



Minutes of 09/05/2023 General Committee Meeting 8 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance: Jonathan Males (JM), Carl Upsall (CU), Irina Medunyak (IM), Martin Davies (MD), Martin Smyth (MS), Pam Phillips (PP), Peter Nash (PN), Spencer McMullin (SM)

Apologies: Adrian Simpson (AS), Catherine Pulis (CP), Ciaran Edwards (CLE), Jon Halden (JH), Izzie Parry (IP), Sunny Rhodes (SR),

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 11th April 2023 were approved. [AGR 230509 2.0.1]

3.0 Club Vision and Development Plan Update

JM introduced this item asking for a review to take place on where we are with each discipline: what's planned; what resources needed; etc. The format and style can be simple, but with enough content to allow the Club to focus and be visible and accountable to our Club Members.

Actions: Discipline leads to conduct a review of the aspect of the Club they represent, and to report back to the Committee. [ACT 230509 3.0.1]

4.0 Report back from LVWWC & LVRPA discussions

JM reported on the latest meeting that he and PP had with LVWWC and LVRPA representatives. Continuing discussion on planned summer school took place and the plan is that there will be a mix of boats available (plastic whitewater and slalom boats). PN offered to lend some Burns if that could help. The Pathway Coordinator role will become involved in finalising the details as they will be responsible for the sessions. So more progress will take place once they are appointed.

Sunday sessions are possible for first thing 8 to 10 or last thing on the day 6 to 8 (which looks as though it may be ad hoc rather than every week). We need to be realistic in that LVWWC and LVRPA need to ensure their profitability so no water times will be offered to the Club that compromise that and/or their annual targets. JM suggested testing members for reaction - it would be on the Legacy. PN suggested morning sessions to see if LVWWC then benefited from people booking on to the Centre's own first hour after the Club session - this would then be a positive boost for the Centre. PN also suggested that if we can add development training into the sessions, that could be an encouragement to participation.

Actions: JM and PP to get feedback from Members to inform a decision. [ACT 230509 4.0.1]



JH to input on the development coaching. [ACT 230509 4.0.2]

5.0 Financial Update

An update was given on Cash in Bank and PayPal and liabilities (including water cost bills not yet received). Overall financial position remains healthy. Future financial dashboard ideas were outlined.

6.0 Membership Update

Membership numbers remain healthy and still growing.

7.0 Welfare Update

Nothing further to report at this time.

8.0 Coaching Update

It was noted that the recent proposed First Aid training had to be cancelled as there were no takers.

9.0 Safety Update (including Operational Risk Assessments)

Nothing further to report at this time.

10.0 Equipment Update

Nothing further to report at this time.

11.0 Discipline Update: Flatwater

MD reported that the Rammy Island site was all but ready for use. MD has been spending the grant money and has some bills to submit, and wondered if any committee member had received a request from Broxbourne for a report on use of the grant as this was a typical feedback condition associated with grants. No one present had. (Post meeting note: The Treasurer confirmed they had not seen a request either).

12.0 Discipline Update: Freestyle

No update at this time.

13.0 Discipline Update: Rafting

Nothing further to report at this time.

14.0 Discipline Update: Recreational

The proposed recreational paddle at Symonds Yat had no takers in addition to those present for the slalom competition.

PN reported on a trip of 16 going to Medway from the local area. PN and JH involved. This wasn't a Club trip but had Club Members involved.

PN reported that he was actively exploring opportunities to get more people involved in paddling activities, particularly younger paddlers.



15.0 Discipline Update: Slalom

CLE reported that the Pathway Coordinator role recruitment would be starting imminently.

16.0 Communications

Nothing to report.

17.0 AOB

JM suggested we could open-up the Duty Manager role beyond the Committee for a limited time until the new Pathway Coordinator commences.

PP reported that bookings for tomorrow's Club Night Legacy session were very low. There may even be a longer-term issue for Legacy bookings as we no longer have large numbers of Club Members only assessed for the Legacy. The Olympic sessions are therefore more popular and the Legacy bookings are dwindling. We will therefore cancel any sessions with very low bookings and look to amend our future water bookings with LVWWC.
