

Minutes of Maidstone Canoe Club Committee Meeting 19 June 2020

This meeting was held on Zoom

Attendees: John Simmonds (acting chair), Charlotte Fife, Paul Fife, Reece Nelmes, Richard Clark, Kyle Hogban, Catherine Dacey (secretary)

Apologies: Geoff Orford, Catherine Ayling, Lee Horton.

Agenda Item	Action By
Discussion around members changing in the boat shed during their 15 minute boat removal slot. Following a report from another members it appears that some members are ignoring the no changing rule, in place for the Covid 19 restrictions. New signage stating that changing is not permitted in any communal area of the club. The changing rooms are not to be used. This will also be put on the website.	J.S.
Discussion on bicycles being left in the boat shed along with personal kit. This links to the previous item. No belongings are to be left in the boat sheds. Suggestion to try and use the current ladies changing room as a bike store, probably for up to 3 bikes. This will free up the boat store. Sign to be made for the door, bike storage, no changing.	J.S.
Beginners courses are being planned, we need a strategy for the beginners to join a Sunday or Wednesday paddle to improve confidence. Suggested we have a rota for a week or two after each course for a responsible paddler not necessarily a coach to shepherd a group of up to 5 people. Mike Lambourne is currently running Wednesday Day paddles. This is to be put to the CDG	J.S.
Dive Club Progress, this has been on hold during lockdown. Currently it is a mess and needs a skip for starters. Need to set up a Sub committee to carry out the work requested by the committee. JS has a list of people he is contacting them in the next couple of days to form a watts app group.	JS
GO has requested that a priority should be temporary boat storage in the dive club while it is being converted. This was discussed and it was felt that until the major changes have been made it will not be safe or suitable to store boats. It is technically a building site and should be treated as such. Although this means in the short term we will lose revenue, long term it is safer.	
Discussion about access to the site. It was agreed that access should be restricted to those on the sub committee for the reasons above. The key situation need to be resolved, possibly putting a new padlock on the fence gate and only the sub committee having keys. Currently there is a boat being stored there. This must be removed and no more left there.	JS/ Sub committee
Much discussion about the role of the sub committee and their responsibilities. It will be the sub committees' job to bring to life the ideas of the committee and cost them before work is done.	
Things to be taken into account for the future, when looking at the boat storage all the other areas should be taken into account to make best use overall. Also thought should be given to storage for other non paddling related gear such as the BBQ and gazebos.	

The committee agreed in principle to allowing a working float of £1000 for the sub committee, JS to liaise with GO about the best way to do this.	JS
The design for the ladies and disabled changing room was looked at and it was agreed that we should have 3 full cubicles and an open cubicle by the wall, so flipping the current plan.	All
As part of the overall project we should include a bike rack, cycling members to be asked for their input so that what is built is used.	All
AOB: Following Brian Williams stepping down as chair after the Covid committee meeting, John has spoken to him and he does not want to reconsider. The Committee wishes Brian all the best and thanks him for his continued work and support over the last few years. JS is happy to stand in as Acting Chair, until either the AGM, or if necessary an EGM once the lockdown is fully lifted and we can operate normally again.	
It was agreed that communication should be as far as possible be kept to email. Catherine D stated that she was going to try another email address to use as all current emails are going to spam. She will contact Mark Corti to do this. Brief discussion can take place on whatsapp but only after 6pm so as not to disturb those who are working or at home school.	CD
Attached to these minutes JS wish list for the club and GO financial statement for the current period.	
Meeting closed at 9.50pm	
Next meeting booked on Zoom Friday 24 July at 7pm, unless restrictions have been lifted to allow for an out door meeting in person, which would be better so we can discuss the plans for the dive club.	