

## Maidstone Canoe Club

### Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Present: Brian Marston (Chair), Geoff Orford (Mem Sec & Treasurer), Jane Addy (Secretary), Catherine Dacey, Mark Corti, Lee Horton, Aaron Jordan, Leanne Brown, Mick Wibrew, Dean Jordan

Apologies: Andrea Head, Paul Tucker

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the 14 <sup>th</sup> of August 2013 were read by Brian Marston. Brian confirmed that Richard Clark had purchased the boat. Geoff confirmed he had sent details of coaches to Larkfield Swimming Pool, along with Insurance certificate.	Agreed as correct.
2	<b>Chairman's Report</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> of November there is an open evening for funding, and there is an open invitation to the meeting. Brian talked of the ongoing 'Committee meetings by Emails', using Suzie's request for permission to use a boat as an example. Brian reiterated that he wanted a stop committee meetings by Emails as these could be confusing and not all inclusive.	Jane to check club minutes re insurance
	<b>Treasurer &amp; Membership Secretary</b> The latest set of accounts distributed to the meeting. No matters arising. Membership remains unchanged with many new members coming from the training courses.	
	<b>CDG</b> Mark reported that there has not been a meeting since July, and no more courses since the clocks changed. Brian handed three (applied for by Paul Newman) cheques from Canoe South England for £50 each for Nikki Norman, Jason Corville and Bill Norman, as a grant towards their training	
	<b>Racing Report</b> Dean reported to the meeting that new paddlers were coming in.	



	<p>Rent free, but Youth Organisations to provide own insurance, and pay for the Helm. Proposed that the Bell Boat is removed from the river for the Winter months, and stored on the trailer.</p> <p><b>Social Secretary</b>          Brian said he would like to create a Social Secretary position and to promote the Club house more. Committee asked to think about this, and to come up with some suggestions, as to who this might be.          Appointment to be made at the Annual General Meeting in 2014</p> <p><b>Committee Numbers</b>          Brian questioned the size of the MCC Committee was appropriate and whether or not it should be reduced in size. Having looked at the Club's Constitution – four officers plus eight members making a maximum of twelve members.          MC noted that 80% of the Club Members would be needed to vote on this matter before it could be changed. <b>Agreed that the current number of Committee members remain</b>          Geoff asked if the 'en block' system of voting of Committee members be dropped.          Brian proposed, and agreed unanimously, to publish the minutes of the Committee meetings on our Website page, but keeping any confidential matters confidential. <b>The minutes are to be agreed by the Committee before being published on the Website.</b></p> <p><b>Club Mark</b>          Geoff explained to the meeting that Lyn Barker had taken over from Chris Edge, and would be inspecting the Club in December.  <b>Brian and Geoff to collate all documents needed for this inspection and to arrange a time for a mutually convenient meeting with Lyn.</b></p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>BM &amp; GO</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2014          Annual General Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2014</p>	