

	Present	Actions
	Martin Aldridge – Chair Katrina Smith – Secretary Dan Lloyd - Treasurer Claire Lambert – Communications Andy Oughton Russell Smith - British Canoeing RDO Andy Seager, Neil Smith, Brian Wardell, Colin Broadway, Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Graeme Young, Jon Simpson, Paul Pattinson, Andy Steel, Breakout Club, Paul Morgan	
1	Welcome & Introduction MA welcomed everyone and explained there had been a pre meeting to update all the outstanding actions to allow time to discuss getting back to paddling.	
2	Apologies No apologies received	
3	Minutes of previous Meeting Accepted and approved	
4	Matters arising – Martin Aldridge Actions updated as post meeting notes on previous minutes No additional matters arising	
5	Chair's Report - Martin Aldridge MA advised that Dee Paterson has been elected as the new BC President and is the first female President. A first draft of the strategy plan has been produced. Its in its very early stages and there will be opportunities to feedback on this. Discussions are ongoing with Chairs about the role of RDTs	
6	Correspondence – Katrina Smith No correspondence to report.	
7	Treasurer's Report - Dan Lloyd Thanks to the initial success of Broadways Field there have been £300 received in direct transfers plus another £300 in PayPal. There is £1,200 in the bank account and £5,500 in the HQ Account MA advised that it had been agreed to put a temporary hold on regional coaching bursaries as BC are offering bursaries for Coaching & Leading Awards. They are time limited with applications closing at the end of April. However, if support is required, please do still get in touch and we will see how we can help. AO advised that BC are concerned there is a lack of remit with Coaches and Leaders in Clubs and so want to encourage Clubs to improve their volunteer remits, The RDT will review how best to use the Bursary scheme. AO suggested that we should show the next step by Mentoring.	
8	RCR Report – Andy Oughton Despite being fairly quiet changes are happening to the England Coaches & Leadership network. It was felt it was dysfunctional and not always representative of the	

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	<p>membership. AO has taken the chair to steer them to a better place and that it is a work in progress.</p> <p>In the Paddles Up website the forum is now active and although you have to sign in it is worth a look.</p> <p>https://paddlesuptraining.com/community-forums-for-paddlesport-training/</p> <p>AO is planning some training during the late May Bank Holiday for Youths clubs – they are struggling to get enough people who are confident to lead on the 100miler event in 2022. It is planned to invite aspirant Coaches and Leaders for training. A grant from the National Boys & Girls Clubs has been offered to support with camping & feeding. This will be at Broadways Meadow.</p> <p>The Scottish Canoe Symposium is being held later in the year. AO is thinking of holding a Trail Blazer weekend at the same time and have a virtual Lounge Event on the Saturday evening showing films of classic canoe trails and will be trying to get BC involved.</p>	
9	<p>COMMS Report – Claire Lambert</p> <p>It was advised that the Community page on the EMPaddlers Facebook page has been opened to allow people to post local information such as notices, course places</p>	
10	<p>BC Report – Russell Smith</p> <p>RS advised about a grant opportunity Lincs. Action: RS to add link to Facebook page</p> <p>It is the Sprint and Paracanoe Selection Event this weekend 17-18 April and Richard Stacy-Chapman is short of 2/3 volunteers to help out. Action: Publish on the EMPaddlers Facebook page with contact details. RS to provide CL with some info.</p> <p>Numbers on the webinars are dropping off, this is seen as a result of people being able to get back on the water.</p> <p>There was no update on the Trespass Law</p>	<p>R.Smith</p> <p>R.Smith / C.Lambert</p>
11	<p>RWA Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>Work to repair flood defences will be taking place 8am to 5pm on the Fosse Dyke Canal by the university bridge halls. This location is great for paddling in straight lines!</p> <p>Access Issues: There is a new boom across the Mountsorrel 'w' weir. It has appeared without any notification. AO has discussed this and it has been placed deliberately to stop canoeists and kayakers going over the weir. A site meeting had been held and a quick decision had been made to place the boom. This had been based on a fatal incident in Derby which was nothing to do with anyone paddling. Another meeting with the Rep took place at Evans weir as it had been planned to put another one there but as a consequence of the meeting were now having a re think.</p> <p>It was reported that the boom at Kegworth before the big house on the left is broken.</p> <p>MA mentioned the BBC Panorama program about illegal sewerage discharge on the rivers.</p>	
12	<p>Events Planned –</p> <p>Barrow Race held a fund raiser last weekend which was well attended. They are still considering whether or not to organising further race events. If they decide to go ahead there is a possibility of one on the 8th May at Matlock.</p> <p>It was recognised that Kerry Christie has organised the fund raiser and a Big Well Done to her was noted.</p>	
13	<p>Touring, Tours Planned –</p> <p>Nothing to report due to COVID restrictions</p>	

