

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 30th November 2020

Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees: Catherine Dacey, Catherine Ayling, John Simmonds, lee Horton, Paul Fife, Charlotte Fife, Geoff Orford, Jacob Baisley, Reece Nelves, Richard Clarke.

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>There don't seem to have been any concerns for the club during this lockdown. MCC2020 has been a great success and something similar should be used next year. We need to be clear and swift on letting members know the new restrictions when we come out of lockdown on Wednesday, once we have the information from British Canoeing</p>	
<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>All the club documents are now on google drive for review. Email link to docs to be resent by Geoff.</p> <p>News update ready to be emailed to members once new Covid rules have been announced.</p> <p>CD to attend Zoom webinar on Thursday 3rd for BC update</p>	<p>GO</p> <p>CD/ GO</p> <p>CD</p>
<p>Treasurers Report:</p> <p>Just paid first rent on the new building, half year at £4200. We have had the building rent free for 15 months.</p> <p>Current membership 198, slightly down on last year.</p> <p>Awaiting invoice for club printing</p>	JS
<p>Club welfare Officer Update:</p> <p>BC are running a series of webinars regarding Safeguarding. Link to the event to be emailed out to the committee and CDG members.</p> <p>No issues reported.</p>	CD
<p>SOP</p> <p>Continuing from the last meeting, SOP has been updated by Geoff but there are still bits missing.</p> <p>This will be updated with info from committee meeting.</p> <p>Other actions required, fire escape needs repair, need a racing store bosun, need some of the procedures and policies updating. Discipline Policy for next meeting.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>CD</p>
<p>New Build Progress:</p> <p>No progress since last meeting partly due to lockdown and lack of leadership. JS to attend next meeting on 4th Dec and propose a new project manager. Need to get moving so there is a concrete plan to present at the AGM</p>	JS
<p>GDPR:</p> <p>Jacob clarified that we are good to go with all communications complying to GDPR. New membership application form needs an opt in for communication statement, currently opt out.</p>	GO
<p>Medway River Clean Ups:</p> <p>British canoeing are taking more interest in river clean ups. We are already working with Medway Valley Countryside Partnership to undertake river clean ups, Andrea Griffiths is our liaison for this.</p> <p>We are also involved in the removal of floating penny wort with MVCP, and they have sent us a report on non native invasive plants in the Medway catchment</p>	
<p>Racing Boat Storage:</p> <p>An audit of racing boats has been carried out. This has identified a number of boats</p>	

<p>which are never used and are not required.</p> <p>There is unwillingness to move on disposing of these boats.</p> <p>A proactive Bosun is required from the racing side of the club. Bryn is to be approached.</p> <p>Of the racing paddlers Paul Curtis has been singled out for his help and support of the relatively new racing paddlers.</p>	JS
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Andrea Griffiths is to be co-opted on to the committee, and then hopefully voted in at the AGM. She will be our link to the Medway river users association (MRUA) which represents all river users.</p> <p>Malling School have approached Bryn price via Safer Kent, to run beginners racing boat sessions at the school. More information is required as anyone coaching needs to be a level 2 coach or have a site specific qualification to run course if only level one. BC data base has BP as a level 1 coach.</p> <p>We would encourage the participants to become club members so they could join in the club racing activities</p> <p>If this goes ahead there may be an opportunity to sell some of the unused boats to the school for this venture.</p>	<p>GO/ JS</p> <p>JS/BP</p>
<p>Combined Cadet Force:</p> <p>The CCF at Maidstone Grammar School have enquired about having some kayaking sessions for their Navy section at the club in the spring, this will be done on a system similar to the cubs and scouts where they pay per person per session, if it goes ahead then we would encourage the participants to join the club.</p> <p>These are good opportunities for the club, but they need to be led and organised for ongoing support.</p>	JS/CF
<p>AGM</p> <p>The date of the AGM will be Friday 19th March 2021, hopefully in person, depending on the Covid restrictions at the time.</p>	
Date of Next Meeting Thursday 14 th Jan 2021 on Microsoft teams	
Meeting closed at 9.28	