

Regents Canoe Club

Committee Meeting

12th October 2009

Minutes

Item	Member to Action
<p>1. Attendees: Karen (KW), Rachel (RT), Lucy (LL), Ian White (IW), Alix (AC), Claire (CT), Mark (MR), Dan (DT), Ian (IT) Apologies: Christine (CD)</p>	
<p>2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable Adult Policy – deferred to next time • 2007-8 Accounts – DT to get Steve, Sarah & Ralph together • Article on training and subsidy for newsletter – AC will approach CD and get something for next newsletter • Crib sheet ‘How to Organise Trip’ – DT presented his initial thoughts on what this should look like, and how previous versions of this should be amended. A discussion followed. DT will circulate his initial draft before the next meeting • Intro to Paddlesport & Open Evenings are all booked in until March 2010. RT will update the google calendar. 	<p>CT DT AC & CD DT RT</p>
<p>4. IBC Liaison (IW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IW reported that he didn’t attend the last meeting, and hadn’t been sent an invite for the next meeting. IW will chase Henry for this. • Issues arising for IBC are as follows. IW will discuss these with IBC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Toilet roll in Ladies changing room - Boiler & shower issues - Keys now locks have changed - Light switch downstairs 	<p>IW IW</p>
<p>5. Publicising RCC to IBC-leavers (CD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue was raised that the concern wasn’t so much IBC members using the club during RCC times, but the staff. • Discussion was had around who’s ‘code of conduct’ should apply during this time – RCC’s or IBC’s. All agreed staff onsite during RCC hours should follow IBC’s code of conduct, and RCC members would monitor if conflicts arise. • All agreed IBC leavers should be made aware of the opportunities of paddling with Regents. IT agreed to design a flyer and give to Henry for the IBC notice board. • Further discussion should be had when Christine was available about a joint polo match between IBC & RCC. AC to agenda this again nearer the spring. 	<p>All IT AC</p>
<p>6. Securing RCC’s interests after the IBC site move (KSW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSW spoke of discussions she’d had with RCC members, Liza & Caroline around the need to ensure RCC’s interests are looked after in the site move. Liza had volunteered to ‘lobby’ the Council and 	

<p>provide a link for the committee to planning proceedings around the site move. All agreed this would be helpful. It was suggested that RCC keep IBC informed of our activities on this – and work with IBC as far as possible, but that we act as a separate entity to (a) provide extra lobbying force, and (b) ensure RCC’s views are heard. Liza and IW to meet to discuss IBC Liaison. KSW to contact Liza to suggest she asks to be put on the interested parties circulation list for the developments and that she report back to the committee with important information.</p>	<p>IW & LS KSW</p>
<p>7. Numbers of trips, availability, the role of the organiser (All)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item had come up as a result of (a) experienced paddlers, with access to transport and equipment and knowledge of local B&B’s asking to come on trips after there is a waiting list; and (b) a new member posting an article on UK Rivers about the lack of availability of trips through Regents. • All agreed it was the prerogative of the trip organiser to turn people away from a trip. It was acknowledged that paddlers could go away for a weekend wherever they wanted, but the trip organiser could easily say they couldn’t paddle with the group. However it was also reminded that sometimes experienced paddlers, who can transport boats and look after people on the river were needed. DT would put this in the ‘how to organise a trip’ crib sheet. All c’tee members should disseminate this info and support trip organizers if difficult decisions need to be made. • KSW would draft something for NfC after trips which made it clear that (a) there might not be water to paddle; and (b) getting a place on the trip was subject to there being enough transport and kit available. • The group discussed the numbers of trips for different levels of paddlers (beginners, intermediates, experienced). All agreed there was a vast influx of beginners, with not enough people to (a) look after them on the rivers and (b) organise trips. It was suggested that the Training Meeting discussed developing Intermediates WWSR skills, and encouraging them to organise trips. • IT made the point that it was only 10 people on each trips waiting list, so in perspective, only a small percentage of the club. • AC reminded the committee that in the past the Dart had been an intermediate trip, and that we had run a lot for beginners over the summer and autumn and that perhaps the winter should be about developing intermediates’ river running & leading skills. This was agreed, however couldn’t be operated for November Dart. It was also suggested that the trip organiser could say who was entitled to come on a trip so the Dec & Feb Darts could be aimed at more experienced paddlers. • LL & IT agreed to organise intermediate trips in early December and January respectively. MR agreed to organise an easier trip to the Tees in March • The group discussed how it would be good for non-committee members to organise trips too (for Feb especially). KSW will advertise this prospect in NfC. 	<p>DT All</p> <p>KSW</p> <p>CD</p> <p>LL, IT, MR</p> <p>KSW</p>

8. Refund Policy for Courses and Trips (All) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All agreed it was at the discretion of the organiser, however for publicity it should be clear that these are non-refundable. 	All
9. Associate Membership (RT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All agreed that this should be given on a case-by-case basis. 	RT
10. Rolling Course Feedback (CD & CT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT asked for this to be discussed at the training meeting. 	AC, CD & CT
11. KJO Three Lectures (MR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR wanted to know if there was sufficient interest to ask Jacko to run these lectures for RCC members. KSW to ask for interest on NfC and for those interested to contact MR directly. 	MR & KSW
12. Social Events Planned (MR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR asked the group if all were happy with the Commissary as the Xmas meal venue. Everyone agreed this was the best place. MR asked if we should have a sit down meal for 30-odd people or a buffet for 60-odd. KSW felt strongly no-one should miss out. MR to put out an advert with a cut off date before we have to say numbers so he can gauge interest. If less than 40 we should have the sit down meal. MR reported he was planning to organise 2 social events over the next couple of months – a pub quiz, and bowling – possibly on Weds evenings. He also reported that the only way to paddle through the tunnel was without consent of the Club or British Waterways. CT offered to run a History Tour of the canal when it got lighter in the evenings. AC volunteered to help with this. 	DT CT MR MR CT & AC
13. Newsletter (LL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LL reported a number of ideas for the December newsletter, under the theme of ‘End of Year Roundup’. Ideas included: top ten moments of the year, stocking filler ideas, 2009 in numbers and introducing new club boats. LL asked if club expenses could cover the cost of printing newsletters for the 7 members who’d requested that option. All agreed this should be the case for black and white printing only. 	LL
14. Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT asked for agreement to purchase only 1 Moonster for the pool to see how popular it was before purchasing a second. All agreed. CT asked KSW to put a note in NfC about boat disposal – all agreed members should be given first refusal on boats to be given away. AC circulated draft minutes of the SGM. Small amendments were made and all agreed the final version. AC to circulate. IW asked for endorsement to spend approx £170 on fixings for boats (nuts and bolts etc). A discussion was held around not wanting too much ‘stock’ of this, and for IW to purchase in small numbers only. IW will spend approx £100 on this and claim back from Treasurer. 	CT CT & KSW AC IW
15. Date of Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16th November 2009, 8pm. 	All