



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES FOR ACRC COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Solo Cottage, Stockwood Vale, Keynsham, BS31 2AW

On Monday, 29 November 2011

Present: Penny Senior (PSen), Debbie Blackmore (DB), Ian Vickery (IV), Chris Brigden (CB), Jim Dawson (JD), Antony Constantinidi (AC), Philippa Sondheimer (PS), Julian Sondheimer (JS)

Apologies: Clair Ponting (CP), Simon North (SN)

**ACTION
OWNER**

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes approved and adopted

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The sweep blade rack has now been repaired.

Most of the potholes have been filled, with rubble acquired for the river project.

A launch engine has been purchased and installed.

Coxing course yet to be confirmed with Simon Wilson.

There is no women's IM3 coaching available from WAGS.

The 'where have you gone' Survey Monkey project still planned, but not yet executed.

There is no Saltford Festival this year. It is evidently a biennial event.

We have not yet had a response from the Dragon Boat people about using our reach for their regatta.

ACTION LIST

CB offered to keep racing results updated on the website, using PSen's **CB** weekly rowing notices email.



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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

We have been offered the loan of an 8 from Monckton, to help with the increasing number of novices now turning up on Sundays. In order to make room for it, we will offer Hagrid on loan to Cotswold RC. **PS**

The tub pair purchased from Bradford on Avon is on site. There is some delamination at the bows, and a dolly is required to move it about. It's very heavy! AC and JD to check it over, repair and sort out a dolly. **JD, AC**

We will attempt to finish filling in the landing stage on Sunday if the weather holds. A tree needs to be removed to make way for the slipway. PSen to ask Mary Thorne if she and/or her husband would be able to do this. **PSen**

Agreed it might be better to build our own wooden raft. It would be easier to repair. AC to discuss with a welder and ask for a quote. **AC**

MEN

No change to previous report. Ivor Blackmore has agreed to organise novice men, and is welcome to submit reports if he wishes.

WOMEN

Congratulations to Philippa for organising a burgeoning women's squad.

JUNIORS

Nothing to add to previously-circulated report

NOVICE

Nothing to report

SAFETY/WELFARE

The safety audit must be completed and filed by 31 December or we will be unable to race. JS offered to help with the audit. PSen to ask Alastair for last year's report and it will be divided up between all willing parties to get it done. **IV, JS, PSen**

PSen confirmed that CRB's are required for *all* coaches, even if they are only coaching adults.



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CLUB DEVELOPMENT/LEASE

All parties have agreed to ACRC holding the head lease on the site, with the University and Monkton each holding a sub lease. AC confirmed we can (subject to Duchy consent) also sub lease to other parties, such as the Scouts, etc.

Planning application was resubmitted last week, with a decision expected early in January.

We now need to focus on the British Rowing grant application. AC and JD have drafted some wording for the application. PS to send AC a copy of a previously-prepared statement, which might help. **PS**

All three parties are applying to Sport England for funding.

FUNDRAISING

We plan to open the appeal for funds at the Pudding Head, asking our members for single or recurring (standing order) donations. We need to confirm whether or not we can have Sport Match money if our members donate through Bluefriars. PSen to confirm with Julian Bewick how feasible it is to use Bluefriars as a conduit, and if there is a levy for doing so. **PSen**

A meeting is to be held early in December to discuss grant applications and subsequent fundraising projects. The fundraising committee will look at the whole amount required, and decide who will prepare and submit the grant applications. Once the grant applications are assigned, the fundraising committee's remit can then be determined.

The 100 Club will continue.

JS suggested looking into soliciting funds via 'legacy letters', which has been successful at Monkton.

FINANCE

We are continuing to chase 'subs owing' people.

EVENTS

Head – 25 February. All in hand. We have heard that Bath Marina plan to put five new berths on the riverbank, which could impede safe passage through the topmost bridge. JD to pass the information to Minerva, on the basis they are the closest club to the proposed site. **JD**



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JD commented on working conditions in the kitchen during our events. The smoke from the bacon frying is excessive, and there is no extraction fan installed. Does anyone have a solution?

Regatta – All in hand.

BOATHOUSE AND SITE

Working parties have done a great job.

