

# Minutes of the Racing Team Meeting

21<sup>st</sup> November, 2014



## ***Present:***

- Malcolm Crampton
- Bill Norman
- Niki Norman
- Mark Corti
- Dean Jordan
- Leanne Brown
- Aaron Jordan
- Richard Clarke
- Mick Wibrew
- Brian Williams
- Roy Rayns
- Jacquie Collins
- Tom Collins
- Lucas Slater-Williams

## ***Apologies***

- Bryn Price

## ***Minutes of the Meeting***

### **1 Apologies and Name/Email Collection**

Done

### **2 Introduction**

**Bill Norman** introduced the meeting.

### 3.1 Enabling Training – Introducing Beginners during the 2014/2015 winter season.

It was agreed that it was not practical to take novices out on the water during the winter season, but it would be OK to train them in the gym.

**ACTION: Mark Corti** to ensure correct information given to any new racers contacting via the website. **Next Meeting** to look at racing section of the website and recommend changes to text etc.

### 3.2 Enabling Training – Enabling “away” training

It was felt that sufficient communication was already given verbally for people to share lifts, etc. when individuals have “away” training planned. It was noted that if people travel to train, it's often at short notice and they are training for their own specific needs – opportunities to look after others were limited. However, it was agreed that it was worth trying a forum on the website to see if it was beneficial.

**ACTION Mark Corti** to add to website (DONE)

### 3.3 Enabling Training – Training rota

- Agreed that Bryn Price would organise a “coaching rota” made up of competent paddlers & coaches
- Thanks given to those who have volunteered so far to help with training – so far **Mick Wibrew, Brian Williams, Tom Collins, Bryn Price, Richard Clarke**. More volunteers needed.
- Financial help is available from the Committee to assist with getting qualified, possibly including running a UKCC Level 1 course at the Club if enough people would commit to a date. **Malcolm Crampton, Tom Collins &** possibly others interested in this.

**ACTION: Interested parties** to get together and either organise a mutual date, or try and join a convenient third-party course.

- BCU policy on junior coaches is that they can coach while supervised; Maidstone policy is that this supervision can be by any competent adult, not just an adult coach.
- Coaching rota is not yet organised. It was felt that coaching was not needed currently, but would be in the Spring; this was consequently added to the agenda of the next meeting.

## 4 Race Secretary

**Leanne Brown** said she was stepping down as Race Secretary and explained the role. **Bryn Price** volunteered to take over.

## 5 Race Bo'sun and Equipment

**Leanne Brown** said she was happy to continue to be Racing Bo'sun

### 5.1 “Work day” to sort out Club boat store

Agreed for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm**. Noted that the Committee needs to approve any boats being sold off.

### 5.5 “Work day” to repair boats as necessary

**Mick Wibrew** said that it was hard to repair boats in the winter as the materials didn't go off properly.

**ACTION: plan work day on agenda for next meeting**

## 6. Any Other Business

- **Bill Norman** said that comments had been received on the cleanliness of the changing rooms
- Concern was raised about boats in the shed belonging to people who had not paid membership.
  - **Leanne Brown** related that she was now in discussion with Geoff Orford (membership secretary) and was in the process of verifying that all boats in Club store were paid for
  - boat owners were being contacted regarding unpaid membership; some have already paid, and some have offered their boats to the Club as they are not using them
  - this is ongoing, but will be resolved. **Bill Norman** related this was a Committee matter, and that it would be resolved by the Committee.
  - **Mark Corti** noted that all Committee minutes, with the exception of confidential matters relating to individuals, were now being published on the website for all to view.

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, 7:30pm

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

A number of items from tonight's meeting were postponed until the following meeting. I've collected them all here for ease:

- Discuss whether current website is sufficient for needs of Racing Team, including whether it contains the right information, and whether new tools (e.g. forums, mailing lists, booking forms, etc.) should be added
- Book date for Work Day to repair boats as necessary, after clearing out the back shed
- Discuss what new boats, if any, are desirable, and how much they're worth to the Club. Make a request to the committee for funds for these.
- Organise training rota