Maidstone Canoe Club Meeting Minutes 11 March 2021

Meeting held vis Teams due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Present: John Simmonds, Paul Fife, Geoff Orford, Reece Nelmes, Catherine Ayling, Catherine Dacey. Apologies: Lee Horton, Charlotte Fife.

Agenda Item	Action
Chairman's Report	
General paddling and conduct by members during this lockdown has	
been good.	
Thanks to GO and CD for updating the RA's for the ongoing Covid	
restrictions and plans for the Government Road Map out of restrictions.	
The cleaner is to be contacted to ensure that facilities are being cleaned	Geoff Orford
regularly as we move to groups of six, on 29 March and then hopefully	
the limited use of the club facilities on 12 April.	
Better communication and relationships need to be fostered throughout	
the Club.	
First aid courses being planned to update those who require new	
certificates to keep the qualifications valid post lockdown. Liaison	
between committee and CDG required.	John Simmonds
Treasurers Report	35.111 5111111101103
Club made a surplus this year of £26,000. Most of this was Covid Grants	
from the council. JS had contacted the council before the application was	
made to ensure we were eligible.	
Awaiting the grants for the new building.	
Committee agreed that the Fees for membership and boat storage	
should remain the same for the coming year.	
Secretary's Report	
EDF were unable to fit the smart meter for the new building as there is	
an abandoned vehicle in front of the meter cabinet. The Council have	
posted a removal notice on the vehicle and it should be removed by 29 th	
March.	
18 members plus the committee so far signed up to attend the AGM.	Geoff Orford, Catherine
They will be sent, Zoom link, accounts summary, Constitution Changes	D, Reece Nelmes, Jacob
detailing the CASC change and an additional committee member, and	Baisley
voting form a couple of days before the AGM	Daisicy
The club were contacted by a consultant working for the EA who is	
investigating the benefits of the River Medway, part of the assessment is	
to look at the welfare, physical and mental health benefits of the	
canoeing access. She wanted to know how many paddle trips the club	
takes on the Medway each year. It was estimated at 2500.	
New Build Update	John Simmonds,
RA still not done, no communication from sub committee. No real	John Jimmonus,
progress since last meeting JS to speak to MS. After lockdown, GO	
agreed to join Sub committee	
Course planning	
CDG need to meet to produce timetable of courses for the coming year.	
This is to include Explore award, beginners courses and paddle sport	
assistant modules.	
Lee and Jacob have been trained to provide paddle sport assistant	
modules, this needs to be shared with other coaches to ensure as wide a	Lee Horton, Jacob
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spread as possible.	Baisley
It would be advantageous to produce a transferable syllabus for the	,
Explore award similar to the beginners course set au to allow sharing of	CDG, John Simmonds
courses if the need arises.	,
Paddle Sport Assistant modules and inception by 12 April so more groups	CDG
can be lead.	
One beginners course has been set up for a Family on 8/9 April to be	
lead by Mike Lambourne.	
Mark Corti to be asked to set up the payment for this on the website and	John Simmonds , Mark
other courses to be added as soon as dates are agreed.	Corti
Subsidising courses was discussed regarding a decision which had	33.1.
already been made regarding the paddle board course in April.	
1 free place available, shared between 3 or subsidise club member	
participants, if they agree to be paddle buddies for SUP in the future.	
The club will continue to part fund courses which are going to be used	
for the benefit of the club, such as first aid, Safeguarding, FRST.	
Other course funding will be appraised on a case by case basis.	
Policy is needed to clearly set out the procurement and running of	Catherine Dacey
courses at the club, this should also include fun sessions.	Catherine Baccy
Young Carers Fun Sessions	
A young carers fun session is to be set up after 21 June, providing that	
lockdown dates don't slip.	Lee Horton
AGM	
Committee awards to be finalised this week by watts app.	
Documents to be assembled and sent to Geoff to email out. A final list of	
attendees to be sent to Geoff after the 12 th March which is the deadline	
to attend.	Catherine Dacey, Geoff
Documents to be sent on 16 or 17 March to give people a chance to read	Orford, John Simmonds
them before the meeting on Zoom.	
AOB	Catherine Ayling ,
The jetty adjacent to the landing stage steps is collapsing into the river.	Catherine Dacey
The boat which moors there is currently at the other end of the landing	,
stage. He has been asked to move as he was obstructing the access for	
the longer racing boats. The council and Freedom Fitness are to be	
contacted to see who is responsible for either fixing the jetty or	
removing it. It was thought it was attached to the steps but it is attached	
to the wall behind the steps.	
Meeting closed at 9.40	
There will be a quick zoom meeting at 7pm on Saturday to test the	
voting paper for the AGM	