

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

April 18th, 2018



1. *Apologies*

Lee Horton, Michaela Wragg

2. *Present*

Geoff Orford, Bryn Price, Brian Williams, John Simmonds, Kyle Hoban, Mick Wibrew, Catherine Dacey, Richard Clarke, Mark Corti

3. *Chairman's Report*

- The AGM went well
- The boats stored unsecured outside the wooden boat shed appear to have been stolen. The boat storage problem is more pressing than ever.
- There was some discussion about whether to purchase a shipping container to act as a temporary boat store until the extension was built. There was not time to discuss this fully at this meeting and discussion was postponed to the next.

JS to price shipping container options and look at residual values

4. *Treasurer's Report*

Everything looks OK, but it's early in the financial year so the estimates remain loose. There should be a surplus assuming everything goes to plan, depending on how much is spent on equipment.

5. *CDG Minutes*

- The CDG Minutes were read
- It was agreed to offer Bill & Niki Norman honorary membership. **GO to write to them**

6. *Equipment Purchase*

- The CDG requested two more SUPs as these are popular, and Steve Chinn is pro-active in encouraging their use. This was agreed. **JS to purchase one Teal Legacy board + paddle**

(#300), and then a second if the first is of good quality.

- **RC** noted that we need new spraydecks. We agreed to try some cheap Chinese imports. **RC and KH to liaise and purchase ‘a few’**
- **GO** noted we need a couple of long right-handed paddles. **GO to purchase 2 x 210cm paddles.**
- The CDG requested purchase of more sit-on-tops. This was declined.

7. Pool Session Prices

Lee Horton requested that prices for the pool sessions be raised. **GO** reported the pool lost approx #400 last year. It was noted that this was a Committee decision since the Club pays for the pool.

- It was agreed not to raise prices, as the pool sessions are a huge benefit to the Club.
- It was decided to try to increase attendance numbers by:
 - ensuring the pool sessions are mentioned at beginner courses as a capsized option
 - having a poster with all pool session dates prominently in the Club (**JS to do this**)
 - Running some formal Learn to Roll sessions at the pool. People would pay in advance to sign up to these and get coaching. This was not in any way to denigrate the huge amount of coaching already done at the pool sessions, mostly by **Lee Horton** and **Andrea Head**, but instead an attempt to get more coaches helping at the pool sessions as well as create extra income. **MC and JS to liaise and organise these. JS and MC offered to coach a session or two, JS’s brother may also be willing.**

8. Clubhouse Usage Request

Club Member Rob Davis requested he be allowed to occasionally use the Clubhouse for his coaching business to run courses, e.g. Coastal Navigation. Agreed, with the provisos:

- Previously-booked Club activities to take priority
- One free space offered to Club members on each course run

MC to communicate this to Rob Davis.

9. Meeting Minutes & Dates

MC requested that committee meeting dates were organised with more notice to allow everyone to attend. **MC** also noted that no minutes have been published on the website since 2016 – there’s no record at all of our meetings. **MC to liaise with Michaela Wragg to get previous minutes published.**

10. Kids Club

We’d like to run a term-time Kids Club, as well as repeat the Summer Kids Club run successfully

last year. Rob Davis previously offered to run these (for a cost) at a 1:6 ratio. It was agreed:

- to try to arrange a term-time Kids Club starting after the May half term. **MC to do.**
- That 6 kids were not enough to run a Kids Club. We would therefore need to find volunteers to assist, and only run the course with a reasonably number of kids.s
- **Catherine Dacey** offered to help out at a term-time Kids Club on Tuesdays 6pm – 7:30pm
- To try to repeat the Summer Club from last year. **MC to do.**

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday June 27th, 7:30pm

[BW and KH left the meeting]

12. Any Other Business

- **Marathon Racing Committee**

BP reported that the Marathon Racing Committee, a national body, is offering bursaries for racing coaches to upskill. **BP to investigate.**

- **Fun Sessions Email**

GO requested that **Lee Horton** gets copies of emails and enquiries regarding fun sessions. **MC to do.**

- **Proposed Extension**

BP reported that he hopes to get agreement in principle from Maidstone Borough Council by June 27th. He has secured the services of a Quantity Surveyor and a Structural Engineer, both Club members who have offered their time.

- **Fire Door**

It was noted that the current Fire Door was not secure – we've had a couple of break-ins, although so far nothing of great value has been stolen – and that the current wooden bar across it would not meet Fire Regs. **JS and RC to get replacement secure fire door.**

- **Fire Escape**

We were reminded that the Fire Safety Officer has mentioned several times that the current rotten wooden fire escape is not acceptable. **RC to price replacement steel stairs.**