



Minutes of 13/06/2023 General Committee Meeting 8 p.m. via Zoom

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

Apologies: Adrian Simpson (AS), Izzie Parry (IP), Catherine Pulis (CP), Ciaran Edwards (CLE),
The meeting met the requirements for being quorate.

1.0 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies noted. SM was thanked for serving on the Committee with good wishes for a full recovery.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

Agreed: Minutes of the General Committee meeting on 9th May 2023 were approved. [AGR 230613 2.0.1]

3.0 Club Vision and Development Plan Update

JM introduced this item having circulated a document on the Club Vision from January, and a new discussion document on Club development. The item commenced with a review of the statement on achievements.

Four priority themes were proposed by JM for the future.

- 1) Make the most of the Paddlesport Pathway Coordinator. A game changing role and step forward. But we do need to get behind the role and ensure its success. JH welcomed the coaching support.
- 2) Improve local recruitment and create low cost, sustainable access to paddle sports. The above will be a significant and central new resource to achieve more local engagement. This includes local funding partnerships that are being formed. BC re-looking to commence a new arrangement with teachers at one of our local schools. We are looking to be a partner in that too - with a view to the school pupils and teachers becoming Club Members.

JM proposed the introduction of a new membership category for junior flatwater of £5 to give a more appropriate entry to the Club. PN highlighted local scout groups could also be interested in this.

The second part of the proposal is that Club equipment is for free, again to help remove barriers to getting involved. MD and PN can contribute to boat availability. The 3rd element of the proposal is that, through MD, LVPC uses Rammey Island as one of its operating venues.

- Agreed:**
- (i) New Junior Membership (Flatwater) to be introduced at an annual fee rate of £5.
 - (ii) Junior Members (Flatwater) will not be charged for using Club equipment for Club activities.



(iii) LVPC will use Rammeys Island for Club activities when permissible. [AGR 230613 3.0.1]

IM - last year we didn't have much growth and uptake on Freestyle, there is a discussion point that perhaps the Club offers what the members want with Club Night and expansion maybe of limited value, but, this consolidated effort on lateral growth has new potential. JM described this shift as LVPC becoming more of a local club and less of a commuter club, which will change the paradigm.

- 3) Club culture and integration. JM explained that this was about the Club strengthening as a community with a more integrated feel to the Club. It was also about paddler awareness and etiquette as there are some paddlers who do not feel comfortable with the etiquette exhibited by some others. CU also highlighted the responsibility of Bank Safety to help good etiquette and safe paddling.

Agreed: Committee members, those on Club Representative duties, bank safety etc, to keep more of an eye out and check Club Night is a good experience for all, reporting wherever necessary if this appears not to be the case. [AGR 230613 3.0.2]

- 4) Strengthen the committee and review meeting structure. There are priority roles on the Committee to fill as a first priority. Also, the suggestion to think about different agendas and meetings to make best use of our time and ensure we cover the breadth of what's needed.

Agreed: Sub-Committees and reporting structures to be made more use of, with a possible reduction in the frequency of General Committee meetings that are necessary. [AGR 230613 3.0.3]

In subsequent discussion on the points raised:

JH has had people mention Freestyle to him so he reached out for quotes from Mike Shaw to give Freestyle coaching for a two hour session for 4 to 6 people. PP mentioned to keep an eye on the need for and availability of boats for Freestyle activities.

Agreed: To move forward with the initiative and see what the take-up is. [AGR 230613 3.0.4]

SR spoke on the success of the Welfare sub-committee meetings at 6 to 8 weeks' intervals.

IM spoke in favour of setting actionable goals.

JM emphasised the value of each discipline drawing-up its plan for the year.

Actions: Each discipline to produce a plan for the year and forward to JM. [ACT 230613 3.0.1]

4.0 Report back from LVWWC & LVRPA discussions

Nothing to report at this meeting.

5.0 Financial Update

An update was given on Cash in Bank and PayPal and liabilities (noting that three months of water bills had been received and paid). A new contingency has been added for the start of



the new Pathway Coordinator commitment, but overall, the financial position remains healthy.

6.0 Membership Update

Nothing further to report at this time.

7.0 Welfare Update

Nothing further to report at this time.

8.0 Coaching Update

Nothing further to report at this time.

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

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

15.0 Discipline Update: Slalom

The Pathway Coordinator role recruitment has taken place and the outcome will be announced imminently.

16.0 Communications

Nothing to report.

17.0 AOB

MS notified the Committee that he and CU had reviewed the role of Directors and current governance arrangements. They would circulate their findings and a new statement to clarify the role of Directors within the Club's structures.
