

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 16 November 2022

Present: John Simmonds, Catherine Dacey, Reece Nelmes, Catherine Ayling, James Copeland, Paul Fife, Geoff Licence, Claire Bennett , Jon Lock.

Apologies: Leanne Jordan, Charlotte Fife, Geoff Orford, Jacob Baisley, Richard Clarke

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Chairman's report:            Very productive year, lots of PI's trained along with Paddle Sport Leaders and a White Water leader.            Need to look to progress some of these to level 2 Coach to help sustain the Club for the future.            Concerned about the Club paddles happening in the evenings and the bad weather, the river has been in flood for the last couple of weeks and is high again now.            Any groups going out at night must carry out a dynamic RA, be competent in self rescue, must have a land contact, who knows where they have gone and must wear personal lights.            Groups going out in the day must carry out a dynamic RA on the day and be prepared to turn less experienced paddlers away.            Publish a simple table remit of PI, PAA, PSL for all to access. This is a Club remit and may be more risk adverse than the BC remit, but it as we feel safe publishing. All members and leaders/ PI's / coaches to adhere to this.            JS mentioned the resources available on the Paddles Up Website for on going training.</p>	<p>CD/ JS</p>
<p>Secretary's report:            EDF requested a meter reading, (110616), forwarded to GO for progressing.            Discussion on She Paddles Funding, CD to ask BC if we can spend our match funding on training more male coaches to a higher standard.</p>	
<p>Treasurers / Membership report:            280 members,            Unfortunately, I am not able to give a detailed projection of the accounts at this meeting, this will have to wait until I can use my PC at home, so the next meeting. As of 14 November our current balance in the NatWest Account is £102,313.59. There is also a small amount in the Barclays account £52. The only income until April 2023 will be subs and boat storage for those who pay monthly, approx. £2,700. The major outgoing will be the rent paid in advance on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 of £4,250 (half year), in addition to this will be normal outgoings such as Electric, Water and clubhouse expenses so the balance at the end of this financial year will be approx. £98,000 I estimate. At the next AGM I will do a reassessment of the 10 year forecast to take into account the increase in electricity bill and the long delay in the new boat storage, we may also have a better idea of the cost of work on the new build.</p>	
<p>Bosun report:            RN purchased a number of smaller BA's with leg straps for the juniors.            These have been numbered and added to the equipment spread sheet.</p>	
<p>Events Secretary Report:            Christmas Party 17<sup>th</sup> December, Breakfast paddle 18<sup>th</sup> December. To be added to the</p>	<p>JL</p>

Calendar	
Environmental Report: Floating Pennywort clearance day 15 November, this was postponed until 24 November, but is likely to be postponed again.	CD
New Build Building regs were not enough, needs to go to full planning. Architects apologised for their error and have offered a refund for that portion of the work. Full plans have been submitted will be another 8 weeks. In the meantime, the inside will be gutted ready for when the plans are approved. Thanks to all those who have helped out at the work parties.	JS
Discussion of a welfare nature took place. The proposals were put to the committee prior to the meeting so those who couldn't attend could state their views and a decision was reached. Those concerned to be contacted with the result.	CA/CD/JS
CCTV/ Electronic discussions: Policy for viewing of CCTV when required to be formalised. This is still to be done	All
Racing Bosun: CA has been sorting the racing boats with the help of other members and input from the racing team. LJ has asked CA to take over as Racing Bosun, she has accepted. All personal paddling kit has been removed from the racing store and put in the club room for collection. Club rules are that all personal kit should be taken home, this has always been the case in the GP store. Racers will be emailed to this end and disciplinary action taken if members continue to flout the rules. The Committee are all behind this decision.	CD
Racing Section RA: This was discussed, a couple of items require clarification. CD to update and circulate, for publishing on the website. The basics of the RA to be made clear on the website.	
Door Entry System: RN circulated quotes which CD forgot to print. Committee members to look at the quotes and email their questions for a discussion on which system to go with. This is a secondary system which will allow access to be blocked to members who leave and do not return their keys. RN to handle the initial authorisation of the fobs. Approximate cost £8000	All/ RN
MBC want to do a site survey to assess our ground rent on the existing building, GL to speak to the councillors to see if we can reach a better deal as a community club.	GL
Meeting closed at 10.00pm	
<b>Date of Next meeting Wednesday 11 January 2023 7.30pm</b>	