

Committee Meeting 13 June 2019

Present: - Neil Ward, Marie Dickens, Julian Medina, Lesley Medina, Claire Medina, Jo Baglin, Duncan Berriman, Gareth Jones, Fiona Dubber, Ken Oliver, Marie Dickens, Bob Jones, Sue Burgess, Dave Rawding

Guests present: Jordan (President of Hull Uni Canoe Club), Fiona (Next year's Secretary of Hull Uni Canoe Club)

Apologies: - Meg Rudkin, Lee Busby, Alan Fisher, George Baglin

Previous minutes: Not circulated after the previous meeting – Andy Davies to circulate at a later date

Finance: -

- The electricity bill is now accurate and the smart meter seems to be working. Julian checks it regularly
- The new card system on the desk is working well, apart from one error, it seems to be effective
- Entries are coming in for the Joy Davies Polo. Entries are paid on-line
- April – surplus in all sessions
- May – Junior and senior sessions were in deficit and the polo session made a profit
- Lesley investigated appointing a new auditor, as the previous auditors' fees had increased. She advised the meeting of the quotes she'd received and it was agreed that **Abacus**, Chanterlands Avenue would be appointed.
- Dave noted that the accounts are in a healthier position than they were at this time last year
- It was agreed that weekly subscriptions would be left at last year's prices. It is likely that work to be carried out to the outdoor pool by Hull City Council, will cause some disruption to the club. This may result in attendance at some sessions dropping.
- Dave discussed the possibility of the club joining the British Canoeing Portal which has just been launched. This would mean members would need to pay membership on-line. Initially there is a problem with applying for family membership, but Andy Davies will look into a 'fix' for this. Andy suggested increasing membership by £2 for individuals and £3 for families, this will cover the costs of the new system. Committee members had several questions regarding the system. Andy was not present to clarify the points so the decision regarding joining this system was postponed until next month.
- The committee discussed Hull University membership of KKC. Currently students pay £30 membership to the Hull University Canoe Club. The previous University Canoe Club membership built up a large deficit, so all of the membership fee goes to the university to pay off the debt, this obviously leaves no funds to cover events and membership to KKC. It was suggested that the University Club paid a £50 membership to cover all the members of their canoe club, which means that every member of the University club would be KKC members, and would pay the normal session fee on a Monday night.
- Claire asked whether it would be possible for two non KKC members who are part of the Ladies Polo team to pay a reduced membership, as they are members of another canoe club. The Polo rules state that each team member must be a member of the canoe club they are playing for. It was agreed that Claire would draw up a proposal for a reduced membership for both men and women who play for KKC teams but are not members. This will be presented to the club members once the draft is completed.

Buildings: -

- Dave met with an architect to discuss possible plans/costs for new storage facilities, which would be built when Hull City Council refurbish the pool. We are awaiting costs
- Hull City council do not have a date for the work to start (possibly spring 2020). They have said that, prior to the work starting they would like to drain the pool to assess the work required. This would mean that the pool would be unavailable for two weeks. The date will be agreed between the Club and the Council. The Council will cover the costs to refill it.
- There was a discussion on where the club could hold sessions once the pool was unavailable. This needs to be seriously considered when we are nearer to a start date for the work. Dave asked people to consider the options and investigate possibilities.
- Storage facilities will become critical once the work starts as we will possibly lose the use of the containers for a period of time, Dave suggested that we rationalise the kit and equipment we use/need. Jordan advised

that the University have a large storage facility that the club may be able to use. He is going to get hold of the keys and Dave will meet Fiona down there to see how we could use the space.

- Dave suggested that we asked Dacre Park if we could site a container there so that we don't need to transport the Hull International Kit each time it's needed. Neil said that he was already in discussion with Dacre Park about this.

Marathon: -

- The Wolfreton Marathon was held last weekend. It was very successful. Sadly, not many KKC members took part. Thanks to Claire for organising it
- Ken asked if the issue of charging at Frodingham had been sorted. It's going to be £5 per person over 17 to paddle on the canal. Julian confirmed the charges and he's looking for alternative venues to hold a marathon to avoid paying the charges.

Slalom: -

- Howsham won't be available next year, so an alternative venue is being sought. Possibly Linton Locks.
- Entries for the event at Howsham are low at the moment, and once again Bala are running an event on the same weekend, so this may result in lower entries than previous years.

Polo: -

- 48 teams have entered. 46 teams pay for their entries. Two teams from Ireland don't pay.
- 3 pitches have been built, one more pitch and pontoons etc will be put up next weekend
- Neil has produced a feedback form that will be given to each team at the end of the event to gather positives and things to do better for next year, as it's the 30th anniversary of the event and Neil has several ideas on how to make it a big celebration.
- Gareth advised that there are definitely three possibly four KKC players that will be representing GB at the Junior International in Belfast this year. (George, Ben, Bertram and possibly Will). Well done lads! Good luck!

A.O.B: -

- Dave showed committee members the details of the new KKC branded kit that is available from Hydra Sports. British Canoeing have authorised the club to use the BC logo on the kit too. The club will supply instructors and regular volunteers with a polo shirt.
- Dave sent out some information to HCA clubs about a white-water weekend at the end of October. He hasn't had any response from other HCA clubs, but the club will still go and Dave asked coaches to put the date in their diaries.
- Neil asked for a set of keys as he is running various sessions for the Police and Fire Service. It was agreed that as he is also the Polo representative, he should have a set.
- Jordan asked if the University could use the KKC logo on their Fresher's information. It was agreed that this is OK.
- There was a discussion about how information could be shared as many people are not and do not want to be on Facebook and quite a bit of information is circulated on Facebook so members are missing out on events that may happen at short notice. It was agreed that people organising or cancelling events will send an email to newsletter@kkc.org.uk and every effort will be made to circulate the information as soon as possible.

The date of the next meeting will be circulated as soon as possible