

BFT Local Trustees Meeting - 29th December 2015

Present: Gen Bailhache-Graham (GBG), Julian Bewick (JMB), Godfrey Bishop (GWB), Peter Bossom (PGB)(notetaker), Julius Caesar (JC) and) Rosemary Coates. Matt Wells joined us for part of the meeting.

Headings in italics are the agenda. Notes in Roman typeface are notes made at the meeting.

1630 *Cup of tea available*

Godfrey and Julian discuss Bluefriars Newsletter practical arrangements

1700-1730 and 1800-1845

2014/2015 Annual Accounts

Done on the web within the week

Financial support for Training Camp

£2000 which has been donated and £1000 for coaching and 4 or 5 bursaries.

Current financial situation

Fine

Support for MCSBC at regattas

Julius said that he will in the future help with the plates, cutlery etc.

Henley arrangements

Row down the course is probably not yet for us probably at 25 years.

Bluefriars BBQ lunchtime at the cricket club Saturday 2nd July 12:30-2:30. Gen will speak to the cricket people re parking for the supply cars probably shipped in from Gen's house. Rosemary felt that we needed somewhere to get the meat out of the cars. Gen will take the Gazebo from Julian and then put it up Friday night. Gen will investigate BBQs. Gen asked for boards with lots of OM photographs. Gen also asked for photos from the past 20 years to put up on Bluefriars' Twitter, she wants to "tie " people emotionally back to their time here and so to Bluefriars.

BBQ, Gen in charge of venue and social media invitations etc, Rosemary in charge of food and drink, Pimms, Julius will be in charge of cooking.

We want to possibly distance Wednesday from Saturday and to invite all to Saturday.

Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Bluefriars Trust.

Nothing organised yet. Gen suggested a glass tankard with Bluefriars on it £5 sell for £20

Suggestion of dinner in September probably the crew from 20 years ago. We might try to do something for the 150 anniversary of the school, we have been asked to provide "rowing" for this.

Regular contributions to Bluefriars. Result of the efforts made recently

The newsletter has managed a small increase in contributions. It was felt that to be provided with Henley Royal tickets requires regular contributions.

Arrangements for Bluefriars to meet with current sixth form to encourage them to support 4 year 13 to be met for an evening meal with some of last years rowers.

The new Gazebo (Not yet ordered, but it will take about a week to arrive.) Is it still wanted?

Yes.

1730 Report from Matt about training camp and current MCSBC

Went well and will be repeated especially because of the safe guarding aspect.

1745 MCSBC future. Discussion led by Rosemary and Matt

(Could you liaise with each other about this before the meeting?)

Matt substantial support from school, but the new numbers at school mean that there is talk about reducing initial support and so the running budget has been halved so National schools is £10,500 for about 47 pupils, for the 4 days the parents contribute about £20,000. Saltford is costing £7000 a year with running costs of a minibus on top.

Chris has heard that rowing is important, but he has been very busy and has not had time yet. Rosemary wants the top of the prep to be rowing and Matt agrees. This will fit in with more "joined up" thinking in the school. Julius wants the Houseparents made more involved, greater middle management buy in. The suggestions moved around getting staff more involved. We want to inform the directors of sport, the head and the governors and how this helps the school.

Gen suggested a Bluefriar's cup earned by points gained for a house. Matt has trophies for the houses earned from the ergo competition. There was a lot of discussion about time on the water and only the games sessions are actually available and getting time on the water for pupils. Godfrey cited Plymouth College who nailed their future to sport and have succeeded.

We need to focus initially on the new Director of Sport, but we need to be careful as to how we proceed, but we need to aim for rowing as the USP.

As for next year the budget is sufficient to run the club, but there will be no new kit. Bluefriars will try to provide a new VIII by 2017/2018 and it could be called CL?

We need to put more into the Bath Chronical, Godfrey will rewrite and get into the Chronical.

1800 -1845 Further discussion about 1700-1730 items if necessary

Report from Julius about Bank clearance at Saltford

Amazing job it is still ongoing with clearing the brush. The biggest problem is the few large trees that have fallen into the water. Meanwhile the school water is becoming much worse.

Bluefriars Head Race

Jules cannot do it Matt can do the day. Rosemary questioned if we should be doing it. Matt said that we had a dozen DofE coming.

Contact Details for Trustees - Godfrey's address needed, All details for Julius needed. I have added Gen to the Charity Commission website and have amended Rowley's details.

