Committee Meeting February 2026

20:00 Monday 2nd February 2026

Position/Role	Name	Initials	Attendance
President	Cath Bishop	CB	Yes
Chairman	Mike Parsons	MP	Yes
Deputy Chairman	Joel Evans	JE	Yes
Captain	Ruth Naylor	RN	Yes
Deputy Captain	Lorna Loretto	LV	Yes
Secretary	Alex Kennett	AK	Yes
Deputy Secretary	Magda Al-Nugaidi	MAL	Apologies
Welfare Officer	Julie Lyons	JL	Yes
Treasurer	David Wells	DW	Apologies
Deputy Treasurer	Mel Shelton	MS	Apologies
Safety Officer	Jim Cotter	JC	Yes
Parent Rep	Richard Hull	RH	Apologies
Director	Ed Phillips	EP	Yes

Agenda

Change the Club – Reporting Area

Capital Plan - Rowing Operations - Ruth
Capital Plan - Building/Premises - Mike P
Governance - Mike P
Safety - Jim
Finance - David
Fundraising - Joel
Coaching - Ruth
Culture & Community - TBC
Mid-term Plan - Mike P
Capacity & Expansion - Ed

Safety

Nothing major
January double capsize could have been much more serious than it transpired.
CCTV has been reviewed as part of the investigation.
The dingy near the Club at the time was pivotal to the survival of the two members.
A report has been completed by CSO.
There may be some additional changes to make but ideally all members should be mindful of the circulation pattern and water conditions.
It was suggested that the CCTV footage could be made available to all members to reiterate the importance of water safety.

The goal should be that the CSO is the most listened to and popular member of the Club as 'they' are looking after the safety of all of us.

Action

Take the two Club Members involved through CCTV footage to calibrate events v recollection.

If they consent, we shall allow all members to view the footage on the Club premises – probably displayed in the bar during weekend breakfasts.

CSO has actions and recommendations to go through post this event.

BR would say stay with your boat and get on top however near the weir this might need a revision of direction.

Welfare

Nothing to report

Membership

Discussion re optimising the DD/Monthly payment option as currently still a manual process.

Request to confirm to all members that there is no option to suspend membership fees due to injury and/or illness.

A review of the Direct Debit option to be considered by the Committee – gather a small sub group (including Rhoanne) to discuss optimising the process for monthly/DD payments.

Membership Secretary (RS) currently dealing with circa 20 failed payments/non renewals etc.

Capital Plan

Get Squad Reps in and discuss plan for replacing all boats.
Super SAAS will provide a view of what boats are being regularly used.

Fundraising

Zena Forster has agreed to support Fundraising programme at MRC.

Everyone needs to be a fundraiser in the Club.

All members should have Easy Fundraiser on their phones and it should be a favourite on their web browsers.

Alumni – 1871 Club

Many members who leave still want to be connected with MRC for various reasons so we could promote an Alumni category of membership.

Promoting this as a category where these members would be supporting Junior and Senior rowers at MRC.

Approval from Committee for an Alumni membership category with potential offerings of:

1871 Club

- Recent Alumni
    - £10 per month by dd whilst in ft education / unwaged
    - Train and race in term breaks
    - Summer projects HRR & HT&V
    - Henley Social – Friday evening

- Post Graduation *(and Good Leavers)*
    - £20 (£18.71) per month by dd
    - Bi annual / Quarterly Newsletter
    - Henley BBQ – Friday Lunchtime
    - Year group trace teams and cards at HRR

Volunteering

Need to be more directional about volunteering for members as membership charges reflect the requirement for volunteering.

Derby Rowing Club have a policy of each member must do 5 hours per month volunteering for a discounted membership charge.

Jenny Hargreaves has applied to be Volunteer Co-ordinator which was approved.

MJW will need to load Civi Volunteer onto the Members website and then start to create jobs on there which will give us more visibility of jobs to be done and volunteer hours/names etc.

Membership Terms and Conditions consideration to be given to update to reflect the mandatory volunteering hours to be eligible for a 'discounted' membership – waiting on further discussion and approval.

Second Site

Meeting scheduled for 4th February with Option Two site.

Great Marlow and Sir William Borlase open for discussion and approachable re option to lease land next to theirs and then liaise with schools to share their landing stages.

Boating times for the schools is a key consideration as we could not use the landing stages during those times which may conflict with MRC requirements.