

HENLEY ROWING CLUB

Founded 1839

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

3rd September 2001

8 p.m. AT THE BOATHOUSE

PRESENT: C J Blakeway, C. Boothroyd, P Moss, R Spatcher, V Spatcher (Part Time),

APOLOGIES: J Tong

COPIES: All Committee Members; A Morris, Noticeboard .

1.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for comment.

2.0 SECRETARIAL

2.1 Baycraft

- 2.1.1 The meeting with members of the Town Council had been held on the 25th July at the Club. The response from the Council members had been encouraging and had requested the Club to prepare a submission for consideration by the General Purposes Committee. CJB had issued the submission (copy attached) to the Council on the 28th August in preparation for their meeting on the 4th September.
- 2.1.2 Pat Ward has indicated that the barge is likely to return in early September. It was agreed that consideration should be given to preparing a heads of contract document for the purpose of instructing the Clubs solicitors should the Council give approval to the barge remaining.
- 2.2 It was agreed that Pat Ward be given permission to store his cruiser over winter in the Club car park subject to agreement of an appropriate rate. This to be dealt with as a separate matter and not linked to the Barge.
- 2.3 The Secretary advised that he had received copies of the ARA accounts and Forward Plan and that these were available should members require a copy.
- 2.4 It was agreed that the Secretary should write and advise the Regatta that the arrangements for use of Henley Safety during Regatta week had expired in 2000 and that the use of the Project Oarsome safety boat for this purpose was not considered appropriate.

2.5 Membership

- 2.5.1 The attached list of Subscriptions outstanding at the end of 2000/2001 was presented to the meeting. It was noted that a number of those listed should not be considered as Members.
- 2.5.2 The following were elected Members
 - 2.5.2.1 Thomas Piper
 - 2.5.2.2 James Turner
 - 2.5.2.3 Chris Adams

- 2.5.3 Following on from a proposal at the meeting with the council where it was suggested that a member of the Council sit on the Clubs Committee, it was suggested that consideration be given to the Mayor of Henley automatically being a Vice President of the club.

3.0 TREASURER

- 3.1 Due to the Treasure being on holiday no report was available

4.0 HOUSE MANAGER/OPEN EVENTS/SOCIAL:

4.1 Social

- 4.1.1 VS report that a profit of £1,269 had been made from the catering at the T & V Regatta.
- 4.1.2 Numbers for the Ball on the 22 Sept currently stand at 133. Which make it virtually fully subscribed.
- 4.1.3 Due to the proximity of the Ball to the Dinner it agreed to look at moving the Dinner to late January. VS would discuss potential dates with the caterers.
- 4.1.4 The Secretary to ascertain whether the Parents were still organising the race night for the 19th October.

4.2 Premises

- 4.2.1 RS advised that he would be undertaking a survey of the premises to ascertain the extent of repairs and maintenance required and following this would issue a costed and prioritised schedule of work.
- 4.2.2 PM had arranged for removal of the fallen willow tree from the river. Hobbs had accepted liability for the costs, the tree being on their premises. It was hoped the tree would be removed this week.

4.3 Open Events

- 4.3.1 Notices for the Henley Sculls were being prepared and were due to be issued shortly minor changes had been made to the Women's events.
- 4.3.2 Discussion took place on the possibility of utilising one of the specialist timing organisations that many other Head events now employed and RS undertook to discuss this further with Duncan Thomas.

5 ROWING

5.1 Wins

- 5.1.1 Johnny Smith Willis had won Bronze Medal representing Great Britain at the Junior World Championships.
- 5.1.2 It was possible that he would now move to Leander (both PM and CB considered that he would not receive any better coaching) due to financial consideration

5.2 Equipment/Resources

- 5.2.1 Pat Ward had advised he may have a buyer for the ex Harvard eight, PM agreed to follow this up with Pat.
- 5.2.2 PM advised that he had now had two meetings with Graham Horner from Henley College and it was confirmed that rowers at the college would be granted 7 1/2 hours of time each week for training purposes at either Upper Thames or HRC. To facilitate this the Club will now have to consider the employment of paid coaches. At £15/hour 7 1/2 hours a week this would equate to

£4,500 per year and it was likely two coaches would be required. It was also considered that the Club would need to consider the use of paid coaches for other groups.

- 5.2.3 Serious consideration now needed to be given to finding the funding to pay for coaching. The Captain hoped that on the basis that he envisaged no major capital expenditure on boats this year that this would release some funds to pay for coaching.
- 5.2.4 It was proposed to hold a coaches meeting at 8pm on the 11th. This meeting would also help to identify the gaps in our current coaching structure and hopefully identify coaches to fill these.
- 5.2.5 It was agreed that we need to replace the broken weight training benches and to obtain additional bars and weights.
- 5.2.6 The Captain would obtain the parts to repair the old ergos.

5.3 Project Oarsome

- 5.3.1 Nothing to report.

5.4 Safety

- 5.4.1 Nothing to report

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 CJB confirmed that as he understood it the Brewery still intended to make a donation to the Club to compensate for the loss of funds from the cricket club car park.
- 6.2 The Captain would put together a submission to the Council for their Annual Sports Trophy

MEETING CLOSED: 22:10
NEXT MEETING Management Mtg 1st October 2001
Main Committee 5th November 2001

C. BOOTHROYD
HON. SECRETARY.