



Minutes of 12/09/2023 General Committee Meeting 8 p.m. via Zoom

In Attendance: Jonathan Males (JM), Carl Upsall (CU), Catherine Pulis (CP), Ciaran Edwards (CLE), Irina Medunyak (IM), Jon Halden (JH), Mark Conti (MC), Martin Davies (MD), Martin Smyth (MS), Peter Nash (PN),

Apologies: Adrian Simpson (AS), Marie Bauerova (MB), Izzie Parry (IP), Pam Phillips (PP), 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 July 2023 were approved. [AGR 230912 2.0.1]

3.0 Club Vision and Development Plan Update

JM reported back on meet with Phil Scowcroft from BC. Delighted to announce we have met Quality Club standard again until the next Affiliation. Our assessment builds on the work last year and points to where we want to get to. Just need to check and update a few registered details with BC: MC - Events Safety Course and Assessment Course? IM TTL? Jake and CLE event safety? We understand RK and MD also have Event Safety.

It was noted that Diversity, Equality and Inclusion is the highlighted biggest improvement area.

4.0 The AGM for 2023

Discussion took place on whether to combine the AGM with a Christmas event - a hybrid Club Night including a 90 minutes fun paddle. The Committee pencilled-in 29th November and agreed to check availability with the Centre and take soundings from Members.

Discussion then took place on the difficulties of having the AGM so out-of-step with the start of the Membership year, and that to move it would require a change to the Constitution.

SECRETARY'S NOTE:

Subsequent to the General Committee meeting, the Committee undertook research and discussions and agreed to take a move of the AGM to an EGM of Club members along with a request to ratify a new standard Club Membership. The EGM took place on 5th December 2023.

5.0 Financial Update



JM introduced the initiative to take a fresh look at the financial model for the Club. MB and a few others to look at this and keep the Committee informed.

It was noted that our cost-base is changing e.g. Lake is now £68, for an 1.25hr. £85 per week; and, possible costs for Rammey Island.

CU and MC volunteered to help.

CLE asked it to be noted that the model has to represent the range of different financial arrangements within the Club.

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

JH reported that new Paddlesport Instructors had been signed-off - great news and a great course. Now ready to be put into action. JH will be doing some work over the winter, to align our coaching courses with BC awards so we become a BC Awards Centre. And, he will look at some trips to Wales for White Water.

9.0 Safety Update (including Operational Risk Assessments)

MC was thanked for having taken on the role.

MC reported he had assessed the existing set of RAs that had evolved over time and has undertaken work to tidy them and make them more manageable and usable based on a practical user focus. Safety Sub-committee has been involved and approved the update for submission to the General Committee. The updated approach allows discipline leads to focus their interests as well.

Actions: Committee to have a look at the updated RAs and feedback within two weeks and then decide whether we adopt. [ACT 230912 9.0.1]

JH - does it include specific numbers for the courses? MC said he started from the existing base which was the COVID-era number and will develop from there. Safety Committee to address these numbers. When finalised, there will be a meet with GLL and share thinking and the document.



MC also reported he went to Rammeys Island and undertook initial RA there. MD had put together a comprehensive assessment, which is now reflected in our draft. MC's findings raised an issue to be followed-up by the Welfare team to examine and identify mitigations.

Once the new version of the RA is approved, it will need sharing to primary users as well as all Members, and get some user feedback as well.

10.0 Equipment Update

JH awaiting quote for racking on BAs, helmets etc.

JM confirmed we received the agreement to move the boat rack to Area 4, and have met the need to move our boats from the Compound area. Thanks also to MD for assistance. £50 quarter for a six month license.

11.0 Discipline Update: Flatwater

JM and MD have been discussing basis and practicalities on how the COPS/LVPC arrangement will work and how it moves forward. This includes use of Rammeys Island as a flatwater base, and payments for the facility.

Also looking at coaching and how existing LVPC coaches can help bridge a gap, and COPS coaches, previously active, can get back up to speed, including First Aid.

JH asked if we can set a timeframe to help the focus.

PN raised getting interest in the Winter Series to generate support in the activities more generally.

CLE asked about the structuring of the sessions and JM explained that's part of what we want to pin down in more detailed proposals and planning.

JC highlighted that we must ensure the safety of sessions, and that includes knowing who is responsible and has oversight.

JM and MD keen to get regular sessions up-and-running on a good footing, and if we can raise visibility, they believe it will be a breakthrough for the Club in generating some real interest in the flatwater disciplines.

12.0 Discipline Update: Freestyle

No update at this time.

13.0 Discipline Update: Rafting

Waiting for a GLL response on our proposal to distinguish LVPC rafting.

14.0 Discipline Update: Recreational

PN - first group of scouts from tomorrow. On Lake with coaches and helpers. Next will probably be 3rd October.

Administrative arrangements were discussed for paperwork availability and PN will check Scouts have medical information available.

15.0 Discipline Update: Slalom



JM suggested thinking about an induction session tailored from general membership induction.

Noted that Jake had organised a team to go to the re-booted Interclubs. Also ran a 3 day intro camp that went well. They are all keen to come back. And he's working on 200+ interest in Slalom Worlds and getting their involvement in the Club thereafter.

16.0 Communications

No update.

17.0 AOB

Discussion will take place on getting together a Committee rota to cover Jake's absences in the future.

The date of the next meeting will be December.

PN and JM to see if it's practical to have a SPOND access to communicate on recreational activities.