1.1.1

1.1.2 Meeting opened 2pm, closed at about 4.45 pm

2 Newsletter

Newsletters have been distributed.

Letters to various categories (rough numbers)

85+ those who contribute;

30 those who used contribute;

126 recent leavers(in last 10 years);

263 non-contributors;
174 not sent as 'lost addresses'
89 current parents
Ralph Allen Bill £1114 - includes letters
postage £227.21 so far
By nand

Discussion regarding recent leavers.

RC suggested 3 years grace for those recent leavers who do not sign up.

GBG – student finances as they are, individuals unlikely to have funds to commit to membership especially if receiving reminder at Christmas time.

PGB – 4/5 years most likely to be amount of time passing before leavers are income earning. JC Discussion -, different membership types (student, full etc.) might help achieve commitment. Aim of membership is income generation.

Profile of club has slipped and Monkton gives less prominence to the club; issues too with distribution through school in order to reach everyone who needs the info.

Suggestion for central recording of membership and type – this is held by school but data protection issues in terms of Bluefriars having control of this info. Further discussion regarding other financial contributions and confidentiality respected but still need for accurate database of membership. \Unique Identifiers for Bluefriars are set on school database but frequent changing of terms/identifiers and difficulties with update info being sent across to the club.

PGB – as school statistician has unique understanding of peculiarities of the database but this is ongoing issue. JMB – great opportunity with changing personnel at school for communication and establishing connections which will be useful to the club.

GWB – expressed concern at levels of membership being introduced. In the past newsletters were sent to everyone (we know about) and some made contribution.

GBG – asked for confirmation that the aim for this was income generation. The question is what committing to contributing to the club means to leavers / old Monktonians – is it a newsletter? Or something more? Discussion around what current generations are looking for to connect to Bluefriars. Would it work to align with OM get-togethers? (Possibly not enough rowers in a year group). Henley dinner too expensive for recent leavers.

GBG – perhaps big draw would be BBQ at Henley; many ex-rowers would go there anyway and could be an option to pay to go along to Bluefriars tent for burger etc. together with current crews.

RC – could it also be linked with Henley ticket applications? (No, insufficient options)
Agreed needs further development and thoughts but a very positive option to pursue.
Gen – need to add Facebook, Twitter details on to our mail headings.

3 radios:

Good success with radios.

Safety requirements have changed and need to purchase more. Good income generator through hiring the radios out. Possibility though that charging could reduce to ¼ as per original agreement. Discussion that ½ fee should be maximum reduced to. Must bear in mind our charitable status and aims. Those present agreed to purchase of replacements but cost should be maintained at ½ fee - proposed by RC and seconded by PB. PB proposed that we continue to manage this fund as is until there is sufficient value to replace radios at which point terms will be redrawn. JB will speak to events to advise.

Expenditure

Outgoings for 24 current radios. Nov 2013 £4841.29 Nov 2015 £1112.79 repair

Income.

	SBH OCT	AAH NOV	UBH DEC	ASH MAR	BAR MAY	YEAR
2013/14	-	345.60	345.60	-	-	691.20
2014/15	345.60	270.00	270.00	345.60	345.60	1576.80
2015/16	270.00	172.80	172.80	270.00	270.00	1155.60
<i>Total expected by August 2016 £3423.60</i>						

2016/17	172.80	86.40	86.40	172.80	172.80	691.20
<i>Total expected by August 2017 £4114.80</i>						
2017/18	86.50	86.40	86.40	86.40	86.40	432.00
<i>Total expected by August 2017 £4546.80</i>						

OR using x1 x.75 x.5 x.5...

2016/17	172.80	172.80	172.80	172.80	172.80	864.40
<i>Total expected by August 2017</i>						
2017/18	172.80	172.80	172.80	172.80	172.80	864.40
<i>Total expected by August 2017 £5346.00</i>						

UBBC have lost one radio. Will be charged/

Addition of 4. and waterproof bags. replacements. Propose same rule for charging. ie add per event £57.60 in 1st year, £43.20 in second, £28.80 subsequently.

4 cutlery and plates for regattas

Given by the estate of Brian Mawer.

Question of storage for this and other assets – blazers, Brian's memorabilia. Space has been made available at Binmead and some has been transferred there.

5 Dutch auction of BSM's prints.

Those present queried whether Dutch auction best method. Could there be a reserve price and regular auction held, open on website for ?3 months. Has been published now so this can't be changed. Will start end Jan. Need to publicise via Facebook / Twitter. Needs to be electronic, can't be live, though Henley is an option for left/ unsold items.

