

Minutes OF HKC Committee Meeting 4th November 2024.

Present:- Dave, Tony, Kay, Mark & John.

Apologies:- Sue, Andrew, Rob.

Matters Arising:-

Quality Club.

Dave advised the committee that he had re-run the British Canoeing Toolkit on the 3rd of September after incorporating the changes that had been agreed at the last meeting and the overall score increased to 88%. That left us with 22 negative responses within the tool kit which he felt we could not improve in the short term.

He then requested a Zoom meeting with British Canoeing to discuss our current position and to request Quality Club re-certification. Tony, Kay and Andrew joined Dave for the meeting which went well and on 8th of October the Club was re certified.

Dave also advised the committee that he felt we now have the appropriate documents in place and it would now become a process of keeping them up to date and looking for any improvements that can be made.

Incident Reports.

Dave advised the committee that an incident had occurred on the 14th September at 9.15 in the morning. It involved a Kayak Club member Mr Shaun Thrower and a Rowing Club motor boat being driven by Mr Nigel Fraser.

Basically, Shaun was swamped by the wave created by the motor boat as it passed him.

Shaun submitted a complaint in writing to Sam Green, our Rowing Club contact, and he has received a response from the committee via Sam Green.

It was Dave's understanding that Shaun was happy that he had registered his concerns with regard to the speed the motor boat was travelling at and that would be the end of it as far as he was concerned. The committee agreed that we all had to work together on the water and hoped that there would not be a repeat of this type of incident.

A copy of the complaint and response will be passed to Sue, in order that she can record it in our Incident Reporting Procedure.

Dave advised the committee that he would be meeting with Sam Green at another function, and would hopefully be able to talk it through with him.

Financial Report.

Kay advised the committee that the only outgoing cost since the last meeting was the payment of the Club's affiliation to British Canoeing / Paddle UK.

She also advised the committee that the Curry and End of Season Presentation Night had made a surplus of £70. The committee all agreed that it had been a good evening and thanked Kay & her team for another excellent curry.

AOB.

Curry & End of Season Presentation Evening.

It was noted that the following cups were presented during the evening:

Sara Deacon – Best Progress Cup.

John Cameron – Best Swimmer of Year “Green Duck”.

John Cameron – Highest Number of Time Trials – Percie Bowl.

Arvydas Kiela – Most Number of Hasler Points in the Year Cup.

Winter Flooding Action Plan.

The meeting discussed the merits of producing a Winter Flood Plan or Procedure which could be executed at the end of the summer season and therefore make it easier to raise the boats stored during the winter months above any anticipated flood level.

It was agreed that such a document would be useful going forward and members were asked to give some thought to it in advance of the next meeting.

Club Boat Storage Racks.

The meeting discussed the problems that are experienced with regard to the first Club rack as you enter the boathouse. It was agreed that we should try and find out how much it would cost to manufacture a new rack with slightly larger spaces. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

Club Boat Cosmetic Repairs.

Tony reminded the meeting that there were some outstanding cosmetic repair work required on a few of the Club boats following our equipment inspection earlier in the year. It was agreed that we should work towards a date in early spring when we could arrange a day to complete all of the work required.

First Aid Re-Assessment.

Kay advised the meeting that several club members will need to renew their First Aid Certificates in the new year. She agreed to contact our normal assessor to see when he may be available to carry out the required re-assessment.

Club Trip from Bredwardine.

The committee discussed and agreed that a winter trip down from Bredwardine should be arranged if possible. It was concluded that it would not be possible to set a date more than a week in advance due to the ever-fluctuating river height and therefore it would have to be organized at short notice and members advised via Facebook and word of mouth.

Next meeting was set for 7.00pm on January 6th 2025.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.