

Minutes - ROKER CANOE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

28th February 2017 - BIDDICK INN, FATFIELD, WASHINGTON

Opening of Meeting:

- Present: Chris Parker, Arthur Cornell, Beccy Hamilton, Mike Jenkins
- Apologies: None received.

Finances:

- Bursaries received for Keith & Sam Level 1 and Chris & Mike 4 Star WW Kayak
- Bursary for Mike 4 Star Canoe applied for (£80)
- Chris advised that club finances are healthy and there are no issues.

Grants:

- Sport England Grant 2016 – grant still current – Mike advised that activities need to be scheduled from this grant funding.

Membership:

- 2017-18 – currently 10 paid members
- 2016-17 – 39 members

Weekly Sessions:

- Only 6 sessions left at Farrington – last session to be on the 6th April
- Hetton starts 11th April – Beccy has been working on ideas for structure – 4 week to 1 Star....?

Trips/Events:

- Former members expressing interest in coming on club paddles – this was discussed and it was agreed that they would be more than welcome but would need to join should they wish to coach etc. Qualifications would need to be checked.
- Washburn
- Easter: Trip to Scotland – Fort William area – 5 Star training – to take place on 14/15th April – still only 2 members signed up for this – Mike & Chris.
- Alternative? Agreed that as the bulk of coaches will be in Scotland at Easter weekend then no alternative trip would be organised.
- Open Day 29th May – Go Canoeing Week – date confirmed with Steve Reay, but do we have the necessary backing from membership to make it happen? Decision required. Decided to wait a little longer.....
- Paddleability - Hetton – Saturday 10th – one committed member (Pete) plus others who have expressed interest. Agreed that we would get publicity material etc.
- Tummel Trip – dates? First weekend of July – 1st-2nd July 2017
- Tryweryn? Possibility of running a trip to the Tryweryn was discussed – possibility of hiring in a coach to do some 4 Star preparation, using grant funding.
- Great North Paddle?
- Tyne Tour – good to see strong club turnout
- Boxing Day Race – good to see strong club turnout

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Coaching/Development

NB that we have Sport England funding for 4 Star WW Kayak & Canoe Training, Preparation and Assessment, as well as MWE Training, Preparation and Assessment. This is for 3 people and only a small amount has been spent as yet.

Kayak:

- 3 Star Kayak Training & Assessment – No response.....
- 4 Star WW Kayak Training – Rebecca may (or may not) need this. Other club members? Possibility of getting paddlers who do 3 Star to progress to it? Mike to ask Beccy about the situation.
- 4 Star WW Kayak Preparation – possibility of using funding to run a trip – Tryweryn? Keith & Sam have indicated that would need some 'refreshing' prior to assessment
- 4 Star WW Kayak Assessment – Keith, Sam, Beccy, Andrew Nicholson?
- MWE Training/Preparation/Assessment – at present only Mike is qualified and wishes to do this. Have asked TT about it.
- 5 Star WW Kayak Training – organised for Easter

Canoe:

- Introduction to Canoe – No particular interest
- 3 Star Canoe Training & Assessment – Keith & Sam? Close to standard – open water?
- 4 Star Canoe Training – on hold due to lack of candidates.
- 4 Star Canoe Preparation – on hold due to lack of candidates.
- 4 Star Canoe Assessment – Mike passed and paid for himself. It was agreed that the club would pay for this.
- MWE Canoe Training – Mike consulting with TT
- MWE Canoe Preparation?
- MWE Canoe Assessment?

Sea Kayak: Not something that the club does, but there has been interest from members.

- Introduction to Sea Kayak – TT running course that doesn't fit with members who have expressed an interest – members consulting with TT on alternative date/s – not funded by club. 4 persons currently interested
- 3 Star Sea Kayak – possibility, following above

Paddleability:

- Paddleability Training – strong interest including Fiona – Tom aware of need to run just need to organise..... It was questioned whether some of the Sport England grant funding could be used for this – Mike to establish this.

Safety & Training:

- FSRT? Only if we have people wishing to do coaching. Agreed.
- White Water Safety & Rescue – to run later in year subject to interest – must cover costs though. Agreed.
- Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue – as above - Agreed

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Coaching:

- Level 2 Coach Assessment – required for Keith & Sam. Need 3 Star Canoe. Mike to chase up.

Other Items:

- Storage – Springboard – Arthur get chance to speak? Arthur to pop along at some point.
- Clothing etc. at Hetton – rails or whatever? Agreed it would be good to have some better way of storing 'soft' kit at Hetton.