

<p>Maidstone Canoe Club Meeting Minutes 28th June 2023.</p> <p>Apologies: Claire Norman, Holly Sherridan, Charlotte Fife, Leanne Jordan, Geoff Orford, Geoff Licence, Jon Lock.</p> <p>Present: John Simmonds, Reece Nemes, Paul Fife, Matt Clegg, Catherine Dacey, James Copeland</p>	
<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Committee needs to write an Emergency Action Plan. This may be part of a document we completed a couple of years ago, CD to circulate.</p> <p>Purchased 7 dynamos at auction for £1000, also some paddles have been included at no extra cost. Hopefully they will arrive in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Junior Club thriving, 8 passed beginners course, 3 have joined, JS handed out membership info to the others.</p> <p>5 of the older participants on an Explore Course.</p> <p>Hope to have preview of website at next meeting (26 July) Current hosting will expire in October.</p> <p>Need to begin to enthuse members to join the Committee next Year, Chairman, Secretary and Welfare Officer required.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>MC</p>
<p>Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Access to Darnet Island has been clarified. The owner needs to be informed if we wish to go. The details were given out at the CDG Meeting.</p> <p>CD has written to Rob Davis to thank him for his input in resolving this.</p> <p>CD met with Stuart Jeffrey Maidstone Borough Councillor for Bridge Ward regarding the reinstatement of the safety chains by the retail park. He is pushing MBC to do this.</p> <p>He is also trying to get information on water quality, if we have any issues of illness he would like to know.</p> <p>Recent news item on registering De Fib machines every 3 months, this doesn't apply to us as the Club Be fib is not public access.</p>	<p>CD</p>
<p>Treasurer / Membership Secretary's Report:</p> <p>Membership is higher than at this point last year.</p> <p>Suggest we put a plan of £30,000 to complete the new build.</p> <p>Propose to keep 5 years rent/ rates in the account for lean years.</p> <p>A new style private boat sticker to be produced changing colour and date each year. This years will be Red 23/24.</p> <p>This will help identify private boats more easily and will show who has not paid for their boat.</p> <p>Ask GO for an up to date Membership and boat list for the bosun to work from.</p>	<p>GO</p>
<p>Open day</p> <p>Kathy S has put together a spread sheet of helpers.</p> <p>Appear to have plenty of help</p> <p>JS will be safety officer for the event.</p> <p>JS to print off the consent forms, registration number sheets and the bookings for each time slot.</p> <p>Also information about upcoming courses required.</p> <p>No bbq, just selling drinks, snacks, cake. Sum up machine in filing cabinet ready for Saturday.</p> <p>CD to ask JL to buy refreshments and CD to put a message out to all the club</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>CD/ JL</p>

bakers for donations of cake.	
<p>New Build :</p> <p>Door frame in, needs finishing, doors ready to be fitted.</p> <p>Prototype wall mounts for upright storage are in place and seem very secure, Darren happy to manufacture these.</p> <p>Reece to plan lighting for the store side JS to send Plan.</p> <p>Hopefully we will be using the store by the end of July.</p>	
<p>Young Offenders and Police Cadet Courses:</p> <p>These two courses are being headed by Bryn Price.</p> <p>Invoices need to be raised for :</p> <p>Young Offenders 5 beginners courses 4 Junior and 1 Adult.</p> <p>Police Cadets 1 Adult membership and 4 Junior memberships.</p> <p>JS has been unable to contact the Lead at Cookham wood, he will try again this week.</p>	JS
<p>Maidstone River Festival:</p> <p>Andrea Head is running the safety cover, she needs 10 club members with rescue experience to help. LH is not to be counted as one of the 10.</p> <p>AH has supplied an RA for the event which JS is happy with.</p> <p>BA's to be float tested before the event, suggest weekend before atlat 4 people needed.</p> <p>GO and SH to give out the BA's on the day, a £5 deposit will be required for each one, this will be returned when the BA is returned.</p>	
<p>Winter Series Race</p> <p>MCC have agreed to run a race this November. It will be similar format to the Marathon except the bookings and results are done by the FRA.</p> <p>We are to expect about 100 participants.</p> <p>We need to supply competitors food, (soup and a roll), we can sell refreshments.</p> <p>We will need a starter, time keeper and finisher, turn marshals and safety cover.</p> <p>An email has been sent to the Racing Group.</p> <p>CD to put on calendar and request a notice to mariners.</p>	CD
<p>AOB</p> <p>She Paddles Conference at Lee Valley on 23rd September.</p> <p>CD to circulate email for anyone interested.</p>	CD
<p>Meeting Closed at 9.45pm</p> <p>Next Meeting 26 July @ 7.30</p> <p>Following meeting September 13th</p>	