

Roker Canoe Club Meeting Minutes

Date: 27th November 2014

Location: Biddick Inn, Washington 19:30

1. Present: *Chris Parker, Naomi Rutherford, Arthur Cornell, Mike Jenkins*
2. Apologies – *none received*
3. Minutes of the last meeting: *available on website*
4. **Membership:**
 - 4.1. *Currently paid membership is 37*
 - 4.2. *No form for Daniel....*
 - 4.3. *Membership Register. Ann-Marie has been entering data on to a spreadsheet*
5. **Finances**
 - 5.1. *Agreed that Chris Parker would take over as Treasurer.*
 - 5.2. *Funds were discussed – agreed that adequate for current upcoming expenditure.*
6. **Sport England Grant:**
 - 6.1. *Participation Targets: 5/11 for males 14-25, 22/11 for males 26+, 11/10 for females 14-25, 10/10 for females 26+ Males 14-25 only issue.*
 - 6.2. *Level 1 Coach Training: It was agreed that the recent training had been a great success*
 - 6.3. *Level 2 Coach Training & Assessment: To be discussed under future plans*
 - 6.4. *3 Star Canoe: To be discussed under future plans*
7. **Pool Sessions:**
 - 7.1. *Financially covering costs + small profit (only been charged £30 per session – could just be admin error – but even at £40 still profit)*
 - 7.2. *Change of times – 7:00 to 9:00 from January*
 - 7.3. *Car parking – use proper car park from 1st December*
 - 7.4. *Thoughts on sessions etc? Discussed the idea of running a ‘rolling’ course for say 4 weeks at a fixed cost.*
8. **Future Development Plans (see Tom’s suggestions):**
 - 8.1. *3 Star Canoe – to be started asap (probably Jan 2015)*
 - 8.2. *3 Star WW Kayak – to be integrated into above with assessment Feb/March 2015*
 - 8.3. *Level 2 – Training in April 2015 & Assessment May/June 2015?*
 - 8.4. *4 Star Kayak River Leader – to be arranged*
 - 8.5. *WWSR – to be arranged*
 - 8.6. *Level 1 – Discussed the possibility of another Level 1 course in Autumn 2015*
9. **Funding:**
 - 9.1. *Agreed that the Club to support all paddlers as much as possible whilst maximizing use of available funding, in order to retain as much funds as possible for club development (kit etc.)*
 - 9.2. *Agreed that all who wish to do any coaching / leader qualifications to join the RDT Coaching subsidy scheme*
 - 9.3. *Agreed that we would maximize use of the Tyne Wear Sport bursary scheme*
 - 9.4. *Agreed that we would always try to maximize leverage of the Sport England Grant funding.*

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9.5. *The possible use of a Coalfields grant for coach/club development, was discussed.*

9.6. *Other possible funding routes are the Co-op and Metro Radio*

10. Paddling Plans 2015

10.1. *Boxing Day Paddle*

10.2. *Easter 2015*

10.3. *Tummel July 2015*

10.4. *Other suggestions?*

10.5. *Hetton sessions – structure – 1 & 2 Star*

11. Insurance:

11.1. *Reminder that currently not insured for kit theft.*

12. Club Equipment:

12.1. *Thoughts – agreed that a Kit Officer was not required at this stage as the kit quantity is still limited.*

13. Club Welfare Officer / DBS Verifier

13.1. *Club needs Welfare Officer, not onerous task but we should have one to comply with rules etc.*

14. AOB

14.1. *Arthur suggested that there be a next of kin/ contact list available at all club events. This was agreed but no decision taken as to how it was to happen.*

15. To Carry Forward:

15.1. *New forum – closed to members only? Mike to consider changing the forum on the club website to one that allows it to be restricted to club members only. Time getting in way.....*

15.2. *It was also agreed that the Roker Canoe Club Facebook Group should be scrapped as it didn't serve a particular purpose and alienated members who don't have and/or don't want to have a Facebook account.*

15.3. *Rachel Hudspith – assist with participation, development and growth, meeting to discuss. Mike to invite Rachel to a meeting*

16. *Next Meeting – 29th January 2015*

17. *Close*