

# Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Location:** James' house

**Attendees:** James Freemantle (Chair)

Alan Ebbage (Treasurer)

Matt Tichbon (Secretary)

Bill Hansell

Liz Murnaghan

Sarah Freemantle

## 1. Apologies

- 1) Zoe Griffiths
- 2) Josh Bevan
- 3) Rose Fox

## 2. Minutes from previous meeting

- 1) Approved by committee

## 3. Correspondence

- 1) British Canoeing volunteers dinner on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at Pangbourne – club to pay for Paul Sandy, Zoe G and Matt T
- 2) James spoken to Sam Rankin a British Canoeing; been given early access to membership platform, which looks quite good. Adding events pre-Christmas, membership access post-Christmas
- 3) James spoken to James Hinves to get an idea of what BC can support us on; James writing broader strategy piece that we'll link in with the BC "Stronger Together" strategy. They're then pretty much mandated to help us with things like taster sessions, developing coaches, developing members etc.
  - a. Discussed Soton canoe club and how they have so many members; James to look at how we do coaching for FWR and is attending a FWR in September
  - b. James interested in looking at how we convert members into active paddling – something that we need to work on
  - c. Marathan Racing Committee are looking for a host club for the Finals; possible option for putting BCCC forward - might be able to get access to Frimley Lake though Duncan Capps, which would give us a longer length to start.
    - i. Nothing in the rules to say it can't be on the canal
    - ii. Duncan lining up the ACU to get some help; James spoken to Fiona as well who is happy with the idea, though need to get the canal cleared

- 4) Paul Deech posted an invitation to an open meeting on Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Aug to discuss plans for the campsite development at BCA

## 4. Portakabin

- 1) Arrives on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug!
- 2) Footing prep going in support legs; Kier coming in following Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Aug to sort it out
- 3) James approached Kebur Construction to see if they can help as part of a community project, and Vale Furnishers to see if they can offer anything; Matt T mentioned that Rick Covell is good friends with the manager at Vale Furnishers
- 4) One year plan agreed and sent back to BCA

## 5. Membership database

- 1) Liz M to take over as Membership Sec from Brian Gandy, probably in Sept
- 2) Plan is to hang fire on changing platform until the BC platform is cemented in place
- 3) Looking like this system will be very helpful for us.

## 6. Website

- 1) Matt to create visual site map for Liz

## 7. Account / Boat budgets

- 1) Accounts have been audited by Dawn Ward; James counter-signed
- 2) Discussed he need to move members on from club boats and encourage them to look at purchasing their own boats

## 8. Boathouse fees

- 1) Sarah raised a point about how do we ensure people don't use the boathouse to store boats that they're no longer using them / not using them regularly - it can be off putting to prospective members if they're unable to store boats at home
  - a. What do we consider regular use? Committee agreed to once a month minimum
  - b. Tell members who use the boathouse as a dumping ground that we will not be invoicing them and will ask them to remove their boat
- 2) Another issue is people borrowing boats and then not putting them back where they got it from

## 9. Reports

### a. Racing

- 1) Soton Hasler was cancelled; won't be rescheduled
  - a. Looks like we've qualified for the Finals for the second year in a row
- 2) Liz and Mike Rees-Clark did the Worcester Ring

- 3) Liz going to the Colin Chaplin memorial paddle down the Wye, and has done the Dordogne race
- 4) Need to carry on getting the message out about successes that the club has had in racing events

### **b. Paddlepower**

- 1) Second course was better subscribed
- 2) Chicken/egg situation of people wanting courses but not putting them on until we have a certain level of interest

### **c. Canadians**

- 1) New Canadian proving really popular

### **d. Pool and Polo**

- 1) Did three pools sessions at the Aldershot Lido
- 2) Boats on trailer can be binned, as well as nets

### **e. Training and Trips**

- 1) Lots of trips; sea kayaking trips down to Lulworth and Poole; Fiona and Pina have been carrying out evening paddles; come and try canoeing sessions on Tuesday evenings

### **f. Quartermaster / boat storage**

- 1) There is space in the container
- 2) Need to reorganise barn as some boats are triple stacked

### **g. Youth Committee**

- 1) Get YC to organise shindig after exam period

## **10. AOB**

- 1) Boat trailer – decided it to keep it for another year as it's in good condition; need to find the key for it and then it can be used by members
- 2) Alan E looking to hand over the Treasurer role as he is moving away from the area
- 3) AGM set for 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, Liz to send out the email
- 4) James to speak to Howard about the Charles Hicks Challenge

## **11. Date of next meeting**

- 1) Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> October
- 2) At Bill's house (12 Milden Close, Camberley, GU16 6PX)
- 3) 7:45 PM start time