

Minutes of the meeting of Bluefriars Trustees at Leander Club 23rd October 2015

Present: Julian Bewick, Godfrey Bishop, John Clark, Rosemary Coates, Fergus Murison

Attending for part of the meeting: Steve Williams

Apologies: Peter Bossom, Alex Partridge, Julius Caesar, Rowley Douglas

1. Our independent examiner of accounts, George Savage, was reappointed.
2. A decision on the reappointment of our financial advisor, Simon Temple-Pedersen, awaits a report from him about our investments in the past year - particularly those investments which have made a loss. (JMB to arrange the report, to then be seen by all. A decision will then be made by email).
3. Matt Wells report
4. There will be two local meetings a year, to which all trustees will be invited, plus an annual meeting that all are requested to attend. Email will be used to make decisions throughout the year, with the decisions ratified at the annual meeting.
5. More trustees would be welcome, particularly another woman. (Suggestions are Gen Bailhache – to be followed up by FM, and Chris Cooke, to be followed up by John C?)
6. Monkton Bluefriars Head Race: Next year Matt Wells will take over from JMB running the event. JC can perhaps organise parents to be 'watchers'. We will welcome help from Avon County in Matt's first year in charge. A post race review will decide if further changes are required.
7. Thanks were expressed to JC for his help in improving information sharing and parental support.
8. The Leander dinner will be attended by 48, with Henry Bailhache- Webb as the speaker.
9. Local events should be encouraged. JMB to discuss with MW if Bluefriars can assist with any of this.
10. Membership of/recruitment into Bluefriars was discussed at length. Presently only about 100 of the over 500 who have contact with Bluefriars are members. It was decided that current pupils and/or their parents should be recruited annually at the time of the main rowing camp. A letter explaining the role of Bluefriars and its contribution to rowing along with a standing order form will be included in the information pack sent out to parents. Additionally we will send a letter to all those who receive the newsletter requesting that they join for a minimum £10.00 per annum if they want to continue to receive the newsletter.
11. National schools will be at Dorney Lake this year, which means it will be more expensive to attend.
12. Rowing out of school term/hours is to be encouraged. Possible to row under Bluefriars name. Who will instigate and organise?
13. Bluefriars will fund a new tent to be used at regattas.

14. Should there be an honours board in the rowing centre, listing those who have rowed internationally and for their country?
15. Can we install a toilet at Dundas? RC to follow up.
16. A record of rowing ability/achievement is very useful for students (especially girls) applying to universities in the USA. Should we make more of this?
17. JMB, again, flagged his need to be more supported in the running of Bluefriars.