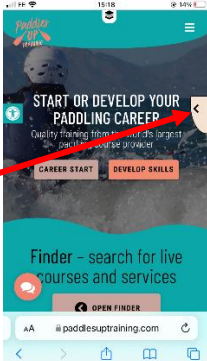



	<p><b>Present</b>                      Martin Aldridge (MA) – Chair                      Andy Oughton (AO) – Vice Chair &amp; RCR                      Katrina Smith (KS) – Secretary                      Daniel Lloyd (DL) – Treasurer                      Claire Lambert (CL) - Communications                      Andy Steel (AS) - Communications                      Richard Stacey-Chapman (RSC) - (BC Events Officer)                      Graeme Young, Jon Simpson, Andy Seager, Colin Broadway, Dawn Scott                      Ian Scott, Neil Smith, John Stoner, Matt Collier, Brian Wardell, Woody Snapper,                      Paul Pattinson.</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
<p>1</p>	<p><b>Welcome</b>                      MA welcomed &amp; thanked everyone for joining the first meeting of 2022. It is hoped that this year might be more in keeping to times before the onset of Covid-19</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Apologies</b>                      Kev Lack, Chris Earle, Drew Cartwright, Shaun Monkman, Russell Smith, Mark Beasley</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>                      MA asked for a correction to the Treasurers report to amend “AO has made us a lot of money” change to Broadway’s Meadows has done remarkably well and has taken £3,600 which has more than covered the running costs.....                      No other comments and therefore were accepted into record with the afore mentioned amendment.  <b>Action: Amend and send to AO for placing on the website.</b></p>	<p>Katrina Smith</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>BC Report - Ferry Boat Inn access</b> - AO confirmed he had seen a copy of the draft report but had not seen or heard anything further.   <b>Places to Paddle Grant</b> - DL was asked whether Chris Earle or anyone else had made contact about using some Grant money to contribute towards the installation of the tap at Broadway’s Meadow. Chris Earle had spoken to KS earlier and confirmed that he had spoken to Ben Seal and that it had been agreed that the costs associated with fitting the tap could be paid from the Improvement to Places to Paddle Fund. All we need to do is send the receipts/invoices directly to Ben Seal as the agreement was between Chris and Ben.                      AO reported that Severn Trent had been in touch and reported that the water connection is going to take place on a Sunday due to Highways England insistence. This was going to be an extra £1,500 on top of the £3,200 but Severn Trent advised they had come up with a solution that meant it was only going to cost an extra £500 on top of the £3,200. The £3,200 has been paid so an additional cheque of £500 is required.  <b>Action: £500 cheque to be given to AO asap to pay Severn Trent.</b></p>	<p>Dan Lloyd</p>



	<p><b>Action: Chase up status with BC</b></p> <p>The RDT through the Chair need to submit 2 votes from the nomination list for the voluntary Board positions tomorrow. If anyone has any specific views on the Candidates, please email MA tonight. The Committee will talk about this straight after the meeting.</p> <p>The RDTS and Discipline committees report into the English Forum. There are 3 representatives that are on the Board. One is already in place, there is a current vacancy and another is coming to the end of their term of office.</p> <p>In the past this activity has not been very well supported by RDTS as very few candidates were put through and not many votes cast. It is therefore important that we vote.</p> <p>MA advised there is a link on the BC website with Candidate details.</p> <p>MA put the link in the chat for people to view.</p> <p>Any comments must be emailed to MA urgently as the votes will be going in by the end of the day tomorrow (19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022)</p>	<p>Martin Aldridge</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><b>Correspondence – Katrina Smith</b></p> <p>No correspondence other than an email advising that Severn Trent have opened up some funding availability via the following link:  <a href="https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/check-your-projects-eligibility/">https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/check-your-projects-eligibility/</a></p> <p>Chris Earl has advised that there will be a Queens Jubilee Fund this year which will allow Club applications for grants for Coaching, Equipment etc. The key requirement will be in areas of equality, diversity and inclusion in particular for deprived areas (classed as 1-3). Chris Earl said he could let us know any applicable locations in our region.</p> <p>Website – BC have acknowledged that their website is a bit of a mess and are definitely having a new website this year, although the exact timescales are not known, I was advised it will be by October. This links into our request for website training and as a consequence the training is on hold as it will be totally different. If we need anything Chris Earle advised that they may be able to support. As we have relied on AO and managed thus far, we can continue until the new one is in place.</p> <p>AO advised he had just checked the link for the Candidates being voted for Board positions and the link is quite out of date and doesn't have the names on so for information they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Carroll</li> <li>John Handyside</li> <li>Peter Ilett</li> <li>Mark Pearce</li> <li>Zoey Rowe</li> <li>Greg Spencer</li> <li>Colin Woodgate</li> </ul> <p>AO advised he put a link on the EMPaddlers Facebook page a couple of weeks ago for the Queens Jubilee Fund.</p>	

