

**Friends of Monmouth Comprehensive School Boat Club
Annual General Meeting
31st January 2009, Monmouth Rowing Club**

Present:

Stephen Moore (Chair) Dan Cowton (Treasurer), Susie Nagle (Secretary), Pam Lloyd, Ann Ing, Alison Roberts, Graeme Thomas, Carol Usher, Claire Harris

Chairman's Report

Stephen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commented on the success of the previous year's fundraising. He thanked in particular the Committee for its ongoing work, and invited to the next meeting if the Friends any parent who wished to help. Stephen had been honoured to have a new boat named after him in a ceremony shortly before Christmas - he felt that this honour belonged to all the Friends who had worked to produce such great results for the Boat Club.

Treasurer's Report

Dan presented the accounts for the year (see below). He was delighted that the organisation had been so successful and that funds had enabled four coaches to be put through the training programme. Without these coaches it would not be possible to run sessions for all 53 rowers. Funds had also permitted the purchase of many small but essential items of equipment. The Friends had donated some £7500 over the year, which was a fantastic achievement and one which Dan would not, a couple of years ago, have thought possible. In response to a question from a parent, Dan explained that seed money had been retained in order to apply for a substantial grant from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts. He was hopeful that this would enable the Friends to purchase a coxed quad, as the one currently in use is old and relatively heavy. The Friends had also expressed a wish to use its funds to buy something substantial and highly visible.

Dan mentioned that a new committee had taken over the running of the town Boat Club, and that an easier relationship was developing. The Friends had helped with car parking on the day of the the town club's Regatta in the summer and have been willing to lend the training sculls. He hoped that we could continue to work together for the mutual benefit of both organisations.

Dan said that there is currently some £2300 in the Friend's account; the balance of £200 for seed money he confidently expected would be raised by the Quiz evening which was to follow.

Dan mentioned the importance of the fundraising Half Marathon to Henley in March, and reiterated the benefit of Gift Aid to the sponsorship money – last year's funds had been boosted by almost £800 because of this.

Election of Officers

Stephen Moore (Chair) Proposed by Pam Lloyd, seconded by Alison Roberts)
Dan Cowton (Treasurer) Proposed by Susie Nagle, seconded by Claire Harris) Re-elected un opposed
Susie Nagle (Secretary) Proposed by Stephen Moore, seconded by Ann Ing)

Committee members

Claire Harris, Ann Ing, Pam Lloyd

Graeme Thomas and Carol Usher offered their support on an informal basis.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Susie Nagle
Secretary, FMCSBC

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Income

Quiz Night 2008 (net of catering costs)	£250.40 (2007: £196)
Midsummer Regatta (net of catering costs)	£994.88 (2007: £847.17)
Sponsorship from a local business (funding matched through Sportsmatch and used for coach education and training camp and kit costs subsidy)	£500
Sponsorship from a local business (funding reserved as seed money for the grant application to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts)	£500
Sportsmatch (to match Sponsorship above) – grant	£500
Millennium Stadium Grant Trust – grant	£881.59
Half Marathon to Henley sponsored event	£4,217.38
Gift Aid (from Half Marathon sponsorship)	£781.34
Monmouthshire County Council – Well Being Scheme grant	£600
<i>Total</i>	£9,225.59 (2007: £1,083.17)

Expenditure

Donations to MCSBC	£7,329.06
- 1 set of 4prs of sculling blades (pt payment of £600)	(2007: £1,018)
- 1 set of 4prs of rowing shoes	
- 2 Speedcoach training computers	
- 1 pr of rowing floats	
- Running costs, race fees, etc. (£4,697.47)	
- Training equipment (weights, gym ,etc)(£881.59)	
- Coach education courses (£500)	
Leaving Present (Geoff Eddolls)	£31.96
Bank charge for an unpaid cheque paid in	£4
Unpaid cheque (since paid)	£10
<i>Total</i>	£7,375.02 (2007: £1,068)

Balance

Net income 2008	£1,850.57
Bank balance carried forward from 2007	£430.69
Bank balance as at end 2008	£2,281.26

Notes:

Grant applications: The Friends' charity status has enabled a large amount of grant income over the past year as can be seen above. We have now raised our sights as below.

<i>Foundation for Sport & The Arts (former Littlewoods Football Pools)</i>	Amount: £13,260-£16,463
Purpose: to purchase a new four and associated equipment.	

Status: application submitted, decision due in April 2009. £2,500 of this total has been committed by the Friends in “seed money” to support this application.	
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Dan Cowton, Treasurer, Friends of MCSBC