

Maidstone Canoe Club
Minutes of the committee meeting 30th April 2014

Attendees

Aaron Jordon, Leanne Brown, Chris Moon, Dean Jordon, Brian Marston, Lee Horton, Bill Norman, Geoff Orford, Mark Corti, Richard Clarke, Nicky Norman.

Apologies

Jane Addy

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and seconded and will be put on the web site

Chairman's Report

The new chairman, Bill Norman, welcomed all to the meeting and gave a brief overview of his role to the committee.

Membership / Treasurers report

We have a projected surplus for the coming year.

95 people have rejoined so far.

Those who haven't rejoined and paid by the end of May will have their fobs disabled and will be asked to remove their boats.

Renewal reminders will only be sent to those members with fobs/ keys.

A discussion was held over the 'honorary' members of the club and how this status is achieved. Discussion on fees being waived, due to financial hardship.

It was decided that if a person fell into this category, a champion on their behalf should bring it to the committee and it would be discussed as any other business on a case by case basis.

Coaching Development Group (CDG)

Minutes of the latest meeting on the web site.

All course dates on the calendar on the web site.

90 places have been offered, one course is already complete and there are currently 40 course participants on courses now.

The CDG will be offering introduction to white water away days at various venues.

Participants joining the club following a course will be given 30% off the current joining fee, but they must take up membership within a month of finishing the course.

Racing Report

Winter series saw many achievements, Nicky Norman came first in the Ladies Veterans, Felix Collins 3rd in the U14s, Tom and Duncan 3rd and 4th in the U16s, Aaron Jordon 4th in the Mens, Dean and xxxxx 3rd in the K2, and Joel 3rd in the U12.

Waterside B/C/D Mixed K2 won the series, Richard Vet K1 finished series, Paul and Bryn finished 2nd.

Devises to Westminster Richard finished in 25 hrs 12 mins and 20 seconds, Drew and Aaron were 99th and unfortunately Bryn and Paul had to withdraw. Well done to all for the hard work and training which was put in.

Nottingham

Leanne was 3rd in the National Championships

Amsterdam

Aaron 30th, Leanne 3rd

Wey was cancelled due to high water levels.

Discussion about ownership of a boat in the store, Dean to investigate.

Maidstone Race Day 8th June

This clashes with the start of a beginners course, as the Maidstone race was not on the Club calendar when the courses were organised, Mark to look at moving the start of the course.

For the Race

More medals to be ordered - G.O

Most of the helpers and turn marshals allocated

Dean & Aaron to do the briefing

Now a K1 race

Entry on the BUCK marathon web site, entries will go to Leanne and Geoff.

Time keeper required Dean to ask Norman

Car parking at the HUB, sorted

Athlete refreshments, fruit, biscuit, cold drink

BBQ and other snacks for sale

ALB

Discussion about coaching equipment, 45° paddles, junior paddles, canoe paddles, spray decks and buoyancy aids.

Committee agreed to spend £100 on these plus 2 sets of Canoe wheels.

Discussion about new boats, decision deferred to next meeting.

Discussion about the way money is allocated. Agreed that if a coasted proposal is put to the committee then it will be considered, will look at racing boats next meeting.

Fund raising was discussed Chris Moon voted in as fundraising contact for the club.

Discussion on signage, Mark Collins to find out from the council if we can put a sign on the wall by the LA fitness sign.

Brian Marston was appointed vice chair

Discussion about a club achievement award, categories to be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion of the appointment of a Youth Champion, to input into the committee from the U18s. Nominations required for next meeting.

Bosuns agreed to keep their positions for another year.

Discussion about a charity Pure Water Project Uganda using our boats and members as guides for a sponsored paddle from Tonbridge to Maidstone on 19th 20th July, we agreed to let them use the equipment for free. Geoff to accompany them, more helpers wanted.

Discussion on how to coach racers, Bryn is happy to take on some coaching responsibility, Chris to liaise with him.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

Date of next meeting Wed 25th June 8pm.