

	<p>Present Martin Aldridge (MA) – Chair Katrina Smith (KS) – Secretary Daniel Lloyd (DL) – Treasurer Claire Lambert (CL) - Communications Andy Steel (AS) - Communications Colin Broadway (CB) – Regional Safety Advisor Graeme Young, Jon Simpson, Andy Seager, Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Brian Wardell, Andy Seager, Andy Brown, Paul Pattinson</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Welcome MA welcomed & thanked everyone for joining the meeting and apologised for the constant change of meetings over the last year. It had been difficult to find time when everyone on the Committee could be available.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Apologies Chris Earle, Shaun Monkman, Alex Allen, Kev Lack, Russell Smith, Arnie Barker Neil Smith, Midland Canoe Club Secretary and John Stoner.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Election of Officers Martin advised he will not be continuing with the Chair and advised he had not been able to fulfil the role properly for the last 9 months hence the lack of meetings. MA asked what the process was for replacing him. AO advised normally there is a call for nominations prior to the ACM to ask for Volunteers to fill role positions. It will have to be an open vacancy to be dealt with at a future meeting unless someone comes forward in the meeting to take it on. AO stated unfortunately it is not possible to be a Regional Coaching Rep and an RDT Chair, it was queried as to whether this was still the case but AO advised that nothing had been changed and that we were one of the few RDTs that still had both roles. Colin Broadway offered to take the Chair position if people were agreeable. DL & AO and others seconded that. There were no objections. KS agreed to continue as Secretary as the Chair & Secretary roles in the same cycle, Treasurer and Vice Chair are in the next cycle. CB advised he would resign as Safety Advisor in order to take on the role, although during his time in this role he had not been asked to do anything. MA advised there are a number of other vacant roles still. CB asked MA to chair the remaining of the meeting as part of the hand over to allow him to catch up. Roles still vacant: Regional Waterways Advisor Regional Safety Advisor Regional Events Trails and Tours Co-ordinator Regional Paddle-ability Advisor Regional Youth and Schools – DS advised Woody may not be in the East Mids. area so we should reach out to ask him. Regional Volunteer Support and Recognition Regional Disputes and Legal Plus a number of Coaching Rep vacancies. Claire Lambert has been involved with events so will be happy to also take on events alongside Comms. Claire was accepted and thanked.</p>	

	<p>DS asked as to whether we need these positions filled as it has been so difficult to get additional Volunteers. MA agreed that was a good point but as the Committee (due to him) had not been very active he suggested that the roles remain vacant and see how things progress with Colin as the new Chair. It was asked if there were role descriptions, CL advised that there were descriptions on the website. Andy Steel advised he would be also happy to also help with Events as he is the event Officer for rafting.</p> <p>KS advised that since COVID and that our presence has been quiet it may be that People don't realise we still exist especially as British Canoeing claim to be communicating directly with Clubs and very little with us. We need to get the meetings set up and stick to the dates and get the message out that we are still here. When Club Committees change, they are often newer people and do not realise we even exist. CL suggested there are some opportunities for RDTs to help BC achieve some of their goals such as getting more women into Coaching or with other Projects. When the SUP Event was held in the summer people attending did not realise, we still existed as so many other RDTs have folded. Some individual Clubs have been assisting with Events but often it is too much for any one Club to cope with.</p> <p>No other positions were filled at the meeting</p>	
4	<p>Chairs Report – Martin Aldridge</p> <p>MA advised it will be a short report due his inactivity. There is a new CEO at BC. There have been some issues with getting BC to engage in taking on leases to give more access to water within the region. Broadways Meadows has been hugely successful. Bursaries have not been brought back and this will need looking into next year.</p>	
5	<p>Treasurers Report – Daniel Lloyd</p> <p>Very quiet from me as AO & BC HQ have put together most of the numbers and I just noted the figures</p> <p>Income £11,000 mainly due to Broadways Meadow</p> <p>Costs £6,400 for fresh water access which has been covered by British Canoeing funding. This will allow more money to be put back into the development of the Broadway's Meadow.</p> <p>The SUP white water Event which was processed via the BC EMRDT account £1,500 costs and an income of £1,650</p> <p>MA asked if there were any questions but felt this was a very good position to be in.</p>	
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>MA asked if there were any other ACM items to bring up and wished CB and the rest of the team Good Luck.</p>	
	Close of ACM Meeting 8.00pm	
	General Meeting	
1	<p>Minutes of previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as presented into record.</p>	
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising</p>	
3	<p>Correspondence – Katrina Smith</p> <p>There has been no correspondence other than meeting notification replies. There was one request before the new bursary funding scheme was advertised if a Club didn't get their bursary application accepted would we provide it instead.</p>	

