



Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of Devizes Canoe Club Committee Wednesday 17 May 2023

Attendance: Sue Colby (SC), James Mahoney (JM), Jon Scaplehorn (JS), Nigel Chivers (NC), Lindyanne Ehrnrooth (LE).

Apologies: James Papworth-Smith (JPS), Anna Overton (AO), Mark Bouch (MB), Emma O'Hare (EO), Victoria Cains (VC), PPS, CJ.

Circulated to: Committee, Trustees, Coaching Group.

Item	Details	Action Lead
2	Round the Room Update JM, NC, JS, LE, SC	
3	Boat Storage The organisation is complete and the schematic is on the wall inside of Bay 1. Labels will go on this WE. We are currently storing 56 private boats. LE to put on website and send to relevant members. SC2 & JS are looking into additional bays and JS has asked a handyman to quote. Left of Bay 1, where Canadians are currently. JS has suggested for Canadians – turn rack outside upside down and store them on bottom & look at less expensive slots for less expensive boats such as juniors acquiring their first boats. NC – Can we reduce the number of Canadians? We have 7, only really need 3 on premises all the time. Only time we use all is when larger groups come in eg. Dauntseys. Store rest at Braeside or Dauntseys. JS, JM, DC to have conversation about this.	JS LE
4	EDI Didn't get BC grant. Have the option to try out surfskis/SUPs from a contact in Tiverton – 1 and 2 person for 2 weeks. They have been using them for amputees and they are a more inviting option for anxious paddlers. JS will sort out within the month. We missed an opportunity to include a special needs paddler in our PR coverage of the Geoff Saunders Trophy. Alfie earned almost 240 points towards the win and was not included in the PR because he has since left the club. Going forward, we must be more mindful to recognise a more diverse range of paddlers. SC is intending to make Awards night inclusive, esp. re recognising older and long time members.	JS
5	Update – Junior Capacity NC, JJ & SC are lined up to take Saturday mornings covering intro courses and adventure group. Intro to Paddlesport courses planned to take place by June. JS planning to rejoin coaching team as soon as able. JM says that bar 2, all available coaches at full capacity and we not sure when/if university student coaches coming back. We need to select candidates for DC funded coaching courses more carefully to ensure that they give time to the club's coaching programmes. Coach Recruitment At latest Coaches meeting it was decided to commence this process by running a 'potential coaches' open evening at the club where we can discuss routes through BC qualifications and club expectations etc.	JM, SC, LE, VC



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	JM & SC will select a date for this and provide wording for invitation to go to LE for website and email distribution, VC for all social media.	
6	<p>Coaching Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline specific training module will run for 11 existing coaches 11-12 June. Awaiting confirmation from 3 who have signed up but not confirmed. • WC college programme complete – 2 sessions were delayed due to conditions. Conversation regarding future courses scheduled. • Dauntseys – Moonraker: got a problem covering 1 day DC can't do-will have to be delayed if cover not found. • Adventure: only got 1 out of 3 coaches required – may have to cancel if can't get 2 more on board. • Saturday girls group: AO led a review. Want more focus on race training, a more progressive programme without obligation to compete. • Intro Courses: we don't have a progression plan for seniors to follow on to, so BH is working on introducing an awards system based on BC awards as well as creating our own DC awards system for progressing paddlers. • Seniors Intro to Paddlesports: 1 completed, another in progress, 2 more scheduled • Juniors Intro to Paddlesports: will run by mid-late June • Coach Development: open evening about late June. LE, VC, coaching groups to publicise. JM to set date ASAP. 	
7	<p>Chippenham Hasler</p> <p>Catering sorted, setting up scheduled for Saturday. Who is towing the trailer?</p> <p>Currently 85 signed up, down from total of 114 last year, but there will be late entries and more on day. LE volunteered to help with registration payments.</p> <p>RA: 2 new risks;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. state of landing stage has deteriorated 2. fallen tree-->branch under the water. If water level drops will have to be cordoned off. NC to assess Saturday and take appropriate action <p>Club house also needs repair – NC discussing with Chippenham committee. NC looking to reduce fee paid on basis of numbers & premises deterioration.</p> <p>Safety Boats – got 2 volunteers, require 4. LE to send email for volunteers.</p> <p><i>Post meeting this has been completed & 2 more volunteers recruited.</i></p>	<p>NC</p> <p>LE</p>
8	<p>Update on South Cerney</p> <p>Notes from MB:</p> <p>Mark and Chris believe SC will make progress now Craig (Marsport) has reached agreement with the Lakes Trust. Mark phoned Craig to discuss and needs to get BH/TH, CJ and NC onto a call with him so we all understand what is available and when.</p> <p>Marathon likely to be available first as the buoyage and a course are available, but other facilities (WCs etc) need to be provided by organisers for now.</p> <p>Can we plan to test it this summer?</p> <p><i>BH has meeting scheduled with Craig this week.</i></p>	MB



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9	<p>Update on Membership Renewals</p> <p>28 Juniors of which 17 have paid subs, 3 have been chased since 5 April, and 8 currently n/a cos not attending coaching or just joined. SC to help chase.</p> <p>90 seniors renewed. LE has already gone over list with SC & chased those applicable. LE to review with AS non renewals.</p> <p>Photo permission – Juniors no declines, 1 senior declined</p> <p>Medical info - only 4 seniors and 1 junior. Printed & ready to go into office.</p> <p>Next of kin - all bar 3, which LE has already chased. Sue to chase 2 of them. List ready for office.</p> <p>Boat Storage Info ---> passed to JS who has done schematic. 56 BOATS</p> <p>SC – WhatsApp groups need reviewing so we can remove those who are no longer members. LE to review membership renewals with AS and pass info to AO,SC & JM to enact.</p>	LE, AS, AO,SC & JM
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Awards Evening - 3rd June booked was cancelled by Braeside. Offered us 11th which is a Sunday. SC to ask committee & coaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is Sunday a problem for juniors • require catering volunteers cos SC N/A due to coaches training <p>10th currently available but would be cancelled if they receive a paid booking.</p> <p>SC suggested buffet or BBQ at 4pm, awards by 6-6:30pm.</p> <p>SC putting in Committee WhatsApp – all to reply ASAP please.</p> <p>Next Year is club's 15th birthday.</p>	All to respond ASAP
	<p>Next Meeting – Wednesday 14 June 2023</p>	SC to chair