

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Present: John Simmonds, Jacob Baisley, Geoff Orford, Catherine Dacey, Reece Nelmes, Lee Horton, Richard Clarke, Catherine Ayling, Geoff Licence.

Apologies: Leanne Jordon, Paul Fife, Charlotte Fife

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>JB progressing a system for recording private boats, contains: owner, owner details and photo, will be used next year on renewal for boat storage payment. Can also be used for club boat inventory and reporting problems etc.</p> <p>JB progressing Welfare on line form for Club use.</p>	
<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>Exe and Barle trip went well, 10 attended. More white water trips planned for more experienced paddlers. Racing season in full swing. Location signs for Emergency calls printed and displayed.</p> <p>Committee photos almost complete waiting for Geoff L, Leanne J and Charlotte F.</p> <p>Kids Club evenings suspended until lighter nights. Looking to run a couple of weekend days to keep the interest.</p>	
<p>Secretary's report:</p> <p>Incident on the River between a fisherman and our racing paddlers, fishing club written to by John, Catherine unable to oversee the follow up due to being a member and on the committee of both clubs.</p> <p>Catherine A to relay outcome to those involved.</p> <p>Note to be added to the website and News Update, to be aware of other river users and give space, also to be aware that other river users may not see or hear kayaks coming as we don't always see anglers in the trees. Try where ever possible to pass in single file on the far bank.</p> <p>Contacted MBC and EA with regards to the safety chains in town, neither have assumed responsibility. MBC to contact Jason Adams of EA to progress, it might be worth the club taking photos of the missing chains and sending to MBC/ EA so they are sure of our concerns. JS and GL to speak to councillors they know to try and find out who can put the chains back.</p> <p>Contacted EA regarding the slipway as some members have had problems and Freedom Fitness are being obstructive. The slip way belongs to MBC and Freedom Fitness control it on their behalf.</p> <p>CD to speak to them and see if we can reach an agreement, on using it on an ad hoc basis when we have paddlers who can't access easily via the landing stage.</p> <p>Jon Lock has shown an interest in being the social secretary.</p> <p>Leanne is looking at the Racing Paddlers RA's with Bryn</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>JS /GL</p> <p>CD</p> <p>LJ BP</p>
<p>Treasurers / Membership report:</p> <p>Membership now stands at 265 ,the highest ever.</p> <p>Subs are almost double last year, depending on how much is spent to the end of the year there should be a surplus of £10000 for the year.</p> <p>Thanks to Geoff for his continued work.</p>	
<p>Racing Boats:</p> <p>Query over which boats are club boats. Leanne and Catherine are progressing with the storage of the boats, sorting into which are most often used so they can be accessible. They will put Club Stickers on all the club boats , this i8s a work in progress. The majority of private boats are now in one store, the club boats are all in the back store, but there are also private boats there. If a boat is to be used, please check with the</p>	

bosun it is a club boat.	
<p>Maidstone Hasler Date: This is now on the calendar for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. CA asked for help on the day and to advertise well in advance for helpers. GO and JB to team up with Matt Clegg to organise the booking in. CA to liaise with BP about the new system</p>	CA/LJ/BP
<p>Work party Date: 6<sup>th</sup> November Risk Assessment required RN to produce a list of jobs for people to sign up to. Dump run booked by CD for 1pm</p>	RN
<p>Club Security: RN to order required equipment and update for the software.</p>	GO/RN
<p>New Build: Option 3 chosen as the best fit for the club. NB committee submitted modifications, new drawings to be available to committee on 28<sup>th</sup> October for sign off. There will then be a technical meeting after which the drawings will be presented to the membership as info of what we are doing.</p>	JS/MS/JB
<p>CDG meeting Matters: CDG requested a racing RA. LJ to progress CDG requested clarification on Guests paddling with members, as a general rule guests should be part of a led paddle, they should be signed up via the website as a guest and a £5 will be payable to cover day membership and use of a boat. Sign up will be required to be added to the website so the payment can be made. Policy required for this CDG Open day dates asked for decided on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2022</p>	<p>LJ</p> <p>MC CD</p>
<p>Christmas Party / breakfast paddle: Jon Lock and Claire Bennet have volunteered to be social reps for the Club. Details of these events will be passed to them to coordinate the organisation. Mike Lambourne and Geoff Licence have also volunteered to help with the party. CD to pass on emails etc.</p>	<p>JL/ CB</p> <p>CD</p>
<p>AOB: Showers in ladies changing room not working RC to check. Update: new mixer valve required, RC to order Heater not sufficient Malcom Crampton to fix. Committee Awards to be presented at Christmas party. List to be given to JS Concern raised by a PAA regarding paddlers booking on paddles and then not turning up. This was addressed with a polite request on the Watts App group, GO received an apologetic message, no further action needed. Discussion around Coaches/ Instructors being within their remit when taking groups out, to be passed to CDG for action An offer has been made to update the website, JB to liaise with MC and Matt Clegg Provisional date set for AGM Friday 18<sup>th</sup> march 2022</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CDG/ MC</p> <p>JB</p>
<b>Date of Next meeting Tuesday 23 November at 7pm</b>	