

Regents Canoe Club

Committee Meeting

27th August 2009

Minutes

Item	Member to Action
<p>1. Attendees: Karen (KW), Alix (AC), Christine (CD), Dan (DT), Claire (CT), Ian (IT), Mark (MR), Rachel (RT), Lucy (LL), Henry Gaspard (HG) from IBC for first 30mins. Apologies: Ian White (IW)</p>	
<p>2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large playboat – no longer needed just yet • Vulnerable Adult Policy – deferred to next time • No Parking Sign for cage is done and will be up by next time • 2007-8 Accounts – Ralph to sign off • There are now enough neoprene spray decks at the pool • Article on training and subsidy for newsletter – deferred to next time • Crib sheet ‘How to Organise Trip’ – for next time • We have purchased 20 new paddles • Online calendar and membership list are now available to all c’tee members • Neoprene spray decks on IWWK3 worked well. Course leaders next year will need to remember there aren’t enough at the club to use on the canal. 	<p>CT CT DT CD & AC DT</p>
<p>4. IBC Liaison:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henry Gaspard from IBC was in attendance. • Showers – pressure. Peter Fletcher (IBC maintenance) has investigated. A number of professionals have been to look at the pump and agree we just get improved flow, not pressure. Need to replace showerheads to provide better pressure. Henry will provide us with costs and a suggested contribution from Regents over next 2 weeks. • Showers – temperature. KW reported they were cold earlier – Henry said he’d investigate the heating system. He also said he knew we paid rent for a fully working building, and he hoped to ensure this was what we received. • Lighting – Henry will ask Peter Fletcher to get a quote to put in changing room lights where we can access them, or put in ‘sensor’ lights to the changing rooms. • Lockers – some new lockers had been put in the changing rooms for small valuables. Henry will get us keys cut, as well as get us a complete set of keys for the wooden lockers. • Overlap of sessions – KW queried policy of IBC staff and members using the facilities during Regents session. No conclusions were 	<p>HG HG HG HG</p>

