

Minutes of the Meeting of 05.02.2020

Attended:- Brian Williams, Geoff Orford, Bryn Price, Catherine Ayling, Lee Horton, Kyle Hoborn, Reece Nelms, Charlotte Fife, John Simmonds, Jane Addy

Apologies from: - Ian Dann, Richard Clark, Felicity Pope.

No agenda, but subjects discussed.

1. Lease of the Sub Aqua Club
2. Facebook
3. Wednesday & Sunday padding
4. Trips
5. Duke of Edinburgh Awards

1. Sub Aqua Club – Points raised, the start date, condition of use and rebate. Currently the start date shows as the 1st of September 2019, and MCC has the club on a 30 year standard lease, at a cost of £8,500.00 for 10 years.

MCC to clarify with Maidstone Borough Council, if the lease runs from the 1st of September 2019, and whether or not MCC would be eligible for a rebate, as no access to said building to date.

MCC has no right to sublet the Sub Aqua building, and would be in breach of MBC lease if this was to happen. John Simmons explained the definition between sub letting and hiring to the committee.

Sub Aqua building will be used for the storing of boats and changing facilities.

Action by Bryn Price

1. To confirm clause 6.3;
2. What is included in the £8,500.00 cost – i.e. Service Charges, Insurance etc;
3. If Service Charges are separate – how much this would be;
4. Official start date

Brian Williams asked the meeting whether or not he could appoint a Solicitor, but John Simmonds has for a grace period before this was done.

2. Facebook

Brian made the meeting aware that he had received a complaint by a person who was on the Stour River Trip. He had discussed the matter at some length with the person, and the matter will go no further. Just wanted to make the meeting aware that this had been addressed, but thought on further trips is required.

3. Wednesday & Sunday Padding

It was brought to the attention of the Committee, regarding safety of the General Paddling sessions. Confirmed there are currently two types of paddles:-

Peer Paddle – A group of paddles with no official lead;

Lead Paddle – where a coach or responsible individual lead;

The matter was discussed, and will be raised at the next CDG meeting for clarification.

4. Trips

The club annually complete a collection of trips that have run for numerous years, organised by club members. These are advertised on the notice board within the club, to make members aware and decide whether or not they wish to take part. Recently, there appears to be some duplication /similar trips organised, and these trips are shown close together on the events calendar.

This became very heated at this point of the meeting, with Lee Horton swearing at the Committee meeting, and walking out. On return to the meeting the Chairman asked Lee to apologise to the meeting, which he did. Discussion continued.

Suggestion: - Have an Events Coordinator, who is in receipt of the annual organised trips from any said club member, so that no duplication/clashes occur. This would include all Racing and General Paddling events.

State on these trips whether or not it is a 'Peer' paddle or Lead paddle, and note who is leading the event.

The Coordinator once all points are clarified links this into the website page with a caption like –'Is this paddle right for you?' This is to make any individual aware of their own capabilities and whether or not they are competent enough to take part on the event.

The CDG were asked to colour code the various types of paddles the club organises, and to ensure this is related onto the website, and advertised to all club members, so that everyone is aware.

Action CDG

Action possible nominations for Event Coordinator

5. Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Charlotte asked the meeting if it would be possible for some training in relation to the above award, be completed at the club. The persons asking for this training are not members of the club, and would be looking for access to canoes and coaches.

John Simmonds said it would be discussed at the next CDG meeting on the 27.02.20, possible dates either a week in May or the end of the summer.

AOB

a. Electrics at Sub Aqua building

Reece related to the meeting, that he and Richard Clark had been looking at the electrics in the SAC. Agreed a working committee is required once access to the SAC has been achieved, for works that may be needed.

b. James Hindus

Lee Horton related he had been asked by James Hindus if he could hold an open event at the club house on the 17.03.20. Committee could not see any reason not, and a suggested invoice of £100. Geoff to organise.

Lee Horton also asked about a Go Paddling week, suggested dates in May 2020, no open days organised as yet.

c. John Simmonds Fire Escape.

Date of Annual General Meeting – Friday 13th of March 2020 starting at 7pm

Nominations for Committee positions to be sent to the committee ASAP and in advance of the AGM.

At the AGM the following awards will be presented:

President, Chairman, New Comer, Racer, Youth and Recreational Paddler.

