

Minutes of MCC committee meeting Wednesday 02.05.2019

Attendees: Brian Williams Chairman, Geoff Orford Treasurer, Lee Horton, Reece Nelms, John Symonds, Ian Dann, Catherine Ayling, Charlotte, Richard Clark,

Apologies:- Bryn, Felicity

Chairman discussed minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the 26.03.2019 were confirmed

Leeds Castle Triathlon - Committee discussed volunteering for this:-

- it was agreed that further clarification was required from Mark Harris, Geoff offered to do this
- the general feeling is that club members are free to volunteer (10 per day are required) but that the Triathlon should not interfere with the club offering beginners courses at this popular time of the year

Sub Aqua Club next door – they have paid a further years rent so it was discussed that MCC should have a discussion with them to consider whether a merger with them would be beneficial and then for Bryn to speak to the council to see if this is realistic

Finances – Geoff states that at the moment MCC have just under 100 members and gave out the accounts for the members to look at

Buildings- Committee discussed the following:-

- The 2 new external doors have been ordered and are on route
- BP will be submitting the building plans in due to the uncertainty re the Sub Aqua Club's lease
- LH approached B&Q for help with products but this was declined due to already having other charitable commitments
- LH said that only 3 people responded for the work days and all 3 could only commit to different days – it was agreed that until a date is sorted of the fire escape then to wait and ask again once the date is known as not much can be done currently
- LH requested permission to look at getting the boarding for the loft and the roof tiles and vents – it was agreed for him to get a quote and bring to the next meeting
- LH mentioned that on Saturday 27th April Network Railway workers were seen in the car park and then left their rubbish bag by MCC building. He also mentioned that one worker had entered the building to use the toilet. It was agreed that the Chairman would write an email to their head office re the rubbish and that all members are to be reminded to ensure the front door is kept locked – the new doors will help with this
- Reece stated a new light fitting is required over the stairwell and needs a tower to do this – LH confirmed he can get a tower and the committee confirmed Reece can go ahead and change the fitting

Fire Escape and compliance was discussed

- IS asked when the next fire inspection is due – believed to be October 2019

- JS is waiting on a structural drawing from the company to pass onto building control to approve – he has been chasing the company for this. It was discussed that further quotes maybe sought if they delay for much longer
- JS mentioned about Fire inspection surveyors that charge about £150 – chairman confirmed that a Fire safety expert already visits to help with guidance on this

Health and Safety – Felicity was not there so we were unable to follow up on the disposal procedure however it was agreed that a container in which to dispose of sharp objects such as fishing hooks would be useful and sharps and then dispose of them appropriately

Equipment - Much discussion was had:-

- LH/JS/CA/ID explained that the CDG would like to purchase a dedicated set of helmets and spray decks to keep secure that would be used for groups that have beginners to white water. Only the coaches would have access to these to use in sessions as appropriate. Committee gave the go ahead to buy 9 high level helmets LH stated that these can be purchased at £24.99 each. LH to check with CDG what sizes are required. JS to look into the prices and types of spray decks that would be appropriate and bring to next meeting
- LH explained there is a lack of shorter LH paddles – it was agreed to buy 2 more 191cm LH paddles
- Chairman discussed the sit on top and it was agreed by the committee to buy a new one with a budget of upto £380 and for LH to source so it is available for the open day on 25th May

Club Welfare Officer – CA has completed the necessary safeguarding course and is on a waiting list for the Time to Listen course. GO has checked with BCU and they are happy with this

Youth – Charlotte advised that she has a group that are interested in completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This would require them using touring kayaks for 2 4 days expeditions and asked if the club would allow this if the group were all members of MCC. It was agreed if they were members that this was possible just as with any other club members – as long as 2 committee members were aware that the equipment was being taken

Coach Development Group (CDG) –

- the CDG are in the process of booking in courses with some already planned and in the calendar
- LH has some other courses booked
- CDG are to have peer paddling prior to the meetings to go over certain skills e.g. racing boats, rescues
- JS requested that MCC buy some glasses straps – it was agreed he could purchase these
- CDG have discussed getting some Bibs so that newcomers can identify the ‘weekly’ helper on the Sunday and Wednesday paddle so that they know who to approach when off and on the water – it was suggested that the spare racers bibs could be used for the interim – further discussion required

Racing – Maidstone Marathon is on 12th May

- Discussion had around the difficulties had with the new software required – Geoff and Bryn looking into this
- Chairman asked for volunteers
- JS to ask at the PowerHub if their happy for their carpark to be used

AOB –

- Reece asked if the meetings could go on the website calendar and it was agreed that the starting time would be 7.30pm
- Catherine asked about putting the Hasler races on the calendar and will discuss this with Bryn
- John asked if the minutes could go on the website – Catherine agreed to send these to Mark Corti once agreed by the committee

Next meeting Wednesday 10th July 7.15 for 7.30pm start