

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 7 June 2021

Present: John Simmonds, Jacob Baisley, Geoff Orford, Catherine Dacey, Reece Nelmes, Paul Fife, Lee Horton, Richard Clarke, Leanne Jordon, Charlotte Fife.

Apologies: Catherine Ayling, Geoff Licence, Andrea Griffiths.

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>All going very well as far as GP Paddling going. Two trips to Scotland completed. The new trip to the Spey was a success and may be an annual event. Sea trip to Bute attended by 11 paddlers really good week.</p> <p>Congratulations to Charlotte and Paul Fife, Reece Nelmes, Catherine Ayling, Jacob Baisley and Melissa, on completing their Paddle Sport instructor course at the weekend.</p> <p>Currently relying on Mike Lambourne and Alan Nevard for paddles for newer members. Photos required for committee board, please email to John.</p> <p>Display on paddling progression to go on board upstairs ready for when we reopen.</p> <p>Plan some What's Next Days, to introduce members to progression within the sport and readily available opportunities at the Club.</p> <p>Need to approach the racing members to get them more involved in the club. Lack of racing Coaches, Bryn progressing with his level 2.</p> <p>Meeting to be set up</p> <p>Advertise come and try racing paddling on MCC2021 to see what uptake is like and work from there.</p>	<p>All JS</p> <p>JS CDG</p> <p>JS LJ</p>
<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Documents required for Paddle Sport assistants to be uploaded to web site</p> <p>Emailed letter of acceptance to Architect for New Build.</p>	CD/ MC
<p>Treasurer / membership Report:</p> <p>Membership stands at 200, most beginners course participants are joining the Club.</p> <p>Finances sound, ¾ of expected income in, allowance made for new build of £40,000.</p>	
<p>New Build:</p> <p>Architect appointed, due to complete site survey Monday 21 June. Jacob Baisley to be available to let them in. All being well planning permission should be done by October.</p> <p>Local practice with good knowledge of MBC, and changing facilities.</p> <p>Should be able to begin clearing by Mid July. Mark Harris writing site safety plan</p>	JB/ MH
<p>Environmental Officer :</p> <p>Next litter pick is Tuesday 29th June. I think we'll literally follow the same method as last time i.e two teams going upstream through Maidstone then down to Allington. This worked well last time. I will again have a team on the tow path at the same time. Again, I'll need Canadian Canoes as well as a few people in kayaks. I so far have about 5 volunteers to assist.</p> <p>Contact Andrea if you can help, put the date and contact on the calendar</p> <p>Giant Hogweed control is still ongoing. We've done loads of work along the footpaths and the navigation between Tonbridge and Yalding has been done. We should be sweeping the riverbanks between Allington and Yalding next week.</p> <p>Still working on the Blackwater Project proposal. It's taking ages as I've been so busy but I hope to have this drafted by the end of the month.</p> <p>Allington Lock is now open at certain times. More info on their website and we have shared info on our Facebook page.</p>	GO/CD/AG
SUP:	

<p>The purchase of more SUP's was discussed. LH has a quote from Kent Canoes, agreed to buy as many as we can 3 possibly 4 RED Boards for £2000, budget, to include paddles ,leashes and pumps</p> <p>JS to contact Kent canoes to discuss: Update</p> <p>the chance of getting RED boards this year are pretty much impossible. They are only taking orders for next year and his orders this year should have been delivered in March and he is still waiting!</p> <p>The next option according to Sam is a mid range board such as NRS or Sandbanks which he stocks. He is in the process of ordering 15 for an event he is running this Summer and he said when they turn up we could demo' them. He mentioned that the demo' boards would be for sale later on in September and he could probably do a deal with MCC on these</p> <p>He should know by the end of the week and it should take about a week for them to turn up. As soon as they do i'll pick them up so we can demo a few over a weekend. He has sold both boards at the shop and the feedback is that they are good boards with not many issues so far.</p> <p>Steve Chinn is offering SUP Sundays for the next few weeks, he would like the club SUP's reserved so he can use them. LH to put a notice on them saying not for general use, Paddles to be put on Calendar</p>	LH/ GO
<p>AOB Boats: Michaela has given her green Katana to the club, GO to speak to her to see if she requires any reimbursement.</p>	
<p>Emergency Contact Details:</p> <p>Much discussion around how we get people to carry ICE numbers when they paddle. Looking at putting them on membership card , but need to encourage everyone to carry their MCC and BC card when paddling.</p> <p>All group leaders to take the contact details of GO/ JS and JB out with them so they can be contacted in an emergency for a members details from BC, which they have access to.</p>	All JS/GO
<p>Under 18's paddling:</p> <p>Any person leading a group with under 18's must have safeguarding and a DBS. If the paddlers parents or guardians are in the same group they, they take responsibility for the under 18's.</p> <p>This needs to be clearly stated, look at current policy</p>	All CD
<p>Open day:</p> <p>Sunday 4th July: Lee has completed the planning, GO to be safety officer on the day. A booking system is to be used in case the lifting of lockdown is delayed. LH to have a short meeting to give out the plan for the day and helpers etc.</p>	
<p>Defib: following on from last meeting PF supplied quotes and information on the options available.</p> <p>Committee agreed unanimously to go for a refurbished unit to be non public access. It will be kept opposite the main door inside the club.</p> <p>PF to check suppliers and email out the best option.</p>	PF
<p>AOB:</p> <p>The Paddle Sport Instructor course has shone a light on the changes to the leading of the Discover Award. Details to be passed to CDG.</p> <p>The new instructors need to complete a site specific paddle for their competency to take groups out.</p> <p>LH lost a sling on the Explore course, has emailed Kent canoes who will invoice the club, suggested we buy some floats for sinking equipment to try and cut the amount of lost equipment.</p> <p>Floating rope is required for leashes to put on boats for rescue practice. JB has some</p>	CDG JB/LH

which he will give LH Items for June News update: Under 18's paddling explanation, Emergency contact info, open day, litter pick.	
Next meeting Wednesday 21st July 7pm on the grass at the club, unless it's raining and we are not out of lockdown, then it will be Zoom	