

Agenda for the Coaching Development Group Meeting

10th May 2021



Present:

- Anj Hill
- Mike Lambourne
- Wally Shave
- Lee Horton
- Matt Clegg
- Mark Harris
- John Simmonds
- Joel Crampton
- Mat Simmonds
- Bryn Price
- Mark Corti
- Jacob Baisley
- Ian Dann

Apologies

- Annie Davis
- Rowan Speers
- Melissa Sullivan

Agenda Items

1. Beginner course feedback

Mike Lambourne and John Simmonds related that courses have gone well so far. The water remains cold, but this can be mitigated by ensuring everyone has dry clothes prepared for easy access, and getting changed immediately afterwards (leaving boats to be put away later).

There's a feeling that more of these beginners are serious about becoming kayakers &

club members, and fewer are using the courses as simply “something to do”.

2. Explore course feedback

Lee Horton related that his course went well, but neither candidate opted for assessment immediately. Mark Corti & Mike Lambourne related that their 4-week course also went well, with plenty of time for the candidates to practice and improve between sessions. Assessment to be next week. Lee Horton and Anj Hill know of demand for more courses.

Mike Lambourne is currently training his regular paddlers with the aim of putting them through Explore Award assessment in due course

Lee Horton to send date for new 1-day course to **Mark Corti** to put on website

Annie Davis has offered a 4-week course starting June 1st. **ALL** volunteers needed to assist on this, please contact Annie Directly.

3. Beginner course dates

Beginner courses are full, and demand remains steady.

Mark Corti can run a course on Mondays starting May 31st.

Wally Shave can offer courses - to confirm dates

Mark Harris can offer courses - to confirm dates

John Simmonds can offer courses - to confirm dates

ALL: If anyone else is able to offer dates please contact Mark Corti

4. Coach updates – status

All coaches have now been contacted about updates to Safeguarding, First Aid and CPD (Catherine Dacey has also contacted coaches about expired DBS). Most coaches have now either updated or have stated they no longer want to remain current; a few still have minor bits to do. **Mark Corti** to look at this again in October as part of the Committee-driven biannual coach update review.

Mark Corti to send attendance certificates to everyone who attended tonight's Peer Paddle so it can be used for CPD. (Reminder: minutes of CDG meetings you attend can also be uploaded for CPD points)

Mark Corti to put pictorial instructions for uploading CPD evidence to the Coaching area of MCC website.

5. PAA update

Jacob Baidley and Lee Horton relate that the PAA program is now finalised, with **Anj Hill** being the Club's first qualified PAA – congratulations! There are currently at least 10 people interested, with more expected.

Lee Horton to ask Geoff Orford to advertise it on the MCC2021 WhatsApp group

Jacob Baisley to find out whether there are any CPD requirements for this award

Lee Horton and **Jacob Baisley** to get dates in the calendar; Mark Corti can assist if required.

6. Coaching under-18s

No longer relevant; not discussed.

7. FSRT course?

Lee Horton is running at least one, possibly two of these. Any costs TBD with the Committee. Dates to be sent to Mark Corti to add to the website.

8. First Aid course?

Lee Horton is running a private first aid course which has some spaces on it; MCC members are welcome to take remaining spaces.

9. Core coach

From previous meeting: becoming a British Canoeing Coach (old L2 / UKCC 2) requires: 2-day Core Coach Training, 2-day Discipline-Specific Training, 1-day Assessment. The Club would like to run the 2-day Core Coach part of this; **Mark Corti** is organising this. It is possible to do this online at a cost of £190 per person; there was no appetite for this. Hiring a provider will cost ~£600 for the two days and they will be able to offer 8 spaces. **Mark Corti** to liaise with interested coaches (**John Simmonds, Wally Shave, Alan Nevard, Ewan Simmonds**) and find a date they can all make; then arrange a provider for that date.

10. AOB

1. Covid restrictions

National Covid restrictions are easing next Monday (17th May). **John Simmonds** related that the committee has yet to finalise what, if any, changes will be made to Club arrangements. The current feeling is that little change will be made – it's still not Covid-safe to have large numbers of paddlers attempting to access the Clubhouse and boatshed at the same time. **John Simmonds** to communicate with the CDG when this is finalised. Concern was raised that any changes were only 6 days away and a decision needs making soon. It was also suggested that this should be communicated clearly to the wider membership pretty soon.

2. Paddle Group Size

A wide-ranging discussion about the future of the small-group paddles currently organised via MCC2021. **Mike Lambourne** requested that the current (Covid-mandated) limit of 6 paddlers be increased; **John Simmonds** to revert after discussion with committee.

Mark Corti to set up a system to make it easy for PAAs and other paddler organisers to allow booking and number limits on their paddles.

3. Wednesday & Sunday Paddles

John Simmonds related that the future of the "open" member paddles is being discussed by the Committee; to revert when this discussion is finalised. During a wide-ranging discussion it was noted that there have been long-standing concerns with these paddles, and that the relaxation of Covid restrictions offers an opportunity for culture change.

4. Under-18 Paddlesport Instructors

It was asked whether a qualified PI under the age of 18 could run a beginner course under the supervision of *any* adult; or if they had to be directly supervised by a qualified L2 Coach. **John Simmonds** to enquire at British Canoeing and revert to **Joel Crampton**.

5. Kids Fun Day

Anj Hill is organising a kids fun day with support from **Lee Horton**. It will be aimed at members, children of members, and other children associated with members. Target age is 8-12. Ratio of 1 competent adult : 3 kids to be aimed for.

Jacob Baisley offered to assist

Anj Hill to send **Mark Corti** details for website. Booking form to include parental consent, etc. as per beginner course forms.

6. Open Day

Lee Horton is organising an Open Day on July 4th; however, he is going to be away. He is happy to plan and organise it, including volunteer rotas etc., but needs someone to hand over to a few days beforehand and run it on the day. Noted that this clashes with the WW trip to the Tryweryn.

7. Safeguarding Training

Jacob Baisley related that the NSPCC will run Safeguarding Training for us in-house; if we fill the course it works out at around £15 / person, significantly cheaper than can be done otherwise. It was noted that almost all current coaches have this already; however, the aspiring Paddlesport Instructors booked on upcoming

courses this summer may not, and it would be good to proactively approach them about this. **John Simmonds** to approach Catherine Dacey and ask her to contact them; also to get them DBS-checked in advance.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th June - Peer Paddle 6pm, Meeting 7:30pm