

Monkton Bluefriars Charitable Trust

Trustees meeting

Location: Online via Zoom

Date & Time: 6pm on Tuesday 12th April

Attending: Julius Caesar, Chris Cook, John Clark, Alex Leflaive-Manley, Toby Saunders, Fergus Murison, Julian Bewick

Apologies: Alex Partridge, Genevieve Bailhache, Rowley Douglas, Steve Williams

1. Review of minutes from last meeting

There were no questions arising.

2. Trustees - Chris Cook

The Trustees welcomed Chris as a Trustee.

3. Patrons - Rowley and Alex P

Julian told the trustees that Rowley and Alex P were interested in stepping down as trustees, but retaining links to the charity. Fergus proposed sending Rowley and Alex P a formal invite of becoming Patrons of the charity, including details of what the title would involve. John seconded the proposal.

4. Grants for rowing camp

Julian proposed providing a £2,000 grant for Marlow for their upcoming rowing camp. Julius highlighted that the trustees would benefit from a formal grant request from Marlow, and that we should ensure that there is no conflict of interest, in light of Fergus' involvement with Marlow. Alex agreed with Julius' comments. The trustees asked Fergus to submit a formal grant request for the Trustees to review. Fergus will send a formal request to Toby. Fergus will not have a vote towards the grant.

Julius proposed that the trustees make additional funds available within the charity's budget for the Monkton Combe School Rowing Club to plan the annual rowing camp further in advance, as this year parents were informed about the rowing camp late in the school year. Chris highlighted that school exams and trips such as Duke of Edinburgh award could also affect attendance of the camp. Toby agreed to email Simon at Monkton Combe School Rowing Club to offer additional financial support and advice and also to ask for a copy of the Club's rowing plans for the next school year (2022-3).

5. The Bluefriars Website

Julian updated the trustees to let them know that David Bewick and Charlie Newbould (a rowing coach at Monkton Combe School) were going to update the website Bluefriars.



Julian updated the trustees on the formation of the Bluefriars boat club, which now allows members to row on the water within the rules of British Rowing.

6. Charlie Newbould's plan for Monkton School

Julian explained Charlie Newbould's plan to increase the membership and resources of Monkton Combe School Rowing Club over the coming years, which was detailed in an email to Julian in March. The plan involves a large amount of fundraising and Julian and Julius both suggested that a more detailed business plan should be developed before the trustees could consider a grant. Richard Miller, the Monkton Combe School Director of Sport, may request a Bluefriars representative to discuss the plan with other stakeholders in due course, in which case Fergus agreed to represent the charity.

Charlie Newbould's plan included a hope to buy telemetry to help with training. Fergus explained that Marlow had telemetry and that it was relatively expensive. Fergus suggested that it was not a cost effective use of the Charity's funds at this time. Alex, Julius, Julian and Toby agreed.

7. Treasurer

Fergus asked if Alex would consider taking on the role of Treasurer in the new financial year. Alex agreed.

8. Any other business

John mentioned that he may retire as a trustee later this year. We agreed to discuss this again at the next Trustees meeting.

9. Date of future meetings

- a) **Quarterly meeting:** Tuesday 5th July