NEW MEMBERS

New members added are Julie Thorne and Carole Enahoro

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 16 January 2012

7:30pm at Solo Cottage, Stockwood Vale, Keynsham, BS31 2AW



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Avon County Rowing Club Committee Action List

	Action	Date	Who?	Status
Safety	Organise safety meeting with other clubs on Saltford reach	24/1/11	AW	
Safety	Complete safety audit	28/11/11	JS, IV	
Equip	Check boats – replace bits and create list of parts	8/10/07	Coords	Started
Equip	Install cox box charging rack	02/03/09		
Equip	Paint lovely new trestles!	02/03/09	PN, HH, NC, IV	Started
Equip	Paint new sets of blades (rowing & sculling)	02/03/09	IV	Started
Equip	Mend wiring on Albie, Voldemort and Robin	20/6/11	SN, PL	Started
Equip	Purchase new sculling blades	25/7/11	PSen	
Equip	Check over and repair tub pair	28/11/11	JD, AC	
Site	Replace fence by top gate	12/04/10	PSen, IV, CB	Started
Site	Put stuff in loft / to tip	8/11/10	GMJ, IV	
Site	Retrieve and put up the river markers ...	14/12/09	IV, Derek	Started
Site	Provide hardcore for pot holes – speak to Chris Blunt ?JCB instead?	20/6/11	SN	
Site	Ask Mary (and Stuart) about tree removal by landing stage	28/11/11	PSen	
Dev\t	Look into low cost slipway possibilities/discuss with UBBC	14/12/09	Psen	Started
Dev\t	Write 'vision statement' for building membership	31/10/11		
Dev\t	Chase David Gibson for quote and return of papers	31/10/11	Psen	
Dev\t	Suggest alternative layout for facilities block	31/10/11	Psen, AC	
Dev\t	Organise fund raising meeting	31/10/11	CP	Started
Dev\t	Get quote for new raft based on current raft	28/11/11	AC	
Dev\t	Investigate inspired facilities	28/11/11	PSond	
Dev\t	Contact JMB re channelling funds	28/11/11	PSen	
Admin	Consolidate A4A & Sports match money	18/06/08	Psen/Psond	Started
Admin	Chase subs debtors	08/06/09	Psond, Psen	Started
Admin	Ensure all boats have AVNxxx numbers, including the launches	21/3/11	Psen	Started
Admin	Investigate 'Survey Monkey'	31/10/11	Psond	
Admin	Learn how to update website	31/10/11	DB, CBr, JD	
Admin	Organise presentation blade for Albie	31/10/11	PSen, CH	
Admin	Forward 'how to update the website' instructions to committee	28/11/11	Psond	
Events	Improve buoyancy of raft in front of club	21/2/11	AC, CB	Started
Events	Sort out event loud hailer	16/5/11	AC, CH	
Events	Contact Minerva re new berths near Minerva	28/11/11	JD, Psond	
Events	Is smelly/smokey bacon a problem when catering? Ask Clair	28/11/11	JD	
Misc	Take photos of taster sessions for publicity & websites	12/10/09	JS	
Misc	Attend WAGS meetings. Next meeting is 4 th December	8/10/07	All who can	
Misc	Dismantle display cabinet	24/1/2011	CH	
Misc	Create adult rowing/coxing poster, print and distribute	18/4/11	Psen	Started
Misc	Hassle SH re L2 dates	28/11/11	PSen	

Held:

	Find out when we will know if the Duchy v BRail is successful re water	14/12/09	AC	Long time
Safety	Look for possible RIBs for safety boats	24/1/11	JD	Hold
Dev\t	Write forward plan – meet in January to discuss	8/11/10	CH, Pso, IV, Pse	Hold
Dev\t	Write Sports development plan	24/1/11	SH, IV, CH, PS's	Hold
Dev\t	Dig out photos for FP	24/1/11	All	Hold
Admin	Write to TD re smoking	25/7/11	CP	
Rowing	Ask Sarah Harris re borrowing boats for 'pubs n clubs'	31/10/11	Psond	



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Captains report:

Boat Bits/Equipment

- * Tom has been returned from Monkton and is back in use. Both shoulders were replaced.
- * An almost new outboard has been sourced and fitted to the Eton launch which is now therefore back in action. Thanks to Antony for collecting and to the team for fitting it!
- * Both other outboards are out of use at the moment - the safety boat was damaged when I drove it over the submerged ridge and the mucat is also poorly
- * Two new cox box microphones have been purchased
- * We have bought a second hand tub pair from BOA for £500. This will be especially useful when the tanks are removed. It is stored on Darrells field, next to his shed at the moment.
- * We may be going to borrow an eight from Monkton to cater for all of the women we have currently rowing. It will be stored on Vengeance's rack, Vengeance on Hagrid's rack and Hagrid is looking for a new home
- * One of the ergos still has its monitor missing. Nick Dolman is supposed to be getting it mended but has not done so. I have asked him to return it to me but he hasn't done that either.

