

**Minutes for meeting of  
Bluefriars Local Trustees  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 5:30  
at Julian's**

Present Simon, Godfrey, Peter, Julian B, and Fergus. Toby arrived at 7:00

1) introduce Simon Brown, new head of rowing

2) report from Simon/Amanda on Easter training camp

18's trained hard and had a VIII and 2 IVs now there are 10 and there is a new line up for the VIII

16's rough as hell but need tidying up and 3 may make it to the VIII this year

15's 2 VIIs and lots of potential very happy with them

girl's mixed ability and year groups they rowed an VIII as much as anything else and Lulu is inspiring them she is "a good thing".

The hotel was super posh and too expensive. The river was not great and the "multi-lane" course hardly existed due to the very high stream conditions and if as was expected the dam gets opened then the rowing gets cancelled.

There were 6 staff.

Simon wants to go back to nearer to home there was talk of Nantes being revisited.

Simon wants there to be two camps, one for the younger to teach them to row and one for the experienced, to push them.

Wimbleball, Oxford Brooks and Wycliffe were also suggested.

3) update on Olivia Caesar progress

Going to Munich early May and Godfrey proposed that we give something to help out here, we agreed.

4) update on George Shaw and Nick Prichard

In the semifinal they did reasonably but came last in the final, as they had had insufficient time in the boat.

5) update from JMB about £5500 boat fund and gazebo. (I have at last arranged a meeting with Director of Sport (Tuesday am). Gazebo: new one has arrived. Ready to be picked up. Needs purchase of boxes for storage.

The old one is now down at the Mill with the VIII and it needs looking after and the new one needs to be taken to Saltford to keep and could be used at Avon regatta. We will provide the necessary bowes when we know what is required.

6) Request for a grant from Avon County. **Toby, how much they got in their fund?** It should be whatever was left over from previous years with. the entry fee for the October 2017 head race added. we could perhaps add £250 or £500

Simon asked if we might borrow their "learn to row quads". Relationships are currently good and we have loaned them a IV as their's is being repaired. Victoria is a Monktonian who rows for Avon as well. We therefore suggested that we give them a "big" grant say £500. We all agreed. Suggestion is thus £1750, total.

7) Explanation to Simon about annual MCSBC budget. Simon, budget is at least £12,000. **Toby – could you give a bit more detail ?**

8) business card for Simon. Useful for expenses at regattas et cetera. JMB will come with a form to fill in

Done

9) NSR and HRR picnic arrangements. HRR ticket arrangements :**JMB will supply standard letter to Simon/Amanda before the meeting for their thoughts**

This needs parent volunteers and who will purchase the food there for NSR and organise this and hopefully also the HRR. We need to get them organised at the house regatta May 19<sup>th</sup> this has moved as Avon has moved due to the royal wedding.

10) request from Simon for purchase of a pair. **Toby - how much has Monkton got in its 2018 funded budget.** NB from JMB: £10,000 recently given to be spent reasonably quickly, so part of this could go towards the boat. **Simon, what is the cost?**

Quote from Hudson £10000 for pair. Fergus talked about a cobra.

11) blazers. **Julius:** has there been any progress?

No progress here yet

12) DofE

Fergus says that DoE does not fit with rowing. This is causing Simon problems and half his 1<sup>st</sup> VIII are taking part this year. Simon has managed to get permission to row on Sundays.

13) Ties, umbrellas, sweatshirts. We must try to sell some. Need someone in charge at each event

Simon agreed to do this at the regattas and Toby agreed to coordinating this.

14) JMB/GWB newsletter

Simon will produce some reports for this, his plan for the future, photographs and of course the funny stories.

15) New data privacy rules. Should we be setting up our own database. I think it will become more difficult to get messages sent out from school in future. JMB's nephew, David, has taken on his old programs and improved them. one of his clients is Bath athletics club who run the club membership list using his programme. My suggestion would be that Toby and I look into the possibility of using the system. We would be charged set up and annual fee.

Caroline says that they can get permission, but not for raising money, through the school. Fergus and Julian suggested David and that it would be possibly £30 a year. We agreed that we needed our own database. You cannot over communicate. Simon will be using twitter and he coaches from the footage of outings.

16) School is setting up monktonconnect.com

which allows people to connect through facebook or linkedin.

17) 150th anniversary. As far as I know, we haven't been in touch with OMs yet. It is almost too late.

Simon talked about the GTAs doing something and there is talk of doing 150 miles on the Thames. Stopping at rowing clubs.

18) what do we do about the head race. I know we would like to keep it, but I don't think we can unless we have more Monkton helpers involved. perhaps each of us could persuade say six people to help. They would have to commit reliably. How many can the school provide? Avon County have indicated that they could take over the race keeping the name Bluefriars Incorporated somehow.

A firm decision is needed by the end of term. The school suggest that they will provide at least 30 volunteers. We want it to stay and if necessary it might need us to pay people, but we must do it and Simon suggests that we could use some of Bath's people, via their coach who works for us as a coach. But this would be easier if there was sculling in the Michaelmas term. There is talk about early morning rowing leave school at 6:15am and this would work at least till half term

Break for supper. (This was excellent and our greatest thanks to Julian and his carer who prepared it for us)

## **Minutes Head Race Washup**

Phillipa, Julian S and Jim arrived

1) Volunteer coordinator post not an easy one we want the race to happen. Monkton has committed a minimum of 30 volunteers, the staff and oarsmen. Peter suggested that we as Bluefriars take on the volunteer coordination role. The coordinator needs to organise training such as how to work a radio and throw a line, perhaps the actual training could be at Avon.

2) Simon needs to confirm with the school that the 30 are trained and are available for all three sessions. The volunteers need to be named. We must write to the principal and Kevin to confirm that Kevin's offer is taken up.

3) Simon suggested that the two GTAs act as the volunteer coordinator. For the 13<sup>th</sup> October.

- 4) Phillipa suggested that Avon could possibly take on timing while Monkton does the rest.
- 5) Jules asked if Avon volunteers got too much to do, but Jim and Julian said that they are currently happy with this, as they row and volunteer.
- 6) It was agreed that at half term we would check to see how we are doing.
- 7) Toby has agreed to be the Head Secretary.
- 8) There was some talk about the division of labour and costs, but no change has been agreed from the current system.

The meeting closed. 9:00pm

