

# Minutes of the Coaching Development Group Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015



## ***Present:***

- Ian Dann
- Ben Watts
- Rowan Speers
- Lee Horton
- Richard Abbott
- Steve Chinn
- Mark Corti
- Paul Newman
- Richard Clark

## ***Apologies***

- Julian Ackroyd
- Mary Cutts
- Niki Norman

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

### **1. Coaches Paddle**

**Richard Abbott** was thanked for taking the lead in tonight's coaches paddle in the open boats.

The next Coaches Paddle will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

## 2. Safeguarding Children

*[Following from previous minutes]* The Committee have agreed to fund all coaches to do the BCU-mandated safeguarding course. These are widely available locally, and cost around £50; coaches were requested to find a cheap course if possible. Coaches to book & pay for the course themselves, and then request reimbursement from Geoff as usual; please contact Geoff if this is not practical.

## 3. Refresher Rescue Session

*[Following from previous minutes]* **Niki Norman's** much-deferred suggestion to run a rescue session to give people confidence to help out on courses and elsewhere has been booked for **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Mark Corti** related that the water is now warm enough to run this.

**Richard Abbott, Mark Corti, Rowan Speers, Lee Horton** all volunteered to assist on this. Everyone to promote this face-to-face with people.

## 4. Monthly Away Trips

*[Following from previous minutes]* As well as the trips **Niki Norman** is coordinating, **Paul Newman** is planning a series of paddles covering the whole length of the Medway and elsewhere. **Mark Corti** to email him about dates so they can be promoted.

## 5. SUP Come & Try

*[Following from previous minutes]* Kent Canoes have not got back to us about whether they have SUPs or not. **Richard Abbott** may be able to borrow 2 from Cambridge Canoe Club, with enough notice. **Mary Cutts** to be asked also.

## 6. Sit on Top Session

*[Following from previous minutes]* **Julian Ackroyd** agreed to look into this. **Lee Horton** can borrow a double SOT if he gets notice and transport. John Simmonds may also be prepared to lend us 2 if we ask.

## 7. Children's Courses

*[Following from previous minutes]* **Lee Horton** may be able to run these. **Mark Corti, Ian Dann, Rowan Speers** all offered to assist depending on dates.

## 8. Equipment

Two new Dagger MXs have been purchased, with two B2s to follow, to accommodate larger paddlers. Also new paddles, 10 x kayak airbags and 1 x canoe buoyancy blocks have also been purchased.

## 9. Coaches Charging for Courses

*[Following from previous minutes]* **Mark Corti** circulated the new decision on this from the Committee, stating that coaches may not charge Club members for coaching. Correspondence to and from the Committee on this matter was also circulated.

## 10. Club Development Officer

**Ian Dann** is the Club Development Officer, and would like emails (ian.dann@maidstonecanoeclub.net) from anyone who has a view on what the new Club Development Plan should contain.

## 11. Polo!

**Richard Abbott** has approached Lyn Barker to run another Polo Session as they did last year. Last year's was enormous fun!

## 12. Flags for Beginner Course Graduates

**Steve Chinn** said that he is still there on Sundays to act as the point of contact for new members from the beginner courses. The flags seem unnecessary currently, and there haven't been many courses finishing.

## 13. Footpeg adjustments

It was noted that the “badger” style squeeze-and-slide footpegs are much quicker to adjust for beginners than the traditional nuts; however, **Richard Clark** related that they are prone to breakage, and also render the boat unusable on moving water (only an issue for some craft). It was requested that knurled nuts at least are used.

## 14. Coach Updates etc

**Ben Watts** now has his DBS/CRB, but requires a coach update. **Mark Corti** to send over some dates; **Lee Horton** mentioned the Seapoint all-day event in November also.

## 15. Beginner Course Dates

1. **Alan Nevard** needs cover for his courses on 26<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup> August.  
26<sup>th</sup> July - **Mark Corti**  
2<sup>nd</sup> August – **Ian Dann**
2. **Ian Dann & Jamie McConville** will need help on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June to get their beginner session 1s going. **Steve Chinn** offered to assist, but more assistance would also be appreciated.
3. **Ben Watts** offered to assist **Richard Abbott** on his beginner courses on Wednesdays starting July 8<sup>th</sup>; also to help **Mark Corti** on August 5<sup>th</sup>; also to help **Ian Dann** on 9<sup>th</sup> August.
4. **Paul Newman** was willing to offer dates but didn't have his diary; **Mark Corti** to phone and try to organise.
5. **Rowan Speers & Mark Corti** agreed to run a new course starting August 5<sup>th</sup> – details on Coach Rota
6. **Rowan Speers & Ian Dann** agreed to run a new courses starting August 9<sup>th</sup> – details on Coach Rota
7. **Mark Corti** agreed to run a new course starting on July 8<sup>th</sup>, assuming cover can be found for July 15 – details on Coach Rota

## 16. Terms of Reference

The Chairman has requested that the CDG creates a Terms of Reference. A basic draft was briefly commented on and changes adopted; this to be circulated to all coaches for finalisation at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm**