

Maidstone Canoe Club meeting Minutes 5th October 2022

Present: John Simmonds, Geoff Orford, Catherine Dacey, Reece Nelmes, Catherine Ayling, James Copeland, Paul Fife, Geoff Licence, Jon Lock.

Apologies: Leanne Jordan, Charlotte Fife, Claire Bennett,

Agenda Item	Action
<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>JS apologised for his lack of availability due to family commitments. The last Junior club was held at the end of September, too dark to safely continue.</p> <p>Lots of people stepping up to run paddles and help out at events.</p> <p>Lots of white water trips coming up, successful intro to white water last week.</p> <p>Need to communicate to members that light must be worn on the paddler if paddling at night.</p> <p>Paddlers must not go out alone.</p> <p>Raise with CDG a link on the website for safe winter paddling articles.</p>	
<p>Secretary's report:</p> <p>CD reported she needs to complete the She Paddles Action Plan.</p> <p>Bursary for training White water female coaches and Female sea coaches obtained.</p> <p>Charlotte has begun her coach training.</p> <p>New smart meter fitted to power supply for new building.</p>	
<p>Treasurers / Membership report:</p> <p>276 members,</p> <p>Still receiving zero invoices for the rent, should be £8760, the funds have been put aside for when the error is rectified at the council. This was received on 6th October for the last 2 years, now paid.</p>	
<p>Bosun report: JC has enlisted the help of a team to check and repair the GP boats. Most of the BA's have been float tested, PF drawing up spread sheet for the records. The small Children size BA's still to be checked.</p> <p>Main maintenance is fixing skegs, boats still being put back in wrong place.</p> <p>Need to purchase bungs for some of the boats. JS commented that these are £5 each and must be strung to the boats when they 're replaced.</p> <p>Budget to be set to purchase more small Bas with leg straps for the smaller children in the club and on open / fun days.</p>	
<p>Events Secretary Report:</p> <p>Halloween fundraising paddle to go ahead. Any further fundraising events should not be tied to specific paddles.</p> <p>JL has supplied shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse for Christmas, this to be advertised in the news update.</p> <p>JL will collect them from the club.</p> <p>Christmas Party 17th December, Breakfast paddle 18th December.</p>	JL
<p>Environmental Report:</p> <p>Floating Pennywort clearance day 15 November, volunteers needed.</p>	CD
<p>New Build</p> <p>Plans should be approved by 20 October. Building Regs can then be submitted and the structural changes can then be started.</p> <p>One boat rack is complete and this will be tested to assess how many we need.</p>	JS

Thanks Geoff for this. Hopefully boat storage will be available from mid November.	
Thanks to all those who have helped out at the work parties.	
Discussion of a welfare nature took place. CA/CD/JS to progress and report at next meeting.	CA/CD/JS
CCTV/ Electronic discussions: Policy for viewing of CCTV when required to be formalised. Request for view must be signed off by 3 committee members, RN to look at temporary log in s for this purpose. All committee members to comment or acknowledge electronic communication, even if it's just a yes I've seen it.	RN
Policy for Club Events to be written. Formal communication with Maidstone River festival organisers to be set up.	CD
MRUA JS to attend next meeting on Tuesday November 8 th Cd to supply contact details for JS	CD
Meeting closed at 9.50pm	
Date of Next meeting Wednesday 16 November 7.30pm	