

	<p>Present Colin Broadway (CB) – Chair Andy Oughton (AO) – Vice Chair & RCR Katrina Smith (KS) – Secretary Daniel Lloyd (DL) – Treasurer Claire Lambert (CL) – Communications Russell Smith (RS) – British Canoeing Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Jon Simpson, Graeme Young, Andy Steel, Beth Kirby</p>	<p>Actions</p>
1	<p>Welcome There were technical problems with getting into the Hangout meeting with some participants not being able to get access and CB unable to get any speaker sound. A new Zoom meeting was created but CB still had issues logging in. AO took Chair in order to be able to start the meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies John Stoner, Andy Seager, Paul Pattinson</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting John Stoner had reported by email some inaccuracies with the previous minutes. Kerry Christie. She has indeed performed well in slalom in 2022 - winning the Matlock competition. However, her primary achievement was becoming European U23 Champion in the Classic event at the European wild water racing championships in Bosnia in August. With sister Emma, also winning Silver in the Women's C2 event. It was agreed to accept the meeting notes with amendments above. Action: Amend & Send to AO to be added to the website</p>	<p>K. Smith / A. Oughton</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising Actions from previous minutes Proposed dates for SUP Festival meeting (C Lambert) – Since the last meeting Beth Kirby has advertised two weekend dates and AO confirmed that EMRDT were supporting the two events. An extra agenda item has been added to cover Environmental issues. CL is continuing to discuss specific female paddling events with BC Other items will be covered further in the agenda.</p>	
5	<p>Chairs Report Colin Broadway still trying to get in hopefully he will be able to get in to be able to give the Chair's report. AO reported that he & CB had spoken at length after the last meeting to help get up to speed. There had been various discussions with BC and BC were adamant that EMRDT should change the group name as the Development Teams no longer exist. West Mids Team have met and have decided to reconstitute themselves as a new group outside the BC umbrella. RS confirmed that the other groups have disappeared or renamed themselves but did not know what implications with regards to finances and the bank account. DL advised it would be relatively easy to rename the bank account but was unsure about the account within BC as they have some control and oversight above what EMRDT have. They had written to</p>	

Dan and thanked him for requesting an audit and sent an invoice for £65 (for the Natwest Account).

The BC bank account is being used for the Broadways Meadow payments via the BC portal.

AO is liaising with BC about changing the ticket system for Friends of Broadway's Meadow membership which will be £10 for 2023 to take into account the economic climate. All memberships will change to be renewable in April 2024 at which time it can be decided if the membership should go back up to £15. Changing all memberships to be renewable every April will reduce the amount of time required on membership admin.

KS asked if the EMRDT became independent from BC and yet be responsible for Broadways Meadow how would the income become available for its development? AO advised that he thought that the money would be available but there was a general feeling this has possibly not been fully thought out yet. AO said it would be interesting to see how the other groups who manage land through BC manage, and whether money is held within BC or independently by the group.

AO reported that he has a meeting with Richard Atkinson in the next 10 days to pick up discussions about a management plan. Initial discussions sound very positive. Questions will include where the monies will be held and how that will work if we are to be a distanced group from BC. AO felt that we should still maintain our midlands presence rather than limiting ourselves to a Broadway's Meadow group. KS had been advised by BC that Clubs were no longer allocated to regions but grouped by post code and County. BC had provided Club contacts based on this. KS thought when redefining ourselves that we need to bear this in mind. AO thought that this would mean we would need to maintain our own contacts list. KS advised that we could look at using event type software to maintain contacts but this would mean incurring costs and as we are not a member group other than Friends of. How would we fund this? AO hopes that we will be able to maintain the use of the BC event booking system and that BC are not wanting to rid themselves of us but its more the fact that if we are independent that it shows less where there are not groups in other areas of the Country.

AO pointed out that there is only a short time left on the zoom meeting, so asked Beth Kirby if she wanted to discuss the SUP Event.

BK advised May 13/14th is the first weekend which will be a coaching weekend and currently have 5 coaches who will put workshops on.

BC have confirmed that HPP course falls within the remit so the coaches will be covered by BC's insurance, which means the Event insurance just needs to be sorted.

The second weekend is July 15/16th which will be the Race weekend with exclusive use of the course, sprint, head-to-head and some fun stuff.

