

Minutes of the Coaching Development Group Meeting

21st November 2012

Present:

- Mark Corti (acting Chair)
- Dean Jordan
- Steve Chinn
- Richard Clark

Apologies

- Bill Norman
- Paul Newman

Minutes of the Meeting

There being no agenda for the meeting, matters arising were dealt with.

1. Previous Minutes

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting did not appear to have been circulated. It was agreed that Mark Corti would in future take responsibility for circulating minutes to all those present, all Club coaches, and other interested parties. Actual taking of the Minutes to be undertaken by various people, decided at the meeting.

2. Upcoming 2* & 3* Courses

Bill Norman provided notification that he is running a 2* course (December, dates to be confirmed) and a 3* course (at Holme Pierpoint, January 26th) and requested any Level 1 coaches interested in assisting to contact him (cdg@maidstonecanoecub.net)

3. Level 1 Coaching Course

It was agreed that it was desirable for the Club to run a Level 1 course in the Spring. There is a pressing need for more Level 1 coaches, and there are 7 paddlers at the Club so far identified who are willing and able to complete it. It is the opinion of the CDG that these paddlers will be an asset to the coaching team at the Club. These paddlers are: Aneta, Leanne, Aaron, Caroline, Brian, Lucas, and Rowan.

A number of quotations for running the course were obtained, and were roughly equivalent at around £2000, including expenses. This is a huge amount, but is market-standard, and we are unlikely to find it cheaper elsewhere. It was agreed that the Club Committee would be asked to

fund this, and that the remaining 5 places on the course should be filled by external people paying £200 each. This would provide the Club with 7 new coaches at a cost of £1000, which was felt value for money.

If this was agreed, it was decided that dates agreeable to these paddlers would be selected, and then a provider found who could work with our dates.

4. Racing Team

It was noted that the junior racing team is doing superbly, with motivated kids and supportive parents who are pro-active in e.g. assisting with coaching, transport, organising sweatshirts providing a real “buzz” around it. There is a shortage of suitable boats for them to paddle. Dean is attempting to encourage them to buy their own boats in the Spring.

5. Coaching Symposium

It was agreed that it was a good idea to postpone this until February.

Dean Jordan agreed to contact Gillian, a dietician who has worked with the Welsh Rugby team, and ask that she make a short presentation at the symposium.

It was agreed to invite other Clubs when dates and schedule were finalised.

6. Consent Form Storage

Concerns were raised about the storage of consent forms. Dean Jordan related that Paul Newman was arranging secure on-site storage for these, and other related Club paperwork.

It was agreed that Mark Corti would print out 20 copies of this and place them in the filing cabinet for ongoing use.

7. New Coach Orientation

It was agreed that this was desirable. Mark Corti related that Bill Norman was preparing this, and would deliver it to all Level 1 coaches.

8. Trip Leaders Pack

Mark Corti circulated a proposed pack including forms & guidance for leaders of away trips. It was felt that the existing junior consent forms were broad enough to cover any trips. No other comments were received. Mark Corti related that he knew of people unwilling to organise trips without clear guidance from the Committee on what their liabilities were, and how to mitigate them.

9. Sunday Paddling Cover

It was generally thought that there was sometimes insufficient cover for casual paddlers on Sundays, and that this was, on occasion, impacting safety. The coaching group is unable to do anything about this at the current time; the proposed Level 1 course will, we hope, go some way to addressing this shortfall.

10. Meeting Closed

No date was agreed for the next meeting.