

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 15 September 2021

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

Apologies: Leanne Jordon, Richard Clarke.

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>De fib not fitted, by the maid door in the club, all working, thanks to Paul Fife for progressing.</p> <p>Sign up for use and inflation/ deflation and storage of paddle boards, thanks to John Simmonds and Lee Horton.</p> <p>John Simmonds to give out contact detail cards to all Junior Paddle Club members. These are to be brought to every session and handed to the leader on arrival.</p>	
<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>What a fantastic summer of paddling we have had at the club! With many excursions slightly further afield than our standard club paddles as well as trips to far flung rivers. A big thank you to all the organisers and all the new Paddle sport Activity Assistants (PAAs) and Paddle sport Instructors (PIs) who have enabled all of these events. Going forward I'm sure this will lead to even more than we are currently running and soon we are going to need a bigger calendar! The Wednesday evening and Sunday morning open paddles are back after nearly 2 seasons.</p> <p>The racing side has started competing again and it is good to hear the results being posted.</p> <p>Catherine Ayling has run an intro session and it would be nice to see new faces taking up marathon paddling (it's a really good way to improve your paddling technique).</p> <p>The Junior Paddle Club sessions that are currently running on Tuesday evenings have been a great success and have brought over a dozen young paddlers together. The emphasis in these sessions is fun (and getting wet) and we will be trying to carry on as long as we can, weather permitting.</p> <p>Work has started in clearing out the new club building and we have an architect engaged to get the design stage completed</p> <p>White water trips are being added to the calendar and the classic Exe and Barle trip to Devon is booked for 16th - 17th October. Last year was the first time for decades that this trip didn't run and I know it has been sorely missed.</p>	
<p>Secretary's report:</p> <p>Committee members listed on the web site for contact purposes need to be checked.</p> <p>All committee members to supply a photo of themselves to John to update the committee board in the club house</p> <p>Letter to be sent to Andrea Griffiths thanking her for the work she has done on the committee by keeping us updated on MVCP issues, she has stood down due to work commitments and being unable to fit in paddling. She will keep us updated.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>All</p> <p>CD</p>
<p>Treasurers / Membership report:</p> <p>Membership now stands at 254, the highest ever.</p> <p>Income from beginners courses has been spent this year on training the new PI's we have 10 new PI's this year with about another 4 or 5 people showing an interest in becoming an instructor or leader.</p> <p>A GTX 7.5 has been purchased second hand, this is an ideal younger paddlers boat.</p> <p>The bank balance is very healthy, even with the provision for the new build and rates to MBC.</p>	

<p>Safety on the River: Discussion on paddling in the dark as the nights draw in. recommend all paddlers display a light which can be seen from the front and back, but not a head torch. Ideally the light should be water proof and on the paddler not the boat, so if there is a capsize the paddler can be located. Go to look at buying lights to sell at cost to members.</p> <p>Suggestion to take to CDG that paddlers buddy up in their groups, ensure that coaches and leaders do not exceed the recommended number in the group and that the group stays together. Two instances were reported where the coach in charge of the group paddled away and left slower people behind and out of contact with the group.</p> <p>Add to the next news update that below explore paddlers must be with a coach and must not be more than 8 in the group.</p> <p>PAA's will not lead evening paddles from now until April.</p> <p>EA to be contacted with regard to the replacing of grab chains along the town stretch</p>	<p>GO</p> <p>CDG</p> <p>CD</p>
<p>Defibrillator: Now fitted in the club, accessories kit purchased and attached to box. JS requested to make a sticker with location details for the club for use in case of contact with the emergency services, address, postcode, what 3 words location.</p>	JS
<p>Racing Stores: Leanne and Catherine A continuing to sort the racing boat stores. A meeting is urgently needed with all interested racing parties on the future progression of the racing team and the storage and use of the boats.</p>	JS/ LJ
<p>Maidstone Hasler Date: Bryn Price racing team manager has requested a date for the Maidstone Hasler (Marathon Race) This has been agreed as Sunday 15th May 2022. This needs to be put on the club calendar now and a request for help on the day, detailing the jobs help is needed with will need to be put out early next year.</p>	CD/LJ/BP
<p>Work party Date: The club is looking a bit shabby, suggest a work day on 6th November, RN to draw up a list of jobs, to go in the news update and on the website.</p>	RN
<p>Club Security: Suggestion that CCTV is installed and a new fob system for boat store access. RN and GO to look at systems and report back to the committee. The fob system must be easy to update.</p>	GO/RN/JB
<p>New Build: The building is being cleared out and the rubbish disposed of, architects have drawn up some plans but they are not to the scope. Plan circulated to committee for info. JS/GO/JB and MS to meet to progress. The drawings have been available for 2 months without movement. The boat store part of the plan is urgent as many members want to buy their own boat, or have their own boat which they can't use because they have no way to transport it and need storage at the club.</p>	JS/MS/JB/GO
<p>Welfare Issues: There have been a couple of issues which have been successfully resolved by CA/JS. A secure online platform is required to keep Welfare notes, for the required time, JB to look at this and liaise with CD/CA</p>	JB
<p>CDG: Suggested that there is feedback from the CDG at committee meetings. CDG minutes are always published on the website so committee members are asked to</p>	

read before the committee meeting and bring any ideas or concerns arising.	All
<p>Christmas Party / breakfast paddle:</p> <p>Suggested date for Club Christmas Party 18th December with a breakfast paddle on the 19th paddlers will be asked to book for breakfast so Keith knows how many eggs to cook. Suggest donation for breakfast in aid of Air Ambulance of Lifeboats.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>CD/KD</p>
<p>AOB:</p> <p>Mr Pimm of MGS to visit club on Monday 20th September with PF and CF to discuss the Navy Cadets joining the club to use the facilities to enable their water activities. LH to contact Kent Canoes with regard to the SUP's which were ordered earlier in the year. Update, these have been collected and are in the club house.</p>	PF/CF
Date of Next meeting 20th October at 7pm	