



Minutes of 11/07/2023 General Committee Meeting 8 p.m. via Zoom

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

Apologies: Adrian Simpson (AS), Izzie Parry (IP), Ciaran Edwards (CLE), Irina Medunyak (IM), 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 13th June 2023 were approved. [AGR 230711 2.0.1]

3.0 Club Vision and Development Plan Update

Following last month's decision on introduction of a Junior rate, the Committee considered the impact on, and fee base calculation for, the category of Family Membership.

A number of options were assessed and points looked at including if a Junior progresses from Flatwater to Whitewater. As the £5 fee is to remove barriers to entry it will stay for the year, even if the individual progresses to whitewater activities. Only in the new Membership Year will the higher Whitewater fee (currently £40) be payable.

MD recommended we look at Club Membership from a different perspective so that standard Club Membership, whether Individual or Family, gives access to Flatwater, and then, Whitewater participation is an add-on to that. By extension, the Junior category as agreed last meeting should equally apply to adults. Again, this would give greater access and expansion. Funding and sponsorship for access activities and participants can be obtained, and therefore Club Membership can expand further and be more inclusive.

PN suggested we can get Open Days and Taster sessions going to build interest; and, PP suggested we also need to think about longer standing members who are no longer attending due to financial considerations. It was agreed to discuss this separately and look at membership options to accommodate welfare needs at a future meeting.

Scenarios and options were also discussed if Flatwater participants want to engage in development on Whitewater. Current practice was confirmed that this would be through specific courses and coaching, and only with appropriate arrangements made and suitable funding and or fees from participants or third parties. JH emphasised the absolute need of ensuring no safety issues arise from non-assessed members trying to use Whitewater.



In discussing coaching costs and charges for FW, PP recommended there be a nominal charge to ensure interest and commitment but where possible, search for subsidies and funding to offset the costs.

Agreed: Club Membership (Flatwater access only) agreed at £5 + £10, and £15 for a family, and, Whitewater Membership as now [AGR 230711 3.0.1]

Actions: A sub-group to get together and thoughtfully work through the detail (to involve JB) and make this comprehensive and workable. [ACT 230711 3.0.1]
Look at the Club's membership provisions for extenuating welfare considerations. [ACT 230711 3.0.2]

The Committee noted that the Summer Camp had been moved to later in August.

4.0 Report back from LVWWC & LVRPA discussions

JM updated: 22nd July, This Girl Can taking place at LV and we will be represented on site. JB is helping to coordinate LVPC involvement.

5.0 Financial Update

MB has expressed interest in becoming Treasurer, she has the professional background and is keen to be more involved in the Club. Carl to meet next week.

The money that previously had been reported that we had been looking after on behalf of Rafting, had now been paid back to Rafting.

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)

an offer for H&S. MC Is already one of the Club's coaches.

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

JM raised that Rafting Tasters that may in any way replicate public recreational rafting as provided by the Centre, can not take place through the Club. We have drafted updates to our RAs to stress that any sessions are for development into race rafting or safety development in rafting. Strictly not rafting just for entertainment.

CP reported on a beginners' course starting for 6 weeks.

14.0 Discipline Update: Recreational

PN is involved in pushing future leaders through scout groups. PN raised whether Club Nights on the Lake can assist in any way. An RA specific for the activity would be required, and provisionally thinking the first hour of Club Night may be suitable - but could also look to the second hour. The participants would be more existing paddlers not complete beginners. It would be an example within the Club's activities of reducing barriers to get young people involved.

Actions: A detailed proposal will be developed (PN). [ACT 230711 14.0.1]

PN will be publishing a few up-and-coming trips.

15.0 Discipline Update: Slalom

JB started two weeks ago. He is getting to grips with the new role from both BC perspective and LVPC's.

16.0 Communications

JM requested help with marketing, banners, tee shirts etc and some of these items will be available in the near future.

17.0 AOB
