## Maidstone Canoe Club

# Minutes of Meeting held 20th 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	Minutes 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	Chairman's Report 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
	Treasurer & Membership Secretary The latest set of accounts distributed to the meeting. No matters arising. Membership remains unchanged with many new members coming from the training courses.	
	CDG  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	
	Racing Report  Dean reported to the meeting that new paddlers were coming in.	

	Racing team are currently competing in the winter and getting good results. Dean praised the team for well.	
CDG, Sessio would Mark possib Geoff follow	paddlers, after completing the courses run by the appear not to be joining in with the regular Sunday ons, through lack of confidence, and feeling that they be 'holding everyone back' Suggested that existing put forward an idea of children only inductions, and ly a Youth Canoeing Group to boost confidence. to look at the Club's Welcome Pack to ensure that the rup information is in there. Mark to put something in ewsletter.	
Wome Lights Paintin Black	Maintenance on's shower either running extremely hot or cold. being looked at by Malcolm & Dean ng to be finished. skirting board for the stairs to be obtained. Committee praised Aaron for the work completed to	RC
	stion Box ng received	
Dean purcha Dean The Conference Geoff	Other Business confirmed that the Friday Night Dinner Club had used a K2, and sold some old K1 and K2 boats. related that he had Multi Gym Equipment for sale. ommittee discussed a price and £750 was agreed. asked Dean for a proper invoice for the accounts for ym and all works carried out at the club.	Agreed
It was purcha to Gol Discus an adv	proposed to the meeting the selling of the Bell Boat. reiterated that the Golding Homes money was used to ase this boat. MC suggested that the Committee wrote ding Homes if the bell boat could be sold. ssion between members, agreed that there should be vertising campaign promoting that MCC owned a bell which is available for use by all youth organisations.	LH

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.

### **Social Secretary**

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

#### **Committee Numbers**

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. Agreed that the current number of Committee members remain

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. The minutes are to be agreed by the Committee before being published on the Website.

BM & GO

#### Club Mark

Geoff explained to the meeting that Lyn Barker had taken over from Chris Edge, and would be inspecting the Club in December.

Brian and Geoff to collate all documents needed for this inspection and to arrange a time for a mutually convenient meeting with Lyn.

Date of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 Annual General Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2014 Agreed