

# Regents Canoe Club Committee Meeting Minutes



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
7.00 pm  
Google Meet

## 1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Dan Scott, Andrew Hughes-Onslow, Ben Landsberry, Ben Ainsworth, Silvia Kerste, Mike Armstrong

Apologies: Hugh Ellacott, Steve Betts, Whitaker Sherk, Olga Beschastnykh

## 2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matter Arising

- HE, prior to the meeting, queried item 7 bullet 2 about club policy with regard to breakages. It was agreed that policy was that only if you recklessly break a boat do you pay for it. With this note the minutes were approved.

## 3. Finance Update (BA)

- BA Stated that he now has the card reader. The analysis of the accounts is still a bit behind but we've spent more than we've received this financial year so far. Spent about £7k and received about £5k.
- MA asked if we should start looking at fund raising but BA said it was not necessary this year as we have healthy reserves but perhaps look again next year.
- DS wondered if we would lose YHA accommodation deposits of about £2-3k. BA said he thought we should use individual credit cards to pay for things in future so that we would get insurance on transaction. Reimburse from the club.
- SK stated that the next payment we need to make is for Exmoor. After that the November Dart. A general discussion resulted in a decision to postpone all trips before New Year for 1 year.
- DS asked about the status of the Mile End Mill trip. SK said she would check with SB and get back to the committee.

## 4. Safety and Training Update (DS reporting for SB)

- None

## 5. Equipment Update (HE via WhatsApp)

- We've had one boat hired out since the last meeting
- He is planning to buy some webbing to repair a canal BA.
- Queried last minutes, see section 2 above.

## 6. Club Reopening and COVID

- DS asked how we should do canal sessions with the 'Rule of 6'. BA asked if we were exempt. AHO said only if we are COVID safe. SK said that team sports are exempt.
- SK said we should get helpers to ask if anyone entering the IBC is sick and send them home if they are. She also said we should send regular emails to members and helpers reminding them of the regulations.

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- SK said that limit of 6 in the IBC was working well but depends on duty officer and their assertiveness.
- SK said that the first 45 minutes were difficult and that the opener should stay to help out at the beginning of the evening. She also pointed out that it was difficult to enforce queueing or any controls when people leave the water.
- BS suggested we revoke membership of people who refuse to obey the rules.
- All agreed we need to enforce rules and clearer and more frequent information should be in NFC as well as OB's notes to helpers.
- SK asked whether the 'Rule of 6' meant duty officer plus 5. Agree it was duty officer plus 6.
- AHO agreed to liaise with OB and confirm communications with members.

### 7. Trips Update

- BA said we should think again about trips and consider restarting small and local. There was discussion about Lee Valley and trips there. SK still investigating.
- Agreed DS to put a call in NFC for people who might organise new smaller trips.

### 8. Insurance (MA)

- Just our payment to be made.

### 9. AOB

- BL asked if we should carry on doing NMEs. BA suggested we stop as we don't have room for new members on canal and we're not a money making organisation. This was agreed by all.
- BA suggested that the Alps trip might work with camping. AHO said this sounded really difficult. AHO also suggested we run a trip to the Pyrenees.

### 10. Actions

#### 1. Actions outstanding

BL to reduce WebCollect size and bill.

MA get new mail box key.

MA send DS AGM minutes

AHO and BA to reconcile payments for new members.

DS look into Liza's redirected phone number.

DS to update committee on IBC rent reduction meeting.

SK to liaise with Jane about Lee Valley weekends and evenings and report back to the committee with options..

WS HE DS SK to update RA.

#### 2. New Actions

SK to postpone all trips before New Year for one year.

SK to check with SB re Mile End Mill trip and report back to committee.

AHO to liaise with OB and send out updated procedures helpers and in NFC for canal sessions.

DS to add entry to NFC to ask for organisers for small, local club trips.

BA to pay equipment insurance.

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3. Done or No Longer Relevant

MA report back to committee with other kit insurance quotes.

DS and AHO to inform all members about dates and ability to attend CM.

BA to send out new Sum Up passwords.

DS to arrange delivery of card reader for Sum Up at NME.

DS to update membership on equipment cost reductions and long term hire options.

DS to add item to NFC advising people to self organise trips using club equipment.