

Minutes of the Race Team Meeting

9th January, 2015



Present:

- 10 members

Apologies

- None

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DW and Waterside training is going well and trips are planned to the canals to add to skills in shallow water and with higher portages

RACE BOATS: The stocktake of the top boat store showed that we have a large number of boats that have not been used for a long while. The main issues were the number of stability factor 3 or less K1's and the 1 K2 (Neauman). It was realised that we may be able to convert two of the K1's into more stable boats by adding an outrigger to them. Brian will report back on options.

This would still leave two K1's that are surplus to needs and recommend to the Club Committee that they should be sold.

The K2 is in very good condition but the seats are not able to be secured well enough for multiple paddle use. Members are asked for ideas on how these can be adapted so that they can be movable and still retain robustness needed for strong paddles.

PURCHASE OF RACE BOATS: It was agreed that, rather than waiting to see if and when boats become available, the club define the actual needs of the section and put any funds gained from boat sales (see above) towards a targeted replacement plan. After detailed discussions it was decided on:

A stable K2 similar to the new Oracle would be of benefit to help train new teams wanting to join the race team. **Leanne Brown** agreed to explore options and report back on boats from Zedtech and other suppliers. The agreed specifications would be that they are stable and suitable for new novice paddles.

There is still a need for possibly 2 K1's similar to the Discovery boats. This is not urgent but would be considered if funds and suitable boats become available.

Boat storage: This is still an issue in the top store, and members were reminded of housekeeping to prevent damage.

Coaching Course: any members want to attend a coaching training course should put their names forward and agree that they would actively coach in the group

Bryn thanked all for the constructive participation of the meeting.