	I had heard that the Clubs that had applied and been awarded some bursary so I am assuming that the request is now not relevant.	
4	<p>RCR Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>It's been Fairly quiet. AO was interested to, know how many people got the invite to the ECLN meeting which was last week. MA & KS advised they had not received anything. The ECLN group has had its remit changed and is now a sounding board for Coaches & Leaders to give feedback. The meeting last week was to get feedback on qualifications which are Ofqual regulated but at the moment Safety and First Aid courses are not and whether they should be. It should have had a wider input but appears it didn't. KS asked whether it was a specific invite or something included in a general mailing. AO said it was in the Coaches Update mailing. If there had been a RDT meeting he would have highlighted it. It is important that people have some input in this. The invite had been sent out in September. AO advised that invites to these meetings are important as they are a channel for our voice in the absence of the RDT communication. They are open to all Coaches and Leaders. The Coaching conference is next weekend. AO did not make the SUP event but it was a very positive & good event to be involved with. AO thought it was odd that we were asked to manage it when BC have a paid Event Manager & didn't respond to any emails! CL attended and it was good that we supported it.</p> <p>Due to the success, it is likely that the event will come up again in 2023. AO asked if maybe Beth and Barry Hughes might be able to work together on it. CL said this is quite possible as Beth would be open to that as Beth and her parents organised it all their own and would like more help.</p> <p>A date has not been identified yet. Action: Ask Beth if there are any proposed dates.</p>	Claire Lambert
5	<p>Comms Report – Claire Lambert</p> <p>Most about events including the SUP Event which has already been discussed. Have been collating information from around the region as there have been a lot of problems with Penny Wort so information has been collected and passed onto the CRT for action. BC also got involved then CRT started to get involved to try and resolve the issue. Need to report details so that the problem can be tackled sooner. There is an issue report button on the BC website.</p> <p>It was advised there had been some thick patches on the Soar near Cotes Mill. MA asked if there should be an agenda item for Environmental Issues going forward as it is becoming more of an ongoing problem. Action: Add to Agenda</p> <p>DS advised they were doing a penny wort clearing event next week to try and clear some more patches near Beeston Lock. AO advised they did some with CRT at the other end.</p> <p>MA advised that Leaders and Coaches should do more to encourage people on cleaning kit and boats. AO advised there was a Clear Access Clear Water webinar tomorrow night.</p>	Katrina Smith
6	BC Report – No representation present so nothing to report	
7	<p>RWA Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>There is the ongoing saga of the Ferryboat Inn at Stoke Bardolph but was pleased to report some progress. Robert Askey SBC and a member of the IWA - because BC were so reluctant to take it on the lease even at a peppercorn rent, the IWA have made progress with Seven Trent to get access for a peppercorn rent. AO has offered our support and it would be good once the lease is agreed to hold a</p>	

