Maidstone Canoe Club Meeting Minutes 31 May 2023.	
Apologies: James Copeland, Claire Norman, Holly Sherridan, Charlotte Fife, Leanne	
Jordan.	
Present: John Simmonds, Geoff Orford, Geoff Licence, Reece Nelmes, Paul Fife,	
Matt Clegg, Catherine Dacey	
Chairman's Report:	
Club continues to thrive.	
Recent trips include a White Water Leader Course with 5 participants from MCC.	
Alan N and Wally S continuing with their Sea Kayak Coach training.	
Just the racing side of the club which needs development.	
As a club we need to support coaches. Where there is a need and where the coach	
will use their skills to help the Club, the committee agreed to financial support on	
a case by case basis.	
Coaches, coaching on behalf of the club members where a need has been identified will be able to claim reasonable out of pocket expenses. Suggested fuel	ļ
allowance of 30p per mile.	
Coaches will not be paid for their time.	
Any profit arising from Club Run courses will be put in a fund to pay the expenses.	
The club will set course fees for Club members with a premium for non members if	
there is space.	
All Leaders, Coaches and Instructors will be provided with a Club T shirt. The cost	
of this approx. £10 each will be met by the Club.	
Junior Club is thriving. Up to 4 new members are being admitted per session on a	
beginners course programme. Once they have completed their course some in 4	
weeks some in more they join the club.	
There are currently about 30 taking part. The Club needs to make provision for the	
older juniors to be able to join the Sunday Paddles.	
CD to draw up a doodle poll to set up cover.	CD
GO to supply a list of Under 16's to enable a register to be drawn up for the Junior	GO
Club.	
JS to complete photo book for Tom's family.	
Committee needs to write an Emergency Action Plan.	
Convete wide Departs	
Secretary's Report: Thanks to Geoff Orford for all his work on a successful Maidstone Hasler race.	
Communication with Peel Ports with regard to not landing on the Islands in the	
Medway Estuary.	
CD to Contact Peel Ports for final clarification. Cd to also contact Rob Davis to see	
if he can throw any light on the issue.	CD
It appears the Islands are SSSI and used and leased by Wildfowling Groups.	
The Minutes from the MRUA Meeting have been requested.	
Following on from the Coach funding discussion CD to contact MC re Paddlesport	
Safety & Rescue Course Provider.	
Treasurer / Membership Secretary's Report:	
Current renewals 209	
Marathon made a profit of £229 with medals left for next year.	
Agreed at the meeting to buy a Dagger Stratos and Mamba 7.6 for £1000.	
Further spending on equipment RN/JC to look at 2 x small axioms and 5 small BA's.	JC/RN

Access to the Club:	
Heaters have been left on on at least two occasions. Heaters now turned off at	
source.	RN
New fob system allows committee to see who is accessing the club and when, this	
can be tied up to cctv if necessary.	
Covers to be purchased for the internal safety switches as they are being	DAL
accidentally activated and the door is not locking.	RN
Signs to be made for the main door, reminding members to lock the door with	
their key as well as the magnetic lock.	
New Build:	10
Door to be ordered by the end of the week.	JS
Architects have advised that after speaking with Building Control a fire break	
needs to be included between the storage area and the changing area, if the wall	
is block this will be adequate.	
Also need a drain vent and will need to drill a core hole to check the footing for	
the wall.	
Door will be fitted by the end of June.	
Larry O'Connell will project manage and liaise with Mid Kent College from now	
on.	10
Reece to plan lighting for the store side JS to send Plan.	JS
Young Offenders and Police Cadet Courses:	
These two courses are being headed by Bryn Price.	
Invoices need to be raised for :	JS
Young Offenders 5 beginners courses 4 Junior and 1 Adult.	
Police Cadets 1 Adult membership and 4 Junior memberships.	
BP has been repeatedly asked for RA, Course Plan, Consent Forms and names of	
the Cadet members.	
Until all this has been supplied the courses cannot go ahead.	
JS to contact Ian Webb of the Young Offenders to clarify their input for RA's,	
Consent forms, Staffing and the mix of the group.	
JS to supply YO's with our consent form, the same will be sent out with the Cadets	
memberships. This is no different to any other course we run.	
Maidstone River Festival:	
Email received from Suzanna Horton re the safety cover at the River Festival on	
29 th July.	
Andrea and Suzy have asked specific people to be safety cover, the committee	
have no knowledge of who these people are. AH and SH to attend River Festival	
meeting and supply RA's from the Council who are organising.	
SH asked if they can borrow and hire out our BA's on the day.	
JS to ring Cllr David Naghi to reiterate that The Committee have not been involved	
and need to be so that we can show due diligence for the event.	
Marathon Feed Back	
Well done Geoff, really good day went off well, lots of new members volunteering	
and making it a success.	
AOB	
Open Day Saturday 1 st July 10 till 4.	
Ask Mark Corti to put on the calendar and add booking slots as last year, advertise	
on Face Book.	
CD to raise a Notice to mariners.	

Junior paddlers	
There are a number in the Junior Club who would benefit from coming to the	
Sunday paddles, need to ensure that there is cover by DBS'd people to be part of	
the group and make themselves known as the responsible adults.	
A Junior member has been put forward for a free membership. It was agreed.	
Meeting Closed at 10pm	
Next Meeting 28 th June @ 7.30	