme

**Grand Opening Event:** Still scheduled for 27 September. Open to all members, but we must be sure to set expectations in terms of access to the clubroom. There will be UBBC, Monkton, BR and Sport England personnel, press, and various dignitaries on hand.

Preliminary discussions took place surrounding erecting marquees and offering our usual catering services, to include a barbeque. UBBC and Monkton intend to hold additional opening events later in the autumn.

**Events:**

Regatta – It is hoped we will have access to the boathouses and the hard for 10 May.

**New Members:** Junior: Natalie Day

**Any Other Business:**

We've been invited to make a short presentation on 1 April at the Saltford Parish meeting. Antony & Penny to liaise to decide who will attend.

Car Park at Saltford Station (ie, our top field) – these plans are in their infancy, however there is an option to have the field used for parking during the week, and revert to a (paved) rowing field at weekends.

Query about narrow boat moorings – we are not proceeding with this yet because the bank needs clearing and we are busy getting a new raft in place, and making regular repairs to the existing rafts. We probably won't get the narrow boat moorings sorted until 2015.

Comment made that our website is not very up to date.

**Date and Time of Next:** Monday, 14 April, Solo Cottage, 7:30 pm