Regional Training Day

The second training day ran last Saturday. Again, not well attended with only 9 athletes (7 juniors, 2 adults) and almost as many coaches. The next one is in February.

Site

A very successful working day was held last Saturday. The foundation for the new landing stage is in place. Thanks to all for helping but especially to Chris Blunt, Graham and Andrew. Special thanks to Ian V and Ivor for donning their wetsuits and working in the river all morning! We need to schedule another day to get the foundation ready for its concrete top and also decide how to tackle the next bit. We then need to source another raft. Robin has already done some work on this and identified some rafts at Dorney that are for sale. They have plastic tops though, and there is concern that they will not survive a typical summer BBQ. They are quite expensive (£4400 for 12m which is the raft size we have now) but this cost will be shared between UBBC, Monkton and ourselves as it is part of the development. An alternative is to use our raft as a template and try to get something similar made up.

L2 coaching award

Ali Wyatt, Neil Amesbury, David Copley, Gareth Morgan-Jones and Nick Dolman all need to complete their L2 rowing coach assessments.



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Simon Wilson will run a coxing course for us. It will only be for BR registered members though.

Results

Wallingford - Mas F 4-

Events

Wycliffe SB Head

Matters Arising

Borrowing of Monkton eight

Continuation of landing stage works



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Junior Coordinators Report:

Training

Land training continues to be well attended - with several mums and dads joining in as well. Water work is also going well with several juniors doing an extra session early on a Sunday morning.

Equipment

We will soon need to purchase some more sculling blades as we are getting very close to running out at busy sessions.

Regional Training Day - November

One of our juniors took part in this.

Results

Pangbourne - no wins but some good placings and we were 4th in the team competition (beating Monmouth School, Eton, Habs, St Edwards, Abingdon ...)

Events

Wycliffe Small Boats Head

Matters Arising

None



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Women's Squad and Beginner Report November 2011

Squad Racing and coaching

An intermediate eight raced at the University Head on 19th November. It came last in its category but since it contained four pretty new novices, three experienced novices and one person with one point, this was as expected, they had a good race and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A four (Debbie coxing Jo, Patsy, Helen and Angela) is planning to race at Wycliffe.

Many thanks to Messrs Constantinidi, Walker, Dawson and Derbyshire who rowed in the eight with the Wycliffe four for a special coaching outing.

Any more offers of coaching gratefully received.

New regime for women's squad

As we have several people who are no longer novice and need a crew and, now, quite a good crowd, our proposed new regime, running from Sun 4th December to the Avon County Head, is:

- An Intermediate eight (coached by Debbie) to include Patsy, Jo, Helen, Angela, Di, Nikki, Katja, JulieT subs Philippa and Gillian, Sal, Kath
- A novice eight (coached by Gilly) to include Charlotte, Mary, ClairP, ClaireM, Vicky, Carole, possibly Vivienne and most enthusiastic of Annie, Cesca, Becky, Maddie, and Naomi
- A beginner eight (coached by Julian) to include beginner men plus overspill from women's novice eight, plus any of JulieB, Sue, Abha, Caroline, Shona and Bethan who reappear
- Women's vet eight - Philippa, Gilly, Di, Debbie, Nikki, Sal, Kath, JulieT?? coxed by Katja ?? to get into action before March, probably at 08:30 on Saturdays!
- Daytime rowing in the process of being arranged

As we want to keep everyone together and not stagger outings we might (if the above materialises) have to move Vengeance down from his eight rack onto some sort of trolley, lend out Hagrid and borrow Monkton's spare eight which has been graciously offered by their boat man!

We would aim for the usual races: Wycliffe Big 4th February, City of Bristol 19th Feb, Avon County Head 15th February, Women's Head 3rd March (maybe), and Vesta Vets 18th March.

Beginners

Of the six most recent taster people, three have reappeared and in addition to the women mentioned above we have three beginner men, Joe, Mark and Mitch who will be handed over to Ivor as appropriate.

The Explore system is really not suiting us very well. So I think we must now move onto:

- Tasters perhaps once per month to allow people to improve in the beginner boat
- Continuing sweep programme according to BR LTR programme of exercises
- BR Learn to scull courses, possibly daytime, to create more flexibility within squad

We have bought the tub pair from Bradford. It needs a tiny bit of work (yet more favours to be requested) and a trailer/dolly and is really for the horrible moment when the tank disappears but once its storage is sorted we shall start using it.