



Committee 2015-16

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Minutes

Date: November 1st 2015
(Extraordinary meeting)

Time: 12.00-13.15

Present: ASW, BW, BP, CD, GO, ID, LH, MC, RC

Apologies: WN, NN, TC

Agenda Item: Planning for extension and moving of large shed

Discussion

BP has been in contact with Maidstone Borough Council and is waiting for a date for the necessary site visit. The cost of the planning application is likely to be around £370. **BP** has already submitted an application for a permanent structure.

BW put forward a quote for a large steel building that could serve as a new boat store. This would be more spacious than the current one. To have this erected by the company plus the base and VAT the cost would be around £10,400.

GO prepared and circulated a proposal in advance of the meeting, which outlined plans for an initial ground floor extension to include boat storage and improved changing room facilities. Storage would be slightly less than the space currently provided by the large wooden shed. This would allow for a second floor to be added at a later date. This proposal relies on most of the work being completed by club members at an approximate cost of £8,600. This does not include the price of the base or clearing the site when digging out foundations.

MC gained a quote for a full height steel clad, fully insulated building with roller doors. The cost was approximately £24,000 excluding VAT. This price included erection of the building with the option of adding a mezzanine floor at a later date. This option would provide a very large extension to the club with an approximate cost of £6,000 to add the mezzanine floor.

BW asked if the doors on the current stores could be replaced to create better access.

Action

GO will ask Mike Lambourne if he can assist with drawing plans for a two-story extension. To be completed over two phases.

All three proposals will be discussed at the site visit to gain feedback on what the council are most likely to perceive as acceptable.

Freedom Fitness needs to be kept informed as loss of parking spaces in the club area could impact on them.

Communication needs to be consistent with the Sub Aqua club. After the meeting **BP** spoke to the person in charge about our plans for development and offered to pay to keep the large shed in place until the development goes ahead. They agreed a payment of £10 per week. **BP** will put this in writing.

Agenda Item: Royal Engineers

Discussion

The committee agrees that having the engineers join the club would be a positive move but there are areas that need to be negotiated and clarified with the engineers.

Concerns are mainly with expectations for gaining coaching qualifications that the club cannot provide. This training would have to be outsourced in the same way as it is currently for those club members training to be coaches. As the engineers would not be coaching club members there would be no reimbursement of £50 towards costs. The club can help facilitate courses in preparation for coaching courses but these will not be free of charge.

Club organised beginners courses would take precedence for use of boats.

A line of communication needs to be established between the Brompton and Invicta engineers. **BW** believes the Invicta engineers have a trailer of K2 boats.

Events run by the engineers may generate some income for the club.

It would be helpful if one of the engineers who would be a permanent club member became a point of contact with the committee, possibly even attending the start of some meetings.

The engineers could possibly help with building projects.

Action

WN and **LH** to negotiate with the engineers re coaching needs.

WN to negotiate all other points and report back to the committee.

Date of Next Meeting: December 11th 2015

Circulate to: ASW, WN, BW, BP, CD, GO, ID, LH, MC, NN, RC, TC