

Coaching Development Group – Meeting Minutes

2nd July 2018



Attendees: Mary Cutts (Chair), Mark Corti, Paul French, Ian Dann, Richard Clarke, Mark Harris

Apologies: Niki Norman

Course Dates:

Generally the courses are going very well.

Beginners courses - There are currently 3 courses in the calendar with 14 spare spaces. Annie Davies agreed to run an evening course, Mark H agreed to a day course in September, Mark C. also agreed to run a course during September evenings.

Other Courses - Lee Horton has organised and/ or is running a number of different courses in July & August including 2* & 3* courses, BCU discipline specific SUP module, FSRT

Mary Cutts is running a bespoke 2* course for a member.

Kids Club - Mark C had put all the effort in to organise both the term-time and the holiday kids club, but both were struggling to get numbers and therefore have had to be cancelled. It was felt that a lack of advertising was the cause of this.

Other Dates:

Sunday 12th Aug – Open day – Volunteers to help with this day please.

Saturday 18th Aug – Work Day – volunteers to help please.

Discussion

GDPR - It was agreed in the previous meeting that the security of the filing cabinet was not fit for purpose. Richard Clarke to put a keysafe on the wall, so the key can be stored securely and the code given to those needed.

Near Miss – Alan Nevard had a near miss where a participant got his shoe/ laces stuck in the boat while doing the capsize and he struggled to get out of the boat. There was discussion about possible alternatives, but it was felt that this was a one off as no other coaches had experienced this problem. It was felt reminding participants to tuck their laces in or have short laces should be enough to prevent the problem re-occurring.

Beginners on club sessions – Lee Horton brought up via an e-mail that the same coaches were taking the new members on the river on club sessions and others weren't helping. Mark .C pointed out that new members shouldn't need to be taken out by coaches as they have passed their one star and this allows them to join in with normal paddles. It was suggested that a friendly nudge to general club members to wait and include these members.

Sit-on-tops – The CDG spoke and agreed previously that it would be beneficial if the club had a couple of sit-on-tops, these being particularly useful to the beginners and novice paddlers. This went to the committee, who didn't feel the same. A Facebook Poll had been used to gain opinions of members. Now it will go back to the committee for further discussion. Richard Clarke, brought up the problem of storage space, there is next to no storage space for new boats at the moment.

Pass Slips – British Canoeing sent out an e-mail in May stating that we were going to have to register courses and get money from participants for certificates, as with their other courses. BC have back-tracked on this slightly, although they say this would be their preferred method, they have also re-issued new pass slips. This suits the club and the way we run courses. Please can coaches make sure they have the new pass slips and give them to participants.

Equipment

SUP – We have a new SUP and another on the way

Canoes – Richard Clarke will put buoyancy in and lace the red canoe.

AOB – None

Peer Coaching

Tonight's peer coaching session in open canoes was very successful.

Next peer coaching session: Rescues , 28th Aug 2018 – 6pm

Next Meeting

28th August 2018 – 8pm