

Inaugural Meeting

07/11/2012

Richmond Bridge Traditional Rowing Club

14th Richmond Scout Boating Centre

Minutes

Apologies

Stuart Wolff

Roger Mutton

Matthew Farrant

Miranda Jagers

Tom Lee

Nicholas Underhill

Mike Grey

Peter Booth

Gareth Draper

Glyn Hawkins

(Illegible) Please enter

SEE SEPARATE SHEET FOR COMMENTS AND CONNECTION

Present

Names	Connection
Vic Griffiths	14th Richmond/Jubilant
David Portman	St George
Steve Kempsey	Albatross
Chris Phillips	St George
Mark Edwards	Boathouse
Malcolm Knight	TTRA/Thames Alive
Peter Oldham	River Thames Boat Project
Tyrone Marlow	No 4 Boathouse
	Rose In June/Thames Wherry
Mike Adams	Trust
George Bowen	Great River Race
Roger Gould	Tiger/Extreme Rowing Challenge
Michael Pearce	Ditto
John Dilworth	St George
Chris Sprague	Barber's Company Cutter
Marteen Vegting	St George
Mark Langston	Albatross
Tomas Sterner	Albatross
Colin Gee	Jubilant

Malcolm Knight Introduction

Background

Dittons Skiff and Punting/TTRA- Thames Traditional Rowing Association/Thames Alive

Dittons Skiff and Punting

Use to rent from Elmbridge BC, then was given a plot of land situated in Thames Ditton by the Albany pub. Raised money for the facility through members, comprising of approx 300 with no mortgage. Claim to be most successful club on the river.

Range from juniors 30-40 on a Sunday morning to ex Olympians.

Subs - £300 per person

15 Double-Skiffs, 9 S-Skiffs and 4 Sculling-Skiffs (the club owns the boat).

TTRA

Made up of Cutter owners, MK role is the secretary.

Members range from Reading to Gravesend

Usually recommends the AHOY (Deptford) as there is no facility near London for 'give it a go'

1-2 boats join each year

AHOY Centre

Org. Sailing but has moved into rowing, big slipway. Six Livery Companies currently base Cutters there and the centre owns three cutters.

Vic Grittiths/Mark Edwards

Created a base to encourage young/disadvantage people to use the river, with ultimately the long term plan to open the river.

Made the point that long term support is vital.

Other boats based on the river include the 1829 gigs which are 45' long, one is currently located in Teddington Sea Cadets in Twickenham. Moved from Dorney Lake.

- 1) Do we want to form RBTRC?

YES

Steve Kempsey

Suggestion of a club in-between Dittons/AHOY and the TTRA



Mark Langston

Are the current boat clubs (AHOY/DITTONS) busy?

MK – Yes, especially with the summer (Olympic success, QDJ and Torch Relay)

How many boats are members of the TTRA?

MK – 30

MK/ME - With 8 boats currently located around the Richmond area (Cutters)

Vic Grittiths

2004 closed down the Sea Scouts in Richmond, but developed a new base.

1st year 200 children.

2009 (highest vol. Since established.) 2500 children, disadvantaged and disabled people.

Suggested Boat Arch 3 will need a loo and children (later est. That the loo/somewhere dry are the main need for the children as they come fully prepared).

Needs to be sorted now for next season, to 'surf the wave' of last summer and the current interest circulating around rowing.

MK

Local schools are getting involved with local clubs (AHOY/Dittons)

David Portman

When do the children go out in the boats?

VG - School term between April-September and 6pm onwards in the week. Using his boats, 2 TWC/Whaler/Lady Mayoress/Jubilent

MK – Dittons have children all year round.

Team building seems to be the underlying feedback, which goes on to help people grow and develop whilst having fun in an informal and approachable environment.

John Dilworthy

Are we duplicating other set ups/how compatible is another development centre?

MK/ME – No the demand is there in Richmond and surrounding area.

DO WE WANT A CLUB?

Yes, passed by everyone who was present.

2/3) Do we want a clubhouse?/Funding

See powerpoint

Decisions

No. 6 seems to be the most practical solution.

Start small and grow organically with the use of a calendar which would maximise the space by all members. Subsidise the costs with donations to use the space for functions.

This will be amalgamated with membership fees.

Mike Adams (Town Planner)

Does not see an issue with the usage/designs.

ME- Outside space – can use the outside of the boat house up to 14', dating back to 1780.

