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| <p>Maidstone Canoe Club Meeting Minutes 11 January 2023.</p> <p>Apologies: Geoff Licence, Charlotte Fife, Jon Lock, Leanne Jordan</p> <p>Attendees: Geoff Orford, Reece Nelmes, James Copeland, John Simmonds, Catherine Ayling, Claire Norman, Catherine Dacey</p>   |                     |
| <p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Really pleased with the progress training and supporting paddlers in the last year. Plan for 2023, get new build finished, sort out racing issues, enable progression with Junior Paddles to integrate older Juniors into the Club Paddles.</p> <p>Brief discussion of Incident on Club Sunday Paddle 1/1/23, highlighted the need for better communication before setting off.</p> <p>Communicate exactly what the club offer in terms of paddles, compile a best practice document for Per Paddles.</p> <p>Invite James Hives to the Club to run a session on responsibility.</p> <p>Communicate best practice in the news update.</p>   | <p>JS<br/>CD</p>    |
| <p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Received The Paddler's Code Posters from BC. They are displayed on the notice board at the top of the stairs.</p> <p>Also received a Certificate for the Club Champions #She Paddles Bursary Programme. This needs to be displayed at the Club and advertised on our social media with the recipients of the bursary, currently Michaela, Charlotte and Carolyn.</p> <p>Claims have been made on the bursary for courses undertaken.</p> <p>A spread sheet will be given to GO so he can tie up funding coming in and then pay it out to the recipients.</p> <p>Discussed using the match funding, we agreed to when the bursary was awarded to pay for non BC training which trainees need, eg first aid. This was agreed.</p> <p>Discussed putting up a Club Calendar to make sure events such as the Pirates Canoe Club First Aid Course and marathon and AGM are well advertised.</p> | <p>CD</p> <p>CD</p> |
| <p>Treasurer / Membership Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Finances are healthy, but it looks like we will have a deficit this year, mainly due to 18 months rent being paid in the last quarter, due to an error in billing at MBC.</p> <p>GO to produce a forecast for the next meeting to see if we need to put up the fees.</p> <p>Depending on the availability of boat storage this may be necessary, to allow for the rises in electricity and rent.</p> <p>Current Membership ios 282 same as last year.</p>  | <p>GO</p>           |
| <p>GP Bosun Report:</p> <p>Few skegs to be fixed in the next few weeks, JC to advise if any help required.</p>  |                     |
| <p>Racing Bosun Report:</p> <p>Agreement of the racers of which boats can be disposed of, a number to be cut up and taken to the tip, a couple to be put on ebay.</p> <p>CA stated she will need help putting up some hooks in the Racing store to hang spray decks on.</p>   |                     |
| <p>Racing Section Risk Assessment:</p> <p>This was put out to all the racing paddlers, comments were received and the wording approved.</p> <p>Updated RA to be emailed to Mark Corti to be put on website.</p>   |                     |

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| <p>House keeping:</p> <p>The lockers on the landing need to be used for specific known Club equipment, a number of them are locked and no one seems to know who has the keys.</p> <p>RN and JC to open them and fit new locks, spare keys to be kept in the filing cabinet, locked draw.</p> <p>If anything is found in the lockers Club members will be informed to find the owners.</p>   | RN/ JC                  |
| <p>New Build :</p> <p>Planning approval due 23 Jan, JS to meet with MBC about the external changes and obtain building regs, JS still hopeful we will have boat storage by the spring.</p> <p>A meeting for the sub committee to be arranged by JS.</p> <p>Larry O'Connel I to be seconded to QS for the Mid Kent College Element.</p>  | JS                      |
| <p>Electronic Entry System:</p> <p>3 quotes viewed, RN to check with preferred supplier SAES to ensure they are providing the same system as the other two quotes. RN to report back by email to the committee for a decision and go ahead.</p> <p>Quote is for the software, 3 locks, keypads, exit buttons and installation.</p>  | RN /All                 |
| <p>AGM:</p> <p>Date for AGM 17 March 7pm for 7.30</p> <p>Date and posts to be advertised in News Update.</p> <p>Discussed Committee awards, names put forward, racer of the year to be discussed with BP.</p> <p>CN and JL to look at making it more social, St Patrick's Day theme?</p>  | <p>JS</p> <p>CN/ JL</p> |
| <p>JS and PF to attend BC Safety Course on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, advertise to see if any other members would like to join on line event £15.</p>  |                         |
| <p>AOB</p> <p>KMTV came to the Club to do an interview about water quality from a canoeist point of view. GO, CD RN and Keith Dacey had a brief discussion with George from KMTV and he filmed and interview with Keith who was nominated as he could also speak on behalf of anglers, and was aware of the EA recruiting Volunteers to test the water for ammonia levels.</p> <p>Pirates Canoe Club are using the Club House for a 16hr First Aid Course on March 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> . They are offering us a free space. This is to be advertised via CDG to see if anyone would like to go.</p> <p>This has been taken by Jon Lock.</p> |                         |
| <p>Meeting Closed at 9.30pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 22 Feb at 7.30</p>  |                         |