	<b>Action: When information received from Chris Earle email relevant Clubs in Region</b>	Katrina Smith
7	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> – Dan Lloyd                  £3,100 paid out to Severn Trent for water connection                  £600 paid to facilitate the water in Broadway's Meadow                  The NatWest account still has £ 1,600.                  The HQ account has £5,800.                  We did get picked by BC to be audited and we did tick all the boxes to satisfy the Auditors.</p>	
8	<p><b>RCR Report</b> – Andy Oughton                  Very little coaching activity in the region                  Club House webinars are starting again                  Weir webinar is on there.                  The link has been on the BC Facebook page.                  There is a talk tomorrow night which is sold out at the Soar Boating Club about SUP with Jo Malone.                  BC are looking for volunteers for the World Freestyle Champs which are taking place in late June/July.                  189 people are signed up as Friends of Broadway's Meadow. The first year is up at the end of Feb beginning of March so AO is going to try and get someone to set up a payment page in the Members portal to be able to renew their subscription.                  AO is thinking that the renewals will be dealt with on a monthly reminder basis.                  MA suggested whether any booking system could be utilised to help with this although it is appreciated that this would involve an additional cost.</p>	
9	<p><b>Comms Report</b> – Claire Lambert                  Jon Simpson sent a photo relating to an issue about parking near the gate at Broadway's Meadow – AO advised there were some rocks placed there but they were moved to allow work on the water pipe. The cone that was on the pipe appears to have also been moved.  <b>Action: Check cone &amp; rocks on next visit to the site</b></p> <p>Claire reported that due to changes within the Facebook page (relating to the community's tab disappearing and a mentions tab replacing it) which caused issues with some being able to post and others not.                  CL thought in order to solve this a new group page was set up and those who wanted to advertise were to let CL know but this is not working so well as some are posting regardless.                  The empaddlers page was originally for sharing information (not advertising) and there was concern amongst the Committee as there could be a perception that empaddlers are endorsing specific courses and Providers and felt that there are sufficient Facebook groups more suitable for advertising. It was suggested to write a policy as to what is allowed on the page which should result in fewer complaints as it is then open and fair. CL advised that posts could be approved.                  It was also suggested that course information could be added to the Calendar on the regional website but just on a monthly basis. MA wondered if this would not be duplicating information.</p>	Andy Oughton

	<p>It was commented that Providers ideally will be posting their courses on the Paddles Up website and that BC would be sending out emails with links to relevant courses to those who have completed courses to show / suggest what the next award could be for individuals.</p> <p>There was discussion about having a list of Providers, the only issue with this is that it would need to be maintained where as BC maintain the Providers on the Paddle Up website with BC maintaining checks on them being up to date with current CPD requirements.</p> <p><b>Action: Providers to be advised to use the Paddles Up Website and the Face book page would show links to the website</b></p> <p><b>See below pictorially of how to access Courses and Provider information (worded description is in an previous section of the meeting notes)</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">Click here from any page</div>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: 10px;">Select from drop down list as required</div> </div>	<p>Claire Lambert</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>BC Report –</b></p> <p>Richard Stacey Chapman (BC Events Officer) advised that Russell Smith was unable to attend this meeting.</p> <p>The Freestyle World Championships are 27th June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July at HPP. RSC has come along to explain that it is free to attend and about the opportunities to volunteer.