

	<p>Present Martin Aldridge – Chair Andy Oughton – Vice chair Katrina Smith – Secretary Daniel Lloyd – Treasurer Richard Stacey-Chapman – BC Events Officer Kirston Elton, Neil Smith, Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Paul Pattinson, Shaun Monkman, Andy Seager, Paul Morgan, Andy Steel, Nikki Aldridge, Graeme Young, Kevin Lash, John Stoner, Jon Simpson</p>	<p>Actions</p>
1	<p>Welcome Martin Aldridge welcomed & thanked everyone for joining the meeting</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Claire Lambert, Russell Smith, Andy Pagett</p>	
3	<p>Election of Officers Positions due for re-election are the Chair & Secretary. The positions are served for two years. Martin Aldridge and Katrina Smith have agreed to continue in the positions. It was asked if there were any nominations. None were put forward. In the absence of any other Candidates and objections Martin and Katrina were re-elected. Andy Oughton thanked both for stepping up and taking on the roles. Martin Aldridge advised that having communicated with the rest of the Committee they had all agreed to continue their current roles. 2021 will be a busy year and current vacant regional roles are: Regional Safety Advisor Regional Events, Trails, and Tours Coordinator Regional Volunteer Support and Recognition Regional Disputes and Legal If anyone is interested in getting involved generally or in any of the vacant roles, please do get in touch.</p>	
4	<p>Chairs Report – Martin Aldridge Prior to COVID-19 there had been quite a lot of activity with Tuesday evening sessions. Different trails – some still open for signing off. During early COVID-19 months there were regular specific COVID meetings. After those as expected there was little practical activity. The main achievement thanks to work by Andy Oughton & Dan Lloyd we successfully negotiated a new lease for the Barrow Field which has now been named Broadway’s Meadow in recognition of Colin Broadway’s years of work & dedication to the Region and Paddle sport. More detail in the meeting agenda to follow. Dan Lloyd was quick to point out that Andy Oughton had done all the work in securing the Field Lease. The website is up and running although had stalled a little during lockdown. Social media is also going really well. Next year will be busy with the RDT and BC looking at the role & purpose of the Committee. Martin expressed his appreciation of everyone’s work & input on the Committee.</p>	

5	Treasurers Report – Daniel Lloyd Finances were presented (see attached). The yearly grant was applied for albeit last minute and if granted will be the only income this year. This will give us the capability to pay for the field this year. We can also carry on with offering to pay Coaching bursaries. Some money could also be used for development in the Regional Development Plan	
6	AOB No AOB	
	Close of Meeting	
	General Meeting	
1	Minutes of previous Meeting Approved as presented	
2	Matters Arising Two more trophies had been purchased for this year & next. Action: Send receipts to Dan Lloyd When conditions allow do presentations Full Press Launch of the field when ready. Action: Remove MBE action from the outstanding actions. Survey still in progress and will take place next year.	Andy Oughton Katrina Smith
3	Correspondence – Katrina Smith No correspondence to report other than emailing out request for three Paddle Points moderators. Paul Pattinson has signed up. Shaun Monkman advised that the Safety course had gone ahead via webinar but did advise that it was likely that it would be run again.	
4	RCR Report – Andy Oughton This Wednesday there is a Coaching & Leadership network meeting. BC membership has doubled during COVID. It is already a struggle to represent the existing Club Members & uniformed organisations. We need to look at how best to represent paddlers and organised groups, we need information to flow up the BC organisation and not just down. There is not enough networking going on. The aim a few years ago was to get Coaches closer to the Regional Teams. With the launch of Paddles Up the plan is to use the forums to get more feedback from Members to those who make decisions in British Canoeing. The Barrow Race for November is cancelled. December will go ahead unless lockdown changes. January 16 th is the next one after that. This year's Volunteer awards are happening digitally. We should encourage people to get voting. We need to get people involved in the Club Webinars. The webinars are related to the consultation survey that took place last year. Clubs need to get someone to sit in. The webinars are free but do need to be booked. Websites- British canoeing recognised that the website can be difficult to navigate and to find information, so it was explained how BC are organising their website presence –	

	<p>Go Paddling – Is for newbies with initial information and includes Paddle Points. Also included is information on Start and Discover Awards. This website is run by the BC participation department.</p> <p>britishcanoeing.org.uk & britishcanoeingawarding.org.uk – Are the standard websites for England.</p> <p>Paddlesuptraining.com – This is the English website to progress Leadership and Coaching plus resources. There were criticisms when this was launched regarding the language used as it seemed more targeted to Professionals and not inclusive of the Volunteer sector and sounds more commercial orientated. Andy had fed this back to BC.</p> <p>clubhouse.britishcanoeing.org.uk – This is the next website to be launched and will be for Clubs and volunteers. It is thought that having separate websites means it will be easier to find information specific to a Paddler’s requirements. The rationale is that when entering key words into a search Engine, it will produce specific results quicker to the Paddler.</p> <p>Ian Scott advised that Clubhouse had been released today. The branding and look have been based on Market Research. Richard Stacey-Chapman advised that the information on these were being communicated via newsletters and social media. It was advised that members were receiving many varieties of different newsletters.</p> <p>It was reported that all the orientations had taken place in preparation for launching the Leadership Awards.</p>	
5	<p>RWA Report – Kirston Elton</p> <p>Kirst reported that he had been helping BC regarding issues at Newark weir and loop. There had been reports of threats and signs that should not be there.</p> <p>Clubs will be asked for volunteers to report discharges and outlets but we need to understand what’s required first. It has been fairly quiet but have been pushing the requirement for a licence to the paddling community.</p> <p>Andy Oughton further added that there is confusion over who manages the Newark weir, and it is currently with the CRT Solicitors to investigate. British Canoeing are also involved,</p> <p>Anyone can do the discharge and outlet investigation and training will be provided. Andy already has some volunteers and is liaising.</p> <p>Action: John Simpson asked for the details.</p> <p>Coates Mill barbed wire and Twyford access are still ongoing items.</p> <p>Andy had a meeting with CRT about Birstall lock regarding being able to get long racing boats in & out. Now looking at another method.</p> <p>During the report Kirsten Elton privately messaged Martin Aldridge to resign from the position of Regional Waterways Advisor.</p> <p>Action: Discuss at the next meeting / Add to next Agenda</p>	<p>Andy Oughton / Kirston Elton to forward details.</p> <p>Katrina Smith</p>
6	<p>Events Planned –</p> <p>No events currently planned.</p> <p>Some events have taken place with the support and advice from British Canoeing but it was advised that is challenging.</p>	

