

CVCC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 8th July 2014

Location: Plough & Harrow

Present: Colin B (CB), Alan F (AF), Steve D (SD), Stephen W (SW), Nick BC (NBC) and Paul V (PV).

Apologies:

Steve Da (SDA), Luke T (LT) and Andy M (AM)

Agree Previous Minutes:

The Committee agreed the previous minutes

Matters Arising (Previous Meeting):

Colin B - reported season going well so far with good membership level and attendance at club. Positive feedback being received both verbally at club and via club Facebook page. It was agreed the club Facebook page was a good forum for how the club is perceived by members. It is particularly useful for sharing paddling photos.

'Women's Day' at club on 29th June went very well with around 35 women and girls attending. Huge thanks must go to the organisers and coaches who lead sessions ranging from beginner sessions on the meanders to a trip down to the sea. Pictures for an article in Throwline will be sought.

'Junior Bring a Friend Day' was also a big success for the organisers and junior representatives Jake and Abby. Around 30 junior members and their friends attended a day of fun and frolics on the water. A huge amount of support was shown from coaches for this event with over 10 coaches helping with paddle skills sessions and games sessions. Justin E and his wife kindly arranged for post paddling nibbles and drinks. Hopefully another article for Throwline!

Steve Da – DBS checks for club coaches. It was reiterated that the club will continue with DBS checks for new coaches to the club.

Action – SW to follow up with SDA as not in attendance. SW will also check on First Aid expiry dates of active club coaches.

Steve Do – Funding sought from large supermarket chains has not been fruitful as although they sponsor local community projects, many of the schemes are currently closed to applications, no doubt due to current economic conditions.

Lottery funding would be sought though an application for funding of new boats. Type of boats was put to a vote and it was agreed that 6 junior Pyranha Rebel kayaks and a Easky sea kayak would be purchased if the application were successful.

Action – SD to prepare and submit application.

Justin E – New Go Canoeing dates on Program and Tony L reward for club room improvements

Action – postponed until next meeting as not in attendance.

Jake & Abby – feedback on Junior Day.

Action – review if present at next meeting.

Alan F – Paddlepower progress – AF reported that four junior members were currently progressing through the Paddlepower scheme and all was going well. AF explained how the scheme works within the club suggested more coaches use this as junior development. AF requested that the CVCC website state that the club do offer Paddlepower ascheme to juniors as well as BCU 1 and 2 star awards. NBC reported an offer of sale of a large batch of Paddlepower documents but due to possible BCU stationary changes it was felt unnecessary to make the purchase.

Action – SD to arrange for website update or seek assistance from LT

Alan F – has submitted an application to the coaching development fund for training in Open Canoe skills at Plas-Y-Brenin. Total cost of course £460 for five day course. Alan mentioned that Ian Powis, who has also applied for same earlier in the season, wanted a second coach to attend course with him. Course could result in a 3 star Open Canoe Award, if successful.

Action – discuss at subsequent meeting when Treasurer present.

Stephen W – Coach Training Day – this was proposed by Justin Early and put on Club Programme, but in Justin's absence, were unsure of what it was. It was therefore agreed to change the date to a normal Sunday paddling session so as club could open as normal.

Lee Valley Club booking – it was confirmed that Piers had made the booking, however since the provisional booking was made the time has had to be amended to a later time due to the centre 'double booking'. Treasurer is currently collecting in £10 payment for hire of course.

Level 1 Coach sign up – SW expressed concern that that some aspirant coaches were not responding to communications from him and that he was worried they drop out. SD advised that he bumped into Phil Anderson and confirmed that he was still intending to attend the course. Since the meeting Michel Martin-Dufaur has been added to the list of CVCC coaches.

Action – SW to confirm that Phil Anderson is a paid up member of the CVCC.

CB also mentioned that he had a lead from a student from Plumpton Colleg that was a 2 star and interested in the Level 1 course and may be able to attend the course. He apparently has the pre-requisites of FSRT, First Aid already.

Action – CB to follow up.

Alfriston trip – SW confirmed that trip up to Alfriston would be on 13th July with a high tide of 7.0M at 12 noon. Paddlers to leave club around 10.30am at latest. Lunch at Alfriston before return with tide around 4pm. SW would be using the trip for his 2 star group as a logged trip.

Treasurers report:

Accounts:

Main account balance as of 3/6/14 stands at £3365

Development fund as at 5/7/14 stands at £1130

Main outgoings:-

£180 has been paid for Level 1 course barn rental via Seven Sisters Canoe Centre. Centre paid with purchase of BCU 1 star award certificates.

£225 has been paid for Level 1 Course Director registration fee for Chris Childs and Dai Thomas.

£160 for Level 1 deposit for four trainee CVCC coaches

Other:-

CASC – No further action taken with regard to CVCC signing up for CASC status.

Star award course prices – it was agreed that the 2 star course currently being run by Stephen W will cost £35 including the BCU certificate.

FSRT and 3 star award fees undecided.

Action – to be discussed at next meeting

Any other business :

It was agreed by all that it would be a good idea to re-introduce the scrolling banner on the home page of the CVCC website as this drew attention to events/notices soon relevant.

Action – LT to be asked to add this to the website.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm

Next meeting: 7.30pm, 13th August at Plough & Harrow, Littleington.