

# Minutes of the Coaching Development Group Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020



## ***Present:***

- Lee Horton
- John Simmonds
- Jacob Kaelan
- Mark Corti
- Wally Shave
- Mark Harris
- Mike Lambourne

## ***Apologies***

- Annie Davis
- Rob Davis
- Ian Dann

## ***Minutes of the Meeting***

### **1. Beginner Courses**

- **Mark Harris** offered to run beginner courses:
  - full day first 3 Wednesdays in September (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - full day 5<sup>th</sup> September
  - he's also running a private session in conjunction with Annie Davis for a potential new member with disabilities on August 15<sup>th</sup>; Catherine Ayling (Welfare) is coordinating this
- **Mark Corti** offered to run 2 course, dates TBC

- **John Simmonds** and **Ewan Simmonds** will take an extra 5 people on their course starting 24<sup>th</sup> August
- **Wally Shave** offered to split a 4-week course with someone; **Mark Corti** to liaise with him
- **Jacob Kaelan** offered to assist on any courses where required

**Mark Corti** to ensure these go on website.

## 2. New member paddles

In the absence of open regular paddle sessions, new members need opportunities to paddle. **Catherine Dacey** is coordinating a rota of people helping on this - lots of them being planned, mostly via the WhatsApp group "MCC2020" which **Geoff Orford & Mike Lambourne** have been coordinating. **Lee Horton**

## 3. Wednesday Peer Paddles

**Lee Horton** and **Jacob Kaelan** offered to run some of these. To liaise with Catherine Dacey who is organising a rota.

## 4. Beginner Course Tickets

**Mike Lambourne** requested that participants emails are added to these to improve admin workflow. **Mark Corti** to action.

## 5. Lockdown Paddle Slots

Good feedback, need to ensure everyone knows about the paper log. **John Simmonds** to action via committee.

## 6. Session Syllabus Cards

**Wally Shave** wanted to see the new session plans for the Discover Award; **Mark Corti** to email him a link (they're on the website). **John Simmonds** will laminate some crib cards to go in the filing cabinet also.

## 7. Trips

Hard to do with car sharing forbidden. Lots of “new member” paddles which are fulfilling the role of the “next step” paddles run previously. Perhaps an overnight trip down from Tonbridge could be sorted out? **Lee Horton** and **Jacob Kaelan** to consider.

## 8. Intro to Whitewater

**19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> September.** Details TBC but likely camping / organising own accommodation. **Mark Corti** and **Mary Cutts** to liaise and finalise.

## 9. Paddlesport Instructor Course

**Lee Horton** reported there are 6-7 club members keen to do this. All agreed it was a good idea to run one at the Club; **Lee Horton** to investigate costs, dates and report back before committing. Noted that the Club committee will have to agree any expenditure. Noted that FSRT (a Pre-req) was tricky to run; **Lee Horton** to investigate.

## 10. CDG Chair

**John Simmonds** would like to step down or at least share as now Acting Chair of club - **Mark Corti** offered to step up for a year.

## 11. Beginner Course Participants with Additional Requirements

Some discussion surrounding this. Useful points:

- Check course participant notes early
- Only take on what you are happy to, know your limits
- Lots of support available - **Catherine Ayling** (Welfare Officer) & **Annie Davis** (Paddleability Rep for region)

## 12. Explore Award

Discussed making a charge to encourage commitment. Decided to charge the B.C. fee (£6) up front. **Mark Corti** to action next time an Explore Award course is scheduled.

## 13. Coach bibs/arm bands

Cheaper option of T shirts/Polo Shirts – **John Simmonds** to look into.

## 14. Disinfectant / Sprayers

Reported that there is an occasional lack of supplies/Back-up. **John Simmonds** to bring up at committee

## 15. Disabled Toilet / Toilets

This is getting lots of use and so more cleaning required, or perhaps other toilets could be opened? **John Simmonds** to bring up at committee.

## 16. Rubbish

• lots around grass area. Freedom Fitness is responsible for this whole area. Litter Bins / Litter sweeps  
• lots in river

## 17. Pontoon

Geoff Orford and Lee Horton have had problems with public using and abusing pontoon - Club Members Only signs have been put up.

## 18. Courses/Trips wanted

- Intro to SUP – MC reported that **Steve Chinn** is considering this in light of reduced Club facilities but is monitoring the situation
- Intro to Sea Kayaking - MC reported that **Rob Davis** is keen to do this once things return to normal a little
- Open Canoe Peer Paddle – **Jacob Kaelan** to consider running this
- Touring Trips – see above
- **Mark Corti** to organise another Whitewater Ropes & Rescue Refresher session

## 19. Next Meeting

**Tuesday 22nd Sept**