14	Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper not present & nothing to report.	
15	Safeguarding – Nothing to Report	
16	<p>The Field – Andy Oughton</p> <p>To date there are 52 Friends of Broadway’s Meadow. The field rent is already covered for this year. The signs are up. Craig at BC is organising availability to pay by Azolve on the membership portal. As BC are not a non-profit organisation encourage people to pay via BACS or AZOLVE due to charges made by Paypal.</p> <p>Plans going forward:</p> <p>Raise a deck platform to be able to place hired Portaloos. At some point enquiries will be made regarding the possibility of a composting toilet.</p> <p>Waterpoint on canal side via CRT if possible.</p> <p>The Environment Agency will cut the field as part of flood defence maintenance.</p> <p>Many thanks to Neil Smith for producing the gate modification.</p> <p>There is a meeting to discuss what we can do to support wild life in the environment.</p> <p>There will be a site meeting with BC’s Ben Seal and the new person who will be overseeing BC outdoor spaces. The new person will be drafting up policy/rules on how to manage the field. C. Broadway advised there is a local nearby who will complain to the planning department and suggested talking to the planning dept & getting them onside before doing anything. The Barrow voice (local news letter) will carry an article about the site. AO would like to formally thank Steve Mountford (Landscape) from PaddlePlus for tidying up the ground.</p> <p>It would be good to cut back some willow in the second launch bay so that when people are camping, they will not clash with other users.</p> <p>Placing wood across the concrete sandbags on the canal side was suggested. On-going discussions will take place with CRT to see what support might be gained from them.</p> <p>Action: CL to put something on the Facebook page.</p> <p>MA formally thanked Andy Oughton for all his efforts so far working on this fantastic project.</p> <p>Jon Simpson suggested hard standing near the gate and a location for a firepit.</p>	C.Lambert
17	<p>A.O.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Broadway is planning a trip to the continent including France, Germany & Yugoslavia and would like to know if he needed to declare his canoe as it is built in the USA now that we are not in the EU. It was suggested that the International Performance Dept at BC might know as they will have athletes competing abroad. Thus far CB had received no response from BC on this. There had been a similar query with regard to Coaching abroad and insurance. <p>Action: Ask James at BC</p> <p>It was suggested to avoid the working party clashing with the Leicester River festival.</p>	R.Smith
18	<p>BACK ON THE WATER Summary</p> <p>Paddleplus – Not doing any shuttles but are starting some satellite sessions at Kilby Bridge. Not imposing any limits as such but operating as normal using COVID risk assessments.</p> <p>Lincolnshire starting again with Coaches familiarity session. Membership turnout is low but this is as expected.</p> <p>MA has stated there are a lot of new BC members that are Club less.</p>	

	<p>CL advised that Lincoln has started racing again and doing Surfers Against Sewage D Scott advised the HPP white water course is now open and have lots of courses planned. Unfortunately, have had kit stolen over lockdown. Their insurance renewal quote has jumped from £800 to £3800 but managed to get a policy for £1300. MA advised that there had been some provider changes in the Market causing price increases. Events are starting to be reviewed but looking to spread the financial risk. D Scott also advised they had successfully secured a grant of £10k from Severn Trent. Jon Simpson report that Song of the Paddle paddlers have been out and about paddling and are planning on going ahead with their August meet. JS noted that not everyone wants to paddle with a Club and are happy peer paddling and that this is not always acknowledged.</p> <p>A number of Clubs are keeping numbers to groups of 6, have waiting lists for taster sessions.</p> <p>It was noted that many new paddlers have been seen on the water who obviously don't know what they are doing.</p> <p>It was asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Doggy Paddle.</p>	
19	<p>Dates of 2021 meetings.</p> <p>Due to the unpredictability of COVID restrictions it was decided to only plan one meeting ahead until everything settled down. Next planned meeting 6th July 7.30pm via Video conference.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: This meeting was postponed due to Chair & Secretary unavailability.</p>	