



## **Minutes of 11/04/2023 General Committee Meeting 8 p.m. via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Jonathan Males (JM), Carl Upsall (CU), Catherine Pulis (CP), Irina Medunyak (IM), Jon Halden (JH), Martin Davies (MD), Martin Smyth (MS), Pam Phillips (PP), Peter Nash (PN),

**Apologies:** Adrian Simpson (AS), Izzie Parry (IP), Sunny Rhodes (SR), Spencer McMullen (SM), Ciaran Edwards (CLE)

The meeting met the requirements for being quorate.

### **1.0 Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies noted.

### **2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**Agreed:** Minutes of the General Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved. [AGR 230411 2.0.1]

### **3.0 Club Vision and Development Plan Update**

A further meeting took place with BC in which we brought them up to date on the last GLL meet. So far we have support from LV to run summer schools through access to the river but no approvals on Sunday paddling yet. It was noted that a risk to the funded Pathway Coordinator role with BC is therefore mitigated as income can now be generated from summer schools.

An update discussion then took place on the Pathway Coordinator role based on the latest versions of supporting documents.

### **4.0 Club Weekends Away**

Update provided on preparations for Symonds Yat 6/7 May for recreational paddling and the slalom event, and perhaps Tryweryn and/or HPP later in the year.

### **5.0 Financial Update**

Bank account continues to be around £60k which includes contingency funds.

**Actions:** MS and CU to liaise with IP for a regular financial view dashboard taking into account the change in liability profile we will have when the Pathway Coordinator post commences. [ACT 230411 5.0.1]

### **6.0 Membership Update**

PP raised a discussion on membership so that we retain and attract students as Club members who are not living in the local area and are unable to attend the Club frequently enough to make a current full membership worthwhile paying. This is particularly relevant if



the student has aged-out of the Family Membership criteria. A range of options were discussed as interim trial proposals before putting a firm proposal to the next AGM. Welfare considerations for membership remain at the discretion of the General Committee in the meantime. Discretion to be applied by the Membership Secretary on behalf of the Committee.

**Actions:** The Committee to further discuss junior and full-time student memberships for the next AGM; including to further consider students in full-time education living away from home (suggested at £10p.a.; and to further consider Affiliate and Associate membership categories. [ACT 230411 5.0.1]

### **7.0 Welfare Update**

Following all the policy work completed in recent months, the focus has been on staying updated, particularly on the DBS process and applications.

### **8.0 Coaching Update**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **9.0 Safety Update (including Operational Risk Assessments)**

The next First Aid courses are available to book via WebCollect.

### **10.0 Equipment Update**

The quote has now been received on the cost of racking materials - £500 for what we would need to put 12 boats on the right side of the boat shed. The installation could be done by 1st May and volunteers are kindly making themselves available for this.

**Agreed:** Expenditure of £500 on racking materials approved. [AGR 230411 10.0.1]

### **11.0 Discipline Update: Flatwater**

MD updated the Committee that the national Sprint Committee had increased race fees; work was going well at the facilities at Rammey Island, and he would like the safety team to visit and check so we can get the RAs harmonised. Now we have lighter evenings, some sessions on the river while the boats are at LV is a possibility.

**Actions:** Risk Assessments to be completed for Rammey Island facilities and activities. [ACT 230411 11.0.1]

### **12.0 Discipline Update: Freestyle**

No update at this time.

### **13.0 Discipline Update: Rafting**

CP raised a discussion on funding opportunities for LVPC members to compete as an U23 GB team in the European Raft Championships. Further thought to be given to have a Club event that would raise some valuable funds for the team and celebrate the rafting crews going to the Championships.



#### **14.0 Discipline Update: Recreational**

PN reported that hoping to get to Symonds Yat, and was planning to scout the Medway this week for a future trip later in the year. PN is trying to get a few more people to Club Nights and is currently monitoring the pennywort removal initiative and supporting it.

#### **15.0 Discipline Update: Slalom**

Following the GB selection races, a check will be undertaken on non-members paddling under the Club name. Canoe Slalom UK will then be contacted so they can update their records accordingly.

**Actions:** PP and JM to liaise on LVPC listed slalom competitors who are and are not, LVPC members. [ACT 230411 15.0.1]

#### **16.0 Communications**

Nothing to report.

#### **17.0 AOB**

No AOB raised.

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