<p>drawn on this, however a discussion ensued about how IBC members and staff can be encouraged to join Regents. KW agreed we could add Henry to NFC to share information about our activities. Henry will ask his staff if they'd be interested in becoming members. CD suggested we have regular friendly polo matches followed by a social for the older members of IBC to get to know Regents members before any 'transition'. C'tee agreed to discuss how we publicise Regents to IBC at the next meeting – AC to put on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry specified that he'd like there to be a good relationship between the 2 organisations, and encouraged c'tee members to always email him with any issues. Storage – Henry reported that there will be less storage at the new site when it's built. CT to provide Henry with numbers of boats we'll need to store by Friday 4th Sept. Wetsuits – Henry reported there are a number of wetsuits available free if any Regents members wanted them. Henry will send KW details and KW will put on NFC. Slalom Gates – Henry will ask Peter to put the slalom gates back up. 	<p>KW HG</p> <p>AC</p> <p>CT</p> <p>HG & KW</p> <p>HG</p>
<p>5. Intro to Paddlesport Session & Open Evenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT asked if Regents were planning on running any more of these sessions over the winter, as there had been requests via the website. All agreed we should continue to provide Open Evenings during the winter. CD will ask IW if he's happy to organise people to help run these. KW will check dates with IW and provide to IT to put on website. The issue of some attendees not getting personal confirmation emails when they've signed up to Open Evenings was discussed. All agreed, IT should add a sentence to the website making it clear that once attendees get a confirmation from PayPal, they should assume they're coming and check the website for what to bring – and that no further correspondence will be made with them. 	<p>CD KW, IW, IT</p> <p>IT</p>
<p>6. Pool Sessions & Helpers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC reported that pool sessions had been booked through to the end of March 2010. AC provided quotes for an extra 15 minutes and asked the c'tee to confirm this was needed. It was agreed it wasn't needed, and we should stay with just 1hr sessions. AC to contact Britannia. AC queried if someone was organizing helpers for the pool. CT volunteered to continue doing this. 	<p>AC</p> <p>CT</p>
<p>7. Campaign for Changes to new UKCC Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT wanted to confirm with the group that we didn't want to sign up to this campaign just yet. All agreed. 	
<p>8. Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foam – CT proposed we let people take foam as they need it, and replace it when it's gone. The reason behind this is that foam is filling up the equipment cupboard and isn't that expensive. All agreed to test and see how this works. 	<p>CT</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost Property – CT to put items in NFC and if they're not claimed to throw away. • Straps & knee pads – CT has purchased some straps for cars and some knee pads for open boats. • Cags – CT proposed we purchase another 8 semi-dry cags as they were needed. All agreed CT should do this. • Boat fixing – CT said we needed another session of fixing boats up. She proposed Thursday 3rd September – all welcome to help. 	<p>CT & KW</p> <p>CT</p> <p>CT</p>
<p>9. Boat Storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT reported that there was no more space for private boats. She proposed that we therefore stop offering this facility, and use some of the left hand storage in the cage for Regents boats. All agreed. • AC commented that the different sections should be clearly marked, e.g. with red tapes on the bars – to prevent club members using existing private boats. CT agreed this would happen. 	<p>CT</p>
<p>10. Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LL reported that it was nearly ready and would be out next week. • LL proposed 'newsletter' could be an agenda item for next time for ideas of articles. • A discussion ensued about sensitivity of sharing photos or stories about members on the website or on facebook. LL agreed to only use first names, to ask for consent where it was a contentious picture or story, and to ask consent to use members full names (i.e. if they've written an article). This to be implemented for next newsletter. • A discussion was held about the membership list which used to be on the end of the newsletter – with mobile numbers. All agreed that only the c'tee can see the full information that members had agreed to share – online on the shared google document which RT agreed to keep uptodate. Regular members could therefore only use emails as a matter of course, unless they requested mobile numbers from people themselves or from RT (e.g. if they were organizing a trip and needed to contact someone). The phrase on the membership form re privacy to be discussed again as an agenda item before next membership renewal is due. 	<p>AC</p> <p>LL</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>11. Committee Meeting times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC raised the issue that having the meetings so late in the evening, when people hadn't had dinner, wasn't ideal for discussing issues properly, and that having them earlier would mean people were better focused and wouldn't want to rush through in order to get home. Also, that the meetings often couldn't start at 8pm if members were running courses. • AC proposed to have c'tee meetings at 6.30pm instead every 6 weeks, either on a Regents day or non paddle day. A discussion followed. Some members felt strongly they wouldn't be able to come on non-paddle days and that on Regents days they wanted to paddle. The majority agreed to not take this proposal forward, and to continue having late meetings on Regents nights, but to avoid 	<p>KW & CT</p>

<p>evenings when something else was happening at the club. KW & CT agreed to put in NFC that no kit can be brought back on c'tee nights.</p>	
<p>12. September SGM Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC highlighted that we need an agenda for this event. KW asked DT to notify the c'tee of finances available for boat purchases. DT to circulate these figures by Friday 4th September. KW asked CT to think of some recommendations for boat purchases and send them to her and AC by Monday 14th September in order to put in an agenda. • All agreed we should continue to operate the '1-in-1-out' policy. • Initial suggestions for new boats included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burn or Diesel ○ Robson Monsters (for pool) ○ Anything by liquid logic • A discussion was held around getting a range of boats from a range of providers or sticking with one 'family' of boats. The former will provide people with more opportunity to experience a range and decide what suits them best for if they wanted to purchase a boat. The latter would mean the same fittings and fixtures could be used for a range of boats. A tentative agreement was made to provide a range of boats, but it was agreed to discuss this further at the SGM. 	<p>DT CT</p> <p>AC</p>
<p>13. Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue was raised of members paddling disrespectfully (and dangerously) round the corner on the canal. All agreed new members should be recommended to stay in the basin until competent. KW will put this recommendation in NfC. In addition CT agreed to put a notice on the cage of this effect. • It was highlighted that some paddlers may not have done a spray deck test. KW agreed to put a reminder out in NfC that paddlers cannot get on the water with a spray deck if they hadn't done a test. • MR asked if there was room in the calendar for a Biathlon. All agreed there was limited room, and that we would be losing the light later in the year. RT suggested the run be round Shoreditch park, cutting the overall time of the Biathlon meaning it could be done later in the year. MR agreed to think further about when it could be. 	<p>KW & CT</p> <p>KW</p> <p>MR</p>