</p> <p>For more details copy &amp; paste the following link:  <a href="https://britishcanoeingevents.org.uk/freestyle2022/">https://britishcanoeingevents.org.uk/freestyle2022/</a></p> <p>Festival and additional competitions on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Lots of volunteering opportunities for people to get involved. See page on the website.</p> <p>Additional activities fall into 3 areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School groups midweek</li> <li>• Evening community groups.</li> <li>• Weekend general public &amp; spectators such as have a go, start awards with encouragement to then be sign posted to appropriately located regional Clubs. If any Clubs want to get involved contact RSC.</li> </ul> <p>Official training starts on 22<sup>nd</sup> June activity will be going on most of the month. Sign Posting will be such as getting involved after sessions and having conversations or having individual or collective club stands or even a regional stand – open to all ideas at this stage.</p> <p>It was asked about Schools how wide are you looking at for schools. No specific arrangements have been made yet. No minimum volunteering time required. AO has put his name in the hat for all week for come and try it. DS advised that it may be worth talking to Liam Brown as he has quite a few links with local schools in the area. It was advised that a call has already been organised with him.</p>	

	<p>It could be possible to look at setting up some coaching for aspirant coaches.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p><b>RWA Report</b> – Andy Oughton                  Severn Trent are working really hard to try and change perception of dumping effluent into local rivers. They are looking to have a couple of model stretches of river that meet bathing water quality one of these is on the Leam which is a fairly clean river anyway.                  Matt Collier works for Anglian water (in finance so not directly on the front line) and they are also trying to share out information and are invested in trying to improve the situation.                  AO did comment that a lot of Utility Company waters are very restricted with access to Paddlers. MC advised he would be able to give contact details for discussions.</p> <p>The local Environment Agency contact has moved on to a new role and there had been some initial agreement about making portage easier at Evans weir in Leicester but AO is struggling to make contact with the replacement rep to continue discussions. The City Council and CRT however are in agreement that this would be a better way to go than cutting the weir off by the placement of booms.</p> <p>AO reported on his impressions of the BC report on the access at the Ferry Boat Inn. It focused on the negatives rather than the positives. If the report were to go before the Board in that context AO did not feel confident it would be successful.</p> <p><b>Action: Follow up with BC about status of report and when it goes to the Board Keep on the Agenda until more is known.</b></p> <p>CL asked if its worth considering still putting on an Event to highlight. AO felt this was a good idea. While there is no camping, there is the Pub. It’s possible to perhaps organise a meet there. Maybe do a Spring meet up as well as a Summer meet up.</p> <p><b>Action: Discuss possibility of an event further</b></p>	<p>Martin Aldridge / Andy Oughton</p> <p>EMRDT</p>
<p>12</p>	<p><b>Events Planned –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrow Races next meet is 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and is a regional championship race.</li> <li>• The Marathon Racing Committee are organising the National Short Course Event at the Nene Park in Peterborough (Fairy Meadows). For Div 6 and above. Whilst this is for higher level paddlers it can still be a good watch.</li> <li>• The BUCS Slalom event is happening on the 12-13 Feb water safety plus other volunteer roles are needed if anyone is interested. If interested contact RSC. It is usually quite an entertaining weekend watching University students swim/paddle at HPP White Water Centre.</li> </ul> <p>Tuesday Evening sessions suggestions welcome probably still on-line based.</p> <p><b>Action: Advertise on the Facebook group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AO is looking at the 100-miler event on the Severn this year</li> <li>• 25/26 June Summer meet at Broadway’s Meadow</li> <li>• Tuesday night sessions – There are a number of webinars available on the Paddles Up website if these dry up or if anyone wants anything else specific, please contact us and we will look into it</li> </ul>	<p>Claire Lambert</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation modules are now run as online E-Learning covering topics such as swimming pools, working with young paddlers, mentoring. These could be advertised better within the region.</li> </ul>	
13	<p><b>Touring, Tours Planned –</b> Other than the 100-miler previously mentioned nothing else to report.</p>	
