

Meeting Minutes

CM Minutes 8th September 2021. 7.30pm start

Hangout Video Conference

EAST MIDLANDS

	Present	Actions
	Martin Aldridge – Chair Andy Oughton – Vice Chair Katrina Smith – Secretary Dan Lloyd - Treasurer Claire Lambert – Communications Brian Wardell, Graeme Young, Jon Simpson,	
1	Welcome & Introduction Martin welcomed all present and apologised for the short notice of the meeting.	
2	Apologies Paul Pattinson, John Stoner, Andy Paget, Drew Cartwright, Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Neil Smith, Chris Earle.	
3	Minutes of previous Meeting Minutes approved Action: Send to AO to add to website	K Smith
4	Matters arising – Martin Aldridge No matters arising	
5	Chair's Report - Martin Aldridge Last meeting was in April a lot has happened included. The paddlers ambassadors have been announced. Names can be found on the BC Website It was reported that local 'She Paddles Ambassador' Shilpa Rasaiah from Soar Boating Club is already doing a super job and is encouraging local people on to the water. RDT Chairs have been discussing a white paper about the future of RDTs and Voluntary Committees and the core Committee have been discussing an initial response. It is expected depending on how BC respond to the responses it will go out for wider consultation to Committees and then the Region. Updates will be given as and when more information becomes available. The document is available to share if anyone wants more information just get in touch with MA. Due to it being an initial paper and things may change it may be better to wait for the next draft.	
6	Correspondence – Katrina Smith The Wildlife Trust report on Broadways Meadow was circulated with the last set of minutes. John Stoner had emailed with his apologies and also wanted to report about East Midlands Paddlers having won 2 silver medals in the European Junior Wild Water racing in Slovenia last month. Kerry Christie came second in the Women's K1 & Kerry & Emma Christie in the C2 which was a great achievement.	
7	Treasurer's Report - Dan Lloyd £4150 in the bank account and £4991 in BC held account. BC have paid us a Grant but not sure how much as haven't been informed. The rent for Broadways Meadow is going out regularly each month. We are in a good place for doing some more work to Broadways Meadow. Chris Nightingale has asked about terms of the Lease and was forwarded onto AO who sent him a copy expressing his surprise that he hadn't spoken to Ben Seal who holds the lease. Financially we are sound there is still some money in the PayPal account AO advised there was £709.71 No expenses owed. Grant can be applied for any time after November 1 st . Need to look at what we are going to do with the bursaries. MA suggested this could be discussed further outside the meeting. Need to talk about it at the ACM. Action: MA will schedule a meeting for the committee in-between the ACM	Martin Aldridge

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8	<p>RCR Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>Nothing happening at the moment but courses & Assessments have started running again.</p> <p>Bursary on-line core coaching has started but no other bursary courses have been announced yet. Lincoln has an issue that they do not have anyone who is able to assess racing coaching. Tim Scott at Norwich is probably the nearest racing Assessor.</p> <p>There will be an annual application process to become a provider for courses.</p> <p>If there is anyone in the region who is interested in progressing to become a provider, we should encourage anyone who is interested to apply.</p>	
9	<p>COMMS Report – Claire Lambert</p> <p>Tried to keep up and share stuff that's going on. Doing something with Beth Kirby to do an interview and talk to people about white water SUP. Beth is a white-water SUP Coach at Nottingham.</p> <p>There is currently a lot of talk of invasive species taking over the water ways.</p> <p>Schedule a Tuesday winter evening on this. CRT & the Environment agency have been doing a lot of work on dealing with the problem. We need to promote about being aware and cleaning kit and boat. Shaun Monkman was going to talk about putting notices up and about check clean.</p> <p>Perhaps signs need putting up at get on access points, reeds and pennywort are a bit</p> <p>Chantelle at BC is the best person to contact at BC for getting some signage. Graham will also check with the parish council that's its ok. Dan Lloyd.</p>	
10	<p>BC Report – Russell Smith</p> <p>Action: KS to contact Russell Smith with all the meeting dates going forward</p>	K Smith
11	<p>RWA Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>IWA Branch Officer Robert Aspey for canal boat side of things contacted AO about the visitor moorings at Ferry Boat Inn Stoke Bardolph and are looking for someone to take on the lease for a peppercorn rent of a £1 a year rather £1500 if public liability could be added to the BC Insurance policy. BC were approached to see if they would be interested in taking this on. Despite being advised there would be no additional cost to add to the insurance Chris Nightingale is not convinced that it is worth taking on without knowing it would be of interest to Paddlers and that is has the support of the EMRDT. It was noted that Chris or BC had not been in contact to ask about this location. AO is only aware of this because Robert Aspey contacted him to let him know. During the meeting AO forwarded the details from the IWA</p> <p>Action: Respond to Chris Nightingale</p> <p>The location is Stoke Bardolph (East of Nottingham) just further up from HPP</p> <p>Need to go back to Chris Nightingale / BC to let them know that we are interested in supporting it and that we would be devastated if this opportunity was lost. It was suggested we should try and gather some information about the regular usage by Paddlers and maybe get them to get in touch with BC. AO also advised that it is used for D of E trips and assessments.</p> <p>Claire suggested adding a survey monkey. AO suggested putting a laminated sign on the slip way asking people to contact Chris at BC to confirm it is being regularly used by Paddlers.</p> <p>It was commented that this is a good example of the lack of Communication between BC and RDTs and not being given opportunities to respond or advise on local matters</p>	Martin Aldridge
12	<p>Events Planned –</p> <p>Winter Race series dates have been published starting in October.</p> <p>Nottingham Canoe Club are doing the Clifton time trial this is open to everyone and includes all different craft. Send out Events with minutes and Claire to put on Facebook.</p>	

