

## Minutes of Bluefriars meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019

- Should we keep Bluefriars boatclub, racing side. It was agreed that we should close this possibility, this would mean that holiday rowing will be impossible. This was agreed
- Situation on membership. To the 200 we had Caroline's email has had replies from another 150. Then followed a discussion on the promotion of Bluefriars through the current club. Also to how to attract past pupils it was decided that we need a video from current members for the dinner.
  - Next, What is brand Bluefriars? Do we hold a dinner? Every year or something else, Henley Barbeque, open up the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII BBQ? We have been running a squad based system over the past years and the crew bonding is not the same. Gen sees Bluefriars as a group that facilitates the experience that they had when at school. There was no overall decision made.
  - We talked about what Bluefriars has provided this year, the new pair and the four that have enabled competition at Munich.
  - Perhaps a Bluefriars ad on Facebook etc Who does this **Toby and Simon** volunteered.
- Archive data. Julian reported that he has scanned all but the minute books. Discussion followed on what to do with the original data. We recommended that after scanning we return the data to the school. There is also the captain's log. Toby left the decision with Jules as we are happy that the school know of their existence.
- Next meeting July 17th 6.30
- Bluefriars Head This will be organised by Toby and Simon and Simon now believes that He can get school helpers.
- Summary of recent and future events.
  - Nantes went well and it really clicked, they felt that they belonged and the weather was great fantastic. The Caravans worked well and kitchen duties devolved to Simon his dad and Andy and this worked for all. Everyone was happy. Julius commented on the drone videos
  - Nat Schools. In 2 weeks time.
  - A double at woman's Henley
  - Marlow and of course Henley
- Current summary. The top end is good, but work is needed to get the required depth. It is promising that the Prep school are so keen to row. The problem of staffing was raised and the necessity of keeping Dave if possible. We felt that the school needs to set out, with discussion with Simon, a future workable staffing plan and the idea of two 2 year overlapping posts was suggested and we felt that we were prepared to put some coaching monies, up to £4000, to enable Simon to keep Dave to set up this scheme.
- Progress of Internationals. It was reported that we are helping Nick and George, both doing well. We also agreed to help Olivia with the Banyoles camp costs, reported as £395

- Toby volunteered to organise the next Agenda.
- Finally Toby gained permission to employ an external accounts inspector at a cost of £180.