14	<p><b>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper</b> Not a lot to report but have been running some litter picks at HPP and younger paddlers have been starting to get involved. HPP Club were looking to facilitate D of E at a couple schools but this has had a set back as the D of E Managers have left the respective schools so having to start again with this. If anyone else has any youth activities to share please let Woody know but at the moment he is unable to take on any additional initiatives.</p>	
15	<p><b>Safeguarding – ALL</b> Nothing to report</p>	
17	<p><b>AOB –</b> <b>2021 BC Bursaries (KS)</b> - The process has now changed and the aspirant Leaders/Coaches (&amp; Clubs) who applied for this have been seriously let down. The system was being managed by the Coaching department and this has now changed to the recreational paddling. Everyone who applied has now had an email explaining the changes. It is still only applicable to those who applied and accepted onto the 2021 bursary. Where the courses / awards were going to be organised by BC it is now been put in the hands the Clubs to organise &amp; pay for. Clubs then can only claim £80 pp per course / award but the £50 per candidate contribution is no longer applicable – in reality what this means is that unless the Club contributes or is able to hire a Provider and fill all the spaces a candidate may have to pay up to £120 per course/award. Of course, this is still cheaper than £200 but it is not what was advertised or written in the Bursary documentation. To add to this in the Christmas Eve email participants were asked to get their Club to invoice BC by May which would be impossible for those doing Coaching awards and are needing the training prior to assessment. Further to this BC have now clarified that as long as either the course and or assessment is booked even if it due to take place later in the year, BC will still honour the bursary. Chris Earle and his team at BC are working hard to try and help but if in doubt contact them direct at BC. Chris Earle promised to send a list of Clubs &amp; names in the region who had applied so that we can help with putting people in contact with each other so that they have a better chance of getting Providers on Club discounted rates. With this information BC will supply the process for claiming back the money. As soon as I have any further practical information, I will forward this on.</p> <p>There will be a 2022 Bursary with a pot of £80k but details will not be announced until the AGM in March. The bursary will be aligned to projects and the strategic plan. Any money not used from 2021 will be added to the 2022 pot.</p>	

<p>It will be interesting to see whether any potential Leaders and Coaches have been lost due to the fiasco – Talking to different people BC’s reputation has taken a big impact in this area.</p> <p>BC are keen if the EMRDT are able to help with anything but I stated how much we can help depends on the information we are given!</p> <p><b>Action: Chase up with BC on promised information</b></p> <p><b>Additional note to be added in the email body with the meeting notes</b></p> <p><b>Action: Put out a note on the Facebook group for any one who needs help with being put in touch with other bursary applicants to contact KS / AO or MA</b></p> <p><b>BC AGM:</b> The AGM will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> March &amp; will be at the Nova Hotel Junction 25 M1 Notts/Derby. People will be able to attend in Person or on-line. There will be some workshops in the afternoon relating to the Strategy. More details to follow.</p> <p><b>Action: Feedback for BC MA &amp; EMRDT have had no sight of the new strategy</b></p> <p>It was asked if it would be better to wait for the next bursary. Based on 2021 if possible it would be best to press on with the existing one as no details are yet known about the 2022 scheme.</p> <p>Clubs can email CL to put a post on the Facebook group to see if any other group want to share a Provider for a Course/Award/ Training</p> <p><b>Coach Development &amp; Funding</b> – CL asked about this and noted it was mentioned in the last meeting. MA apologised but advised that he would look at this and comeback with some ideas to try and help with this.</p> <p><b>Action: Investigate &amp; propose a way forward.</b></p> <p><b>Intro to Marathon racing</b> – MC is trying to put something together for Packers Canoe Club but have a shortage of equipment and need a medium-term loan of 2 or 3 stable racing canoes (mid-March to beg-May). CL made no promises but would ask Lincoln Canoe Club. KS mentioned Callum Evans. MA said he can do an introduction there.</p> <p>The problem might be the length of time they are needed.</p> <p><b>Action: Introduction to Nottingham Canoe Club</b></p> <p><b>Asl Lincoln Canoe Club</b></p> <p><b>Ask at the Office</b></p>	<p>Katrina Smith</p> <p>Claire Lambert</p> <p>Katrina Smith</p> <p>Richard Stacey-Chapman</p> <p>Martin Aldridge</p> <p>Martin Aldridge</p> <p>Claire Lambert</p> <p>Richard Stacey-Chapman</p>
<p>Meeting End 21:27</p> <p><b>Next Meeting Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April (on-line)</b></p>	