Bookings will all be done through one portal and will include course fees, Support required will be the insurance and publicity and possible risk assessments. Plus, support for ensuring everything is covered. AO suggested maybe doing some flat-water pyramid coaching for aspirant Coaches to be watched and learn while Coaching. BK asked if this would need to be free. AO suggested free or nominal and EMRDT could pay towards any incurred costs. AO would be willing to be involved in this. BK had been in touch with some

	<p>Providers and as soon as there was some more information it could be seen how this could be incorporated into the Program.</p> <p>KS asked if the group were to become separate from BC then how would we stand insurance wise. AO advised it would not be a quick change and he would not give up the group name without certain assurances in insurance and bank account changes. Also, as the change would not be quick, he suggested that we change our name to EMPaddlers but still stay constituted to BC therefore removing the initial obvious link to being a Regional Development Team. AO apologised and suggested another meeting in February to continue any unfinished business. DS advised she could create a Zoom meeting that is paid for so it won't run out.</p> <p>Action: Set up a meeting for February</p>	K Smith
6	<p>Correspondence – Katrina Smith</p> <p>KS had discussed Access to email addresses and Google Hang Out meeting access but these will not exist anymore and we will have to organise our own meeting access. BC had provided a Club list based on post code but these were not really any better than the contacts list we already have.</p>	
7	<p>Treasurer's Report – Dan Lloyd</p> <p>Nothing new to report and figures are as the ACM report from November except for 4 transactions, these were circulated with the previous meeting notes and. BC had charged us £65 for doing accounting paperwork.</p>	
8	<p>RCR Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>Defer to next meeting</p>	
9	<p>Comms Report – Claire Lambert</p> <p>Advertising the SUP white water weekends for Beth.</p> <p>Save the date for 1/2nd April for #She Paddles Social. This will be at Lincoln Canoe Club. Games social and fun. There will be another weekend in September but no progress had been made with Jenna Saunders.</p> <p>Action: Speak to Jenna about date.</p>	Andy Oughton
10	<p>BC Report – Russell Smith</p> <p>A Clubs Newsletter has been sent out so if anything crops up from that RS is happy to help.</p> <p>RS would encourage the Clubs needs survey to be completed.</p> <p>Stronger Together Fund availability</p> <p>CB advised that Chris Earle mentioned Park Runs as a principle of paddling British Rafting are looking to doing some have a go session this year which will include accessibility.</p>	
11	<p>RWA Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>AO reported that he had sent out to all his contacts within the Environment Agency a copy of the Haverfordwest report which was a harrowing read but it was noted in the report that it was not known who owned and was responsible for the weir involved. Some years ago, a report had been put out recommending that there should be some signs for the weir but this was never acted upon. A positive part of the report was that the local Canoe Club did have a risk assessment and did have an operating procedure and protocols for using the weir.</p> <p>Andy pointed out to the Agency contacts that there could be a conceived incident on Evans Weir where a report could say that 7.5 years ago it was suggested that a portage could be put in to give paddlers an alternative option to</p>	

	<p>shooting the weir. This did get a response which has instigated further talks albeit they had suggested selling it for a £1 to City Council so they could help do something with it. It was thought they wouldn't want to buy it. However, The EA are organising a meeting with themselves CRT and City Council to talk about what happens around Evans weir in light of the information passed onto them from AO.</p> <p>AO had also asked about the Boom at Mountsorrel being undone and it turned out this was because it was holding the pennywort back and blocking up Mountsorrel so local boaters had been down and undone one side of the boom. This will be eventually put back but not in the short term.</p> <p>AO said when the meeting takes place, he will also bring up the bridge at Coates Mill.</p>	
12	<p>Events Planned – AO advised of three BC Webinars coming up This coming Wednesday Environmental Waterways. 25th Jan Clear Access and Clear Waterways with Ben Seal 30th Jan Winter Webinar from Lake District Paddlers – Tops Tips for Leadership & Coaching with Chris Brain. CPD points also available when doing this. Links for joining were in the last BC catch up with Coaching email.</p> <p>Event Safety Officer Training is available on-line 7th February, next one after that is not until June. It is on-line e-learning training</p>	
13	<p>Touring, Tours Planned – Defer to next meeting</p>	
14	<p>Youth Paddling - Deferred to next meeting but DS asked if anyone had any information on requirements for taking Juniors abroad. It was suggested talking to the International Teams Officer a BC.</p>	
15	<p>Safeguarding – ALL Nothing to report</p>	
16	<p>Broadway's Meadow – Partially discussed but defer to next meeting due to Zoom time running out.</p>	
17	<p>Environmental Issues – Deferred to next meeting</p>	
18	<p>AOB – CB managed to get connected with sound towards the end of the meeting and advised he'd had a meeting with Chris Earle and that it was planned that the Reginal Developments teams would formally be disbanded at the AGM. It was strongly suggested that a new Terms of Reference would be required. CB's internal contacts however suggested that the agenda had still to be agreed so nothing concrete was happening yet but it did look like there would be very little grass root representation within BC. Chris Earle advised that BC thought they were not needed. But they are very happy to engage with any active groups.</p>	
19	<p>Future Meetings Monday 27th February – On-line Zoom Meeting</p>	