6 Celebration of 20th year of Bluefriars trust.

6.1.1 Inaugural Henley BBQ proposed. ?Teatime Sat 2 Jul 2016. Hold in Carpark.

GBG – suggested Cricket Club would avoid complications with charging. Alternatively first and anniversary year could be subbed by Bluefriars and donations tubs out.

Gen – suggestion of merchandise for sale to club members. Glass tankards, engraved. Also proposed: Umbrellas. Sweatshirts.

7 Possible Grants

7.1.1 Durham

available for applications to non-Leander rowers.

JB – suggestion that grants made be publicised e.g. OM received £x for y and z

JC – concern expressed that the club is open to criticism if only making grants to those 'in the know' or with a link to the club.

GBG – those making donations do so in knowledge that monies will be spent in furthering rowing either to those with attachment to Monkton or beyond.

JB – proposed a grant be made to Avon County for £5000 in next couple of months as gesture of goodwill.

Dear Mr Bewick,

I hope this finds you well. This October I started at Durham University and decided to join my college boat club because I couldn't quite bring myself to give up rowing but didn't fancy the intensity of rowing for the university team with so much else going on in my first term!

The college boat club is independent and much like Monkton Boat Clubs investments, support comes almost entirely from donations.

If you think it is appropriate, I was wondering if you had any contacts within or outside of Bluefriars which you could send the passage below to? I'm participating in an overnight erg challenge (more details below) in order to raise money for a new 2nd VII for novices and the women's squad to train in, at the moment we are quite far off the aim, and would greatly appreciate some support.

Best wishes, Siân Cogan

Monktonians at Bradford on Avon (Holiday Rowing) – some current Monktonians wanting to row in holidays incur fees at rowing clubs local to their homes. In principle membership keen to support this.

Gen – queried terms / boundaries. Is this for Christmas holidays? Is this for all pupils?

JB – this was raised by Matt Wells. JB feels it is unlikely that multiple pupils will apply.

JB proposed that fees for temporary membership for Bradford on Avon rowing club would be covered for the 4/6 pupils who have currently linked there in order to row in holidays. JC seconded. All agreed.

8 Trustees insurance (item suggested by John Clark) – postponed as info not available

9 Dropbox

This was used successfully by JMB/GWB for Newsletter.

JMB has set up a new folder BFTTrustees. It contains this document. It will enable meeting notes to be available during the meeting! JB will send invitations to trustees to join new folder. Gen – suggested only final docs are placed here and alternative folder used for working docs. **Let me know if you would like to be linked before the meeting**

10 Organisation –

JC raised whether we need terms of reference for the satellite meeting group gathered today.

JB – agenda sent out and any contributions / objections / endorsements requested. Silence procedures apply. JB – should we offer 'honorary' status / patrons or the like?

Roles and responsibilities – significant pressure / responsibilities fall on Julian currently. Current roles: Chairman- FWM, Treasurer – JMB (with counter-sign from RC), Membership - PGB, Parent liaison- JC, Merchandising/Publicity – volunteer?, Web – volunteer?, Social Media - Gen, Secretary/note-taker – volunteer?

11 Governance –

JC queried if there is a meeting dates schedule. Schedule is meet once termly.

Gen – WhatsApp group will be set up for trustee membership. Therefore, list of trustees with names, email and telephone contact needed. JB – this is needed for Annual Return anyway.

12 Alignment with school –

new appointments provide opportunity for aligning club and school interests. JC- will distribute rowing calendar for sharing on website.

13 Income generation –

JC already touched on above. Is there a need for a target for income?

RC – didn't feel income is the generator but engaging individuals with rowing. Those present concurred.

JB – newsletter has already generated 2 donations.

14 Membership benefits –

benefit is retrospective really but we want to aim to make this fun so that leavers want to be members.

15 Gifting arrangements –

already discussed as above regarding informal process for grants but a 'listing' in newsletter or on website of .

Goals for 2016 – as discussed above: auction, Henley BBQ Sat 2nd July 2016, social media; Gen – possibility of current mixed 8 and Bluefriars mixed 8 doing a 'row through' at Henley linked to the BBQ. Maybe look at paying for a seat!

16 AOB

Suggestion that Matt Wells be invited to a future meeting.

Dinner – not held annually, bi-annually works.

BBQ this year a focus but ? Something in Bath as well possibly at school ?

Minute books – scanning is not viable so will have to look after them carefully.