

HKC Committee Meeting

4th December 2023

Present: Dave, Mark, Tony, Kay, Alan, Andrew, Sue, John

Apologies : Rob, Theo

Minutes read and agreed

Matters arising:

Club accreditation update:

Following our last meeting a video meeting was arranged with British Canoeing. During the meeting a few items were discussed, such as members with two christian names, the number of members that hold BC H&S qualifications, funding and finally, Phil confirmed that once we had completed their "Completion Tool" an eight-page question and answer document, he would be recommending us to be given Quality Club status.

Within the e mail confirming our achievement, was the offer of a "Quality Club Plaque" and the presentation of said Plaque at a suitable time within our Club programme of activities. This was discussed and the consensus was that we would leave this for now.

Going forward, in the New Year, Dave thinks that we should work on our Development Plan. The committee will give this some thought prior to our January meeting.

Sue thanked Dave for all his hard work re this.

Wye Race update:

Andrew said race date has been confirmed as 23rd June.

Coach's group update:

Trying to maintain sessions through ergo – invitations re this have been sent out. No formal meeting of coaches has happened – a few away at the moment.

Website update:

Dave said after discussion various documents have not been put on, instead members have been advised to ask a member of the committee if they want to see them. Andrew asked what website activity is – John said he is sent this but has not made a note of the latest figures.

Incident review

No incidents since last meeting.

Incident Dated 6th September 2023. Regarding incident discussed at last committee meeting which happened on 6th Sept 2023. Dave e-mailed Lee Harper-Smith, advising him of our 2024 race date together with information relating to the Sept 6th incident. Lee replied the same day thanking me for the information about the race and asking for an update closer to the time about number and event size. He also requested more information about the incident:

- Had they left their lines in?
- Were they trying to bring their lines in but weren't quick enough?
- Was there a deliberate action leading to this?

· Was it preventable?

He went on to say that as we had concluded "no action" we believed it to be an accident. However, he was keen to understand the issue and advise anglers accordingly to prevent this happening again. He also asked me to pass on their apologies to the paddler involved.

To date, I have not managed to catch up with Mark to gain any additional information or to pass on any apologies.

Financial Report:

Very little change in amount in acct. BC fees of £187 paid (affiliation fee). £100 donation paid in along with £60 from curry night.

AOB

Planning permission submitted for crane at rowing club etc – but grant for this already given. Council have put it out to 9 organisations for comment. Agreed we have no grounds to complain.

50 years of the club. Tony has been researching when club started and it was on 17/03/1974. First members from Hereford County Canoe Club + others. BCU had put pressure on for formation of a more competitive club.

Andrew suggested we invite past and present members to a celebration. Kay said this needn't be formal and committee agreed.

Andrew suggested we should incorporate it into everything we do eg Wye Race – could we add it into prizes.

Sue – maybe rerun the Bredwardine to Hereford race.

John- maybe work it around the Hereford race with a summer BBQ.

We will discuss ideas next meeting

Sue received e-mail re clearance work on River Lugg. Sue will reply to this.

E-mail from rowing club re Pudding Race on 17th Dec. Tony replied saying we would try and put out 2 K4's. Meeting at 9 with start at 10.30, dependant on weather conditions.

Andrew – are there any K2's we could sell. Andrew: - it is all about freeing up space. Dave commented it would be good to do a boat check and this could be looked at then. Dave :- need to look at what boats we have and be realistic about condition.

Discussion moved onto what new boats the club needed. K2 needed but needs to be stable and these rarely seen for sale. John suggested we might need to look into buying a new one. Andrew asked what lead time on this is – thought it might be 3 months. Andrew and others will look out for grants re this.

Agreed to meet 11 am on 13th Dec to do boat check.

Jeff had asked John if we had any plans for more storage. Paul will be asked re possibilities re this along with Chris who is the new club captain. John will ask Jeff what to do with Nevs K2.

Date of next meeting **15th Jan 7pm**

Meeting closed 7.55pm