

HENLEY ROWING CLUB

Founded 1839

COMMITTEE MEETING

12th November 2001

8 p.m. AT THE BOATHOUSE

PRESENT: S Alvey, C. Boothroyd, K Horne, M C N Jones, P Knowles, P Moss, R Spatcher, V Spatcher, J Tong,

APOLOGIES: C J Blakeway, C Hocking, S Tearle.

COPIES: All Committee Members; A Morris, Noticeboard .

1.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

1.1 The minutes of the Main Committee Meeting of the where not available.

2.0 SECRETARIAL

2.1 Baycraft

- 2.1.1 Nothing had yet been received from the Town Council though it was known that some form of approval to allow subletting had been agreed at the Council meeting.
- 2.1.2 It was agreed that RS would contact Mrs Pickett to try and elicit a response.
- 2.1.3 A cheque for £1,000 had been received from Pat Ward as payment of mooring and storage fees for his small cruiser the "Henley Hornet" and payment towards skip.
- 2.1.4 It was agreed that mooring fees for the barge should be in the order of £4,950. The draft Heads of Lease (copy attached) drawn up by the Management Committee was discussed and agreed as a basis for discussions with Pat Ward.

2.2 ARA

- 2.2.1 The Committee supported the nomination for re election as divisional rep of N Gill (Marlow Rowing Club).

2.3 Membership

- 2.3.1 The attached subs status and summary was issued and discussed
- 2.3.2 The following where elected Members
 - 2.3.2.1 Robert J Mason

2.4 The Secretary advised that the club had registered the web address www.henleyrowingclub.org.uk.

2.5 The Secretary confirmed that the Clubs premises and boat insurance had been renewed via Pat Ward's company Insurance Risk & Claims Management Ltd.

3.0 TREASURER

- 3.1 The Treasurer presented the attached report for the year ending 31st August 2001.
- 3.2 It was noted that income from subscriptions was well upon previous years and that despite the loss of income from the barge and the Cricket Club Car Park the overall finances were not unsatisfactory.
- 3.3 The Treasurer confirmed that the bequest monies of £155,000 remained ringfenced.
- 3.4 Audited accounts would not be available for the AGM.
- 3.5 The Committee approved the Management Committees recommendation that the date of the AGM should be moved to late January early February.
- 3.6 The Captain and Treasurer would meet separately to agree the rowing budget.
- 3.7 £100 donation had been received from the T & V Regatta.

4.0 HOUSE MANAGER/OPEN EVENTS/SOCIAL

4.1 House Manager

- 4.1.1 Action had been taken regarding the infestation of rats and traps were now in place and being maintained by an independent contractor. Hobbs will be taking action on their side of the boundary and had offered to contribute towards the Clubs costs.
- 4.1.2 The hall had booking for the next 5 consecutive Saturdays, RS requested that training equipment be put away on Thursday nights
- 4.1.3 Repairs to the building had been estimated at £1,600.00 by RS these included doors to both old and new boathouse, felt roof to new boathouse, Cladding & fascia to river elevation, windows, balcony decking, rainwater gullies and gutters, metal cladding cleaning and repairs, brickwork cleaning and repairs.
- 4.1.4 It was noted that the two way lighting in the new boathouse needed rewiring, and additional lighting to the car park needed.
- 4.1.5 Approval was given to the purchase of an aluminium extension ladder.
- 4.1.6 Additional first aid boxes to be purchased.
- 4.1.7 RS also advised that the Club would need to consider the purchase of new chairs for the hall in the near future.
- 4.1.8 20 No. mats for training purposes had been ordered.

4.2 Social

- 4.2.1 A number of those who had booked tickets for the Ball but who had not turned up on the night still owed money Peter Hall (£105) and Lucy Mills (£35).
- 4.2.2 The committee congratulated VS on the Ball, which had been a great social success.
- 4.2.3 Date to be agreed for the next Ball
- 4.2.4 Ian Desmond was agreed as the speaker for the Club Dinner to be held on the 20th January (*Post Meeting Note date subsequently changed to 2nd March*)
- 4.2.5 The race night another successful event had raised £711.00

4.3 Open Events

- 4.3.1 The Henley Sculls had been successfully held. The results being out in a good time.
- 4.3.2 Seat fees were still outstanding from the boys.

4.3.3 The accounts had yet to be finalised but the event should have made a good profit.

4.3.4 Consideration was now being given to electronic timing.

5.0 ROWING

5.1 Wins

5.1.1 Weybridge Silver Sculls WJ15 1x Lucy Lewington

WJ15 2x

WJ16 2x

5.1.2 Upper Thames Small Boats Head

WS2 2x

WS3 2x

5.1.3 Pairs Head Vet F

5.1.4 Henley Sculls WJ15 2x

Vet F 1x Tim Lincoln

Plus a very good performance by David Read in the Junior Boys singles.

5.2 Training

5.2.1 The Captain noted his concern over the "poaching" of J Smith Willis by Leander and that this had been raised with representatives of the ARA (Alan Meegan and others) who had recently visited the Club. It appeared as though Leander were using lottery grant money designated for other uses to fund their club rowing. The World Class Start Scheme is supposedly being piloted there but not made known to anyone else.

5.2.2 It was agreed that the Chairman would discuss with the Chairman/representatives of other local Clubs and gauge their feelings prior to raising it further with the ARA possibly at Chairman level.

5.2.3 The Captain proposed that Justin Sutherland be taken on as a paid coach for the men and boys. To be paid on an hourly basis but within an annual budget of £12,000 per year.

5.2.4 This was agreed subject to costs being finalised with the Treasurer and objectives being agreed for Justin Sutherland.

5.3 Project Oarsome

5.3.1 Dave Scivier had attended the Oarsome meeting in Warrington. Our own concerns that the scheme was not attracting the best athletes in the schools that there were generally more girls than boys and that the schools were not putting in the effort had been echoed by the other clubs at the meeting.

5.3.2 It was proposed that we should consider linking with another school and ensuring that we adopted a more professional approach in our dealing with the schools.

5.4 Safety

5.4.1 No formal accident reports made. There had been a minor clash between a quad and a double in front of the Clubs landing stages Caroline Hocking had been in the bow of the double but suffered no injuries but the double had required a new rigger.

6.0 FUND RAISING

6.1 All should be making efforts to find a volunteer for this fundamentally important post.

6.2 The parents had successfully organised the Race night which had raised over £700 it was suggested that another section of the Club should organise the next function i.e. the Veterans.

6.3 Discussion with local business re hiring the carpark during the day had as of yet found no takers.

6.4 The Treasures investigations into Charity status for the Club suggested that this was not a possible, though we should watch the current changes in legislation as these may change the Clubs position.

7.0 DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Outline superstructure drawings where now available but foundation details where still required to obtain budget prices. This will require the employment of an engineer to develop these before we can proceed much further.

7.2 The meeting with the lottery advisor for the ARA had been encouraging though the best grant we could anticipate would be 46%. A three year plan would need to be in place to receive lottery funding.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Sectionalisation of the Harvard boat was looking to cost in the order of £1,000.

8.2 S Tearle was reverting to her maiden name of Allen.

MEETING CLOSED 11:13PM

NEXT MEETING 7th January 2002

C. BOOTHROYD
HON. SECRETARY.