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	<p>There are some racing events going on and Lincoln has a hassler race planned pending situation with weed on the water. Action: Put on empaddlers Facebook Page</p> <p>River side festival now known as Leicester Splash is now this weekend but Paddleplus would normally put paddling on but as it is such short notice are not likely to be able to help. Due to the lack of BC communication if anyone hears of any events to let us all know. Claire will look to see about putting link up. See if we can Russell to get BC to email the membership about water issues</p> <p>AO advised he will set up the Winter Calendar</p> <p>We should try and do an invasive species evening as stated earlier in the meeting.</p>	Claire Lambert
13	<p>Touring, Tours Planned – Song of the Paddle did some paddling at Cardington water in Bedford. Organised through a local kayaking Club with 30/40 people participating. Nothing more to report.</p>	
14	<p>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper not present & nothing to report. Nothing to report</p>	
15	<p>Safeguarding – No issues to raise</p>	
16	<p>The Field – Andy Oughton</p> <p>The field is going really well.</p> <p>Last weekend the first fishing competition used the field (9 vehicles). Guy from the shop at Mountsorrel made contact and sent a list of dates. They have sent a list of dates which Andy has put on the calendar. There have been a few camping parties use the field. There are 163 Friends of Broadways Meadow. Steve Mountford has been cutting the grass and letting Andy know about cars on site.</p> <p>Jon Simpson advised the gate was open at the weekend but AO does not think it was the Anglers but AO will change the number again as there were some cars there that were not recognised.</p> <p>A quote has been obtained to get water connected. Will get a mini digger to prepare the trench to the hedge. Need to sort soon as quote is only valid for 6 months and they gave us a really good discount. We need BC to sign off on taking the water lease to pay the bill. Still waiting for a meeting with Chris Nightingale.</p>	
17	<p>A.O.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire pit suggested for the field. Campers have used off the ground fire pits so far. Could choose to pick a spot to put a permanent fire pit. Possibly a raised fire pit. A volunteer Sunday was held and there were quite few who turned up and quite a bit of work was done. The notice went out with a gate number change. • 26 days a year and we are nowhere near that number of days yet. The restriction was doubled this year due to COVID. • A training weekend was held which was successful and really good 100 miler. • Graeme has reported a dangerous tree near the railway at Bishop meadows. It was reported to Environment Agency, they advised its CRT but they said it was the local Council's responsibility but the Council said it was CRT! Incident report was raised and logged with BC. Ben Seal was then involved and he was raising it with CRT. Some branches have been cut but it is still a potential danger if there is a storm and it falls as it will block the river. It is thought that Charnwood Borough Council are responsible for Bishop Meadows. <p>We could put a note on paddle points and also put a warning out on the Facebook Bishop meadows but as it's over the river deciding who is responsible is difficult.</p>	
18	<p>Date of Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 23rd 2021 ACM & RDT Meeting (on-line) <p style="text-align: right;">Further dates on the next page.....</p>	

	<p>Dates of 2022 Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 18th 2022 (on-line)• Apr 5th 2022 (on-line)• Jun 25th - 26th 2022 at Broadways Meadow TBC• Oct 11th 2022 ACM <p>Meeting Closed 9pm</p>	
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