	<p>festival and paddling event, AO also offered support on behalf of the RDT to maintain the site.</p> <p>AO had several reports from areas at the top end of Loughborough about Penny Wort, KS advised that comments had been made about penny wort around Evens Weir. The weevil introduction was asked about, AO advised a sample area was being tried in a location in Leicestershire. AO reported that the Environment Agency have not been out all this year to spray the wort and have said they know they should be doing it but do not have the staff to do it. CRT have been trying to get them to do it but have been unsuccessful.</p> <p>It was noted that it was actually good fertilizer and it's a shame it wasn't more well known. KS asked if it was difficult to remove and if it could be done by Clubs.</p> <p>It can be lifted and thrown to the back of the tow path on the canal. Need to be careful about leaving bits in and moving further down. Some Clubs are working with CRT Volunteers on the bank. Also, some CRT groups are providing training on how to remove.</p>	
8	<p>Events Planned -</p> <p>CL has been talking to BC about getting some mentoring or coaching events specifically for female paddlers. Feedback has been that there is a lack of mentoring and advice moving towards assessment.</p> <p>HCC & Paddleplus and HPP Club would be interested in joining in some Events. CL would like to use different locations. Action: CL will continue discussions with BC and when she has some dates discuss it further.</p>	Claire Lambert
9	<p>Touring, Tours Planned –</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
10	<p>Youth Paddling –</p> <p>Woody Snapper not present so nothing to report other than some excellent results from local youth namely Niamh Macken from Paddleplus winning silver in the Women's Junior K1 at the Freestyle World Championships and being placed 4th in the Woman's Kayak Surface Junior at the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cup in Columbus USA. HPP reported having a big interest in young Freestyle sessions. Also, Jamie Christie's Daughter Kerry Christie being very successful in being the European U23 Champion in the Classic event at the European Wildwater Racing championships in Bosnia in August. With sister Emma, she also won Silver in the Women's C2 event.</p>	
11	<p>Safeguarding –</p> <p>Nothing to Report</p>	
12	<p>Broadway's Meadow – Andy Oughton</p> <p>Has been very successful with currently over 200 Friends Of members. If everyone agrees the plan for 2023 is to have 2 portable toilets placed at Broadway's Meadow. AO has received a quote for £1300. The toilets will have coded padlocks. There is some anti-slip decking that AO has found at the back of CRT's yard that would make some decking area at the alternate launch site away from the pub. A working party will be organised to create a launch platform. Ticketing for the various charges is now available in the paddler's membership platform in the BC portal. There is a parking, camping and a provider ticket option. The camping ticket is going up to £4 per person per night. The extra cost will help fund the toilets. The option to pay outside of the BC system will still be available as there are fishermen, open water swimmers who are members using</p>	

	<p>the field. Various problems with the worst one with people parking at the side of the gate which makes it difficult entering and exiting the field with trailers. Someone also drove into the gate which meant that the gate needed repairing which luckily someone repaired within a day for us. There was a Paddleplus member who cut the grass during the year who has now sold his business so a decision will need to be made what we are going to do about the grass cutting. This was supposed to be maintained by the Environment Agency but in reality, this is unlikely as they do not have the staff. AO is even struggling to find out who to speak to. KS suggested we need to get some quotes to compare against hiring equipment for a working party. Three Providers have been using the field without any competitive hassle which have also allowed passers-by to have the opportunity to have a go at SUP. KS asked whether providers asked for a receipt. AO advised he just acknowledges via email although DL has provided receipts before. It was suggested that the farmer who pays to use the field to extract water might consider cutting the grass in exchange rather than paying. KS also advised that on the Nene in Northamptonshire the portage points were brilliant for getting in and out they were some sort of PVC material bolted to the bank then non slip material on top to the edge. This would be ideal for the bank. DS asked if it was possible to buy multiple tickets on the BC portal rather than asking members to buy their own ticket as they struggle with the club booking system let alone the BC system. AO said that in this instance a provider ticket could be purchased.</p> <p>BC are still wanting to have a meeting with AO to discuss management of Broadways Meadow.</p> <p>It was agreed to go ahead with hiring the portable toilets. Action: Go ahead</p>	<p>Andy Oughton</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Next Meeting (s) – Monday 9th January 7.30pm Location: On Line</p> <p>It was agreed a Face-to-Face meeting at some point would be good but would be better if combined to a paddling opportunity.</p> <p>Action: MA to ask BC to change over the google Hangout Account Action: KS to enquire with BC Clubs Team about best way to send out emails for meeting invites</p>	<p>Martin Aldridge Katrina Smith</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>AOB –</p> <p>Jon Simpson asked for a shoutout for Beaumanor Hall staff for Clearing out debris trees and penny wort on the Barrow Loop</p> <p>Access platform at Loughborough Lock. Action: CRT conversation required Cotes Mill weir not easily portageable. Maybe use the arch with the rock.</p> <p>Action: Environment Agency discussion when AO is able to identify someone to talk to.</p> <p>BC have put a post out saying SUPS should not go down weirs and should portage well before and past weirs. This is as a result of the report seen by BC from the Haverfordwest tragedy.</p>	<p>Andy Oughton Andy Oughton</p>
	<p>Meeting End 21:05</p>	