The public footpath is 12' wide running in-between the boat houses and the foreshore/embankment.

Ran a cafe outside for 6 years with table and chairs, ice creams sales provided the bulk of the rent for the previous tenant.

Chris Phillips

Can you drink outside/licensing laws?

We should keep in with authorities, but general consensus that there is no worry about the licensing unless we are selling alcohol.

Mark Edwards History

Complicated legal situation arising in using the outside space, dating back to 1780 the local river users could use the foreshore between L/W and H/W (not embanked). The tow path was the north side of the river in Richmond.

The Queen owns the river bed and the City of London owned the foreshore (1780). The Richmond riots occurred (people thrown into the river etc.) and ultimately the CofL embanked the area. The steps and 'slides' slips were built to allow the Riparian owners to still have access and use of the river.

The City passed the responsibility onto the PLA, which allowed the Council to pave the area (technically own the top 4-6 inches of the riverside).

Mark has private rights of access and will pass this on to all tenants for deliveries etc.

Absentee's points are attached.

CP – Barbra (wife)

Social club, keen to get involved doing the boat house up and to help volunteering.

Would like to know that every Saturday for example she can turn up and row.

DP – Children on site

Older people seem fine with changing together, but what are the regulation with children. In the long run do we need to comply with regulations.

VG – currently children come 'ready to go', therefore no need for separate sex loos and changing rooms.

Tyrone Marlow

Occasional use of his new shower and changing rooms can be arranged if needs be.

Main points,

Somewhere to change, shower and use the loo. Storage available for personal belongings.

Then a space to socialise for members before/after outings and for internal/external functions.

External functions could be priced on anything up to £200 for an evening based on local prices and its location on the riverfront.

Could ultimately make at least £6000 a year in external functions to cover the rent with a reliable calendar and booking manager.

Rental Structure

£9,000 and no rates payable (check with council) as a sports club.

Mark Edawrds -

No rent up front. Prepared to wait till Easter 2013

The club will have access as and when the previous tenant leaves. With an ultimate completion 1st January 2013.

Rough costings for work £200 per m² (David Portman getting more accurate figures based on No.6 plan on the powerpoint for next meeting).

Mark will provide security ie long term lease when the club is established. No commitment is needed at an early stage and will be adaptable as the club grows and becomes sustainable.

ME/TM no rates under £7000 for this year and will hopefully continue to offer no rates to small businesses.

Works that need to be completed, cleaning floor and painting/treatment.

Potential of new glass doors for light and heat.

Charity Status

Benefits include being able to apply for grants and tax etc.

Grants

Sports Council, Millennium Fund, Richmond parish and Allotment Charity?!?

DP – Basic provision vs money raised, ultimately finding the best use of the club to make it sustainable and to allow all uses to benefit from the club.

MA – No planning restrictions, the building is not listed.

JD – Most of the work can be done by volunteers and especially those with particular skills eg electrician, painter etc.

VG – The Council can help, eg. Grant to the GRR £20,000

Underwriting the project

Not binding,

£1000

Tomas Stener

Scouts

Jubilant

Marteen Vegting

John Dilworthy (and Wife) Christmas Present

Roger Gould, will report back but the group of rowers should be able to raise £1000

'Fighting Fund' – a loan to be lost

Decisions

Yes to plan No.6, growing slowly with the use of grants and outside events.

David Portman to get prices for the work

4) Next Steps

Set up a committee

Roles,

Chairman

Treasurer – Roger Gould Volunteered (AGM - 5th December 2012)

Secretary

Bookings Officer

Website Manager.

AGM – Wednesday 5th December 2012 19.00 for 19.15 Richmond Sea Scouts

Constitution

Aims/Objectives

DP – Must report back to other not present.

A provisional committee to be set up in the interim to plan for the AGM

Roger Gould

Vic Griffiths

Steve Kempsey

Tomas Sterner

George Bowen

(Date to be confirmed)

Other comments

CRB checks, free with the scouts.

Thames Wherry Trust will like to be associated

Network framework will mean more people turn up.

Rowing centre in Richmond means that people won't have to go to Deptford.

Health and Safety

High footfall

Bringing people together

Social base

Opening up the river

Help and support provided

Opportunity to liaise with all local boating groups

Can provide a support for trips down stream to pubs ect.

Date for the diary

Cutter race 200th Dittons regatta Saturday 20th July

Not a clique group, welcomes everyone

Women need to be encouraged to the next meeting.