	<p>One to one Coaching is allowed plus one bubble to one Coach but it was felt that this needs further clarification.</p> <p>It was thought there was no reason not to create a list of topics for planning of Winter Tuesday training sessions so that we would be in a good position to host if restrictions did allow.</p> <p>There was a white-water racing event held in October at Iron Bridge and Paddlers from three different East Midland Clubs were selected for the 2020 Junior & U23 Wild Water European Championships due to be held in Slovenia. The Paddlers selected were Emma Christie and Kerry Christie from Breakout Canoe unit, James Russell, Lucy Guest, Esme Durrant & Francis Huntingford from Notts Kayak Club and Cameron Bannatyne from Soar Valley Canoe Club.</p> <p>Action: Get in touch to put a good news story on the Facebook page</p> <p>The Slalom ACM is coming up with more discussion as to whether the Competitions will go ahead.</p> <p>Richard Stacey-Chapman advised there was guidance on the BC website for organising events and the necessary planning documents but did say information is changing all the time. Richard supports larger events and Organisations that want to put something on. It is very challenging but smaller events are easier to organise.</p> <p>2021 Freestyle World Champs is planned to take place in July at HPP and it is desired to hold a festival of paddle sport and activities. Richard and BC are still trying to work towards achieving that and want to have a mass paddle on the Trent. It is planned to look at it in more detail in the New Year. There will be volunteer opportunities, and this will be from a Nationwide pool not just East Midlands region.</p>	Andy Steel
7	<p>Touring, Tours Planned – Nothing planned at this time due to restrictions</p>	
8	<p>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper Rep not present, nothing known to report</p>	
9	<p>Safeguarding – ALL Nothing to report. It was asked about what the current status is with regards to safeguarding training strategy.</p> <p>Action: Find out an update from BC</p>	Richard Stacy-Chapman
10	<p>The Field (Broadway's Meadow) – Andy Oughton The field contract has been signed and exchanged. We are grateful to BC for doing this and they have also paid the legal fees. A planned working party is on hold due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. Andy is trying to get CRT to put in a water standpipe near the bridge. Kirst advised it may be wise to check if a permit is required for any work carried out due to it being a flood field. Three new padlocks will be purchased. Environment Agency will mow the grass provided they can get access. There will be a calendar to schedule events.</p>	

	<p>Action: If anyone has any dates, they want for 2021 please contact Andy Oughton to make a provisional booking</p> <p>It is hoped the December Barrow race (pending restrictions) might use the field. There is a D of E camp booked for March.</p> <p><u>Field Fees</u> £15 year plus £10 key deposit (Friends of Broadway's Meadow) £2 per car £3 pppn for camping Commercial Use TBC John Simpson offered to help where required.</p> <p>Action: Arrange changeover of locks & working party</p> <p>It is planned to try and do an Official opening after a bit of work has been done & locks & signs have been put in place.</p>	<p>Anyone who wants to book the field.</p> <p>Andy Oughton</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>A.O.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA proposed to have some new agenda items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comms – Website training is still on hold. ○ BC – Most of the Staff are now working from home and reception Staff on furlough due to the Office being closed. MA will be notified if anything further changes. • Meetings – 4 meetings TBA will continue with google hangout even after COVID, days to avoid Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. It was agreed to use Tuesdays where possible and continue to have a 7.30pm start. Action: Set 2021 dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is planned to have 2 meet ups. Summertime BBQ, Winter ACM on Sat & book Pub, it is hoped these can be combined with paddling & making use of Broadways Meadow. • Kirston Elton advised a new SUP Club is being set up by Glyn Smith & himself in Derbs/Notts area. The Club is called Abbey SUP & will cover touring, racing white water, Demark Viking 24. Pool sessions will be at Matlock. Contact & email is Kirston Elton club@abbeysup.co.uk <p>Action: Details to be added to the regional page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC has launched a Clubhouse website for Clubs. It has restricted access. An email is being sent out to Club Admins to allow them to gain access. Ideally this will be accessed by the Club Secretary or Club Chair. Resources are still being loaded up. RDT may be able to get access. 	<p>M. Aldridge</p> <p>A. Oughton</p>
	<p>2021 Meeting Dates vis Google Hangout TBA Meeting End 21.30</p>	