

East Midlands Regional Development Team

Meeting Minutes



Meeting held on 10th November 2018, 19:06 start

In attendance:-

Colin Broadway (CB), Dawn Scott (DS), Ian Scott (IS), Daniel Lloyd (DL), Kirston Elton (KE), Andy Oughton (AO), John Stoner (JS), Martin Aldridge (MA), Meg Edmonds (ME), Alex Allen (AA), John Moor (JM), Duncan Jack (DJ), Andy Seager (AS), Andy Pagett (AP)

Apologies:- Drew Cartwright, Paddleplus, Nicky

Apologies were received from those not in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

There were no matters arising.

Annual Consultative Meeting (ACM)

The Annual Consultative Meeting was opened by the Chair.

Item 1a Terms of Reference were added.

KE apologised for not circulating the agenda of the ACM.

The ACM voted on whether to accept the Terms of Reference for the East Midlands RDT. Proposed by AO, seconded by DS. Adopted with no objections.

Election of Committee posts heard that CB had previously said he would stand down as the Chair and propose AO to take his place. Due to ECMC coaching role changes, the RDT and coaching reps will work as one unit. This means the RCR cannot be Chair as well. AO stated this makes sense. AO therefore cannot hold both roles as he is RCR. CB offered to remain as Chair. No other nominations were received. CB was not opposed to remain as Chair.

CB proposed Dan Lloyd as Treasurer. DS seconded. DL elected unopposed.

Other positions were discussed. Communications Officer will liaise with BC on the website content. AO said Steve Newton had expressed an interest in an unofficial capacity. AO said the format is fairly flexible. JS may also be interested but cannot commit at this time. RDT will be in touch with JS regarding this. Steve Lines lives in Cambridge and therefore is out of the Region.

CB said that the list of appointments doesn't agree with the Terms of Reference.

Events co-ordinator and Water Advisor (old Access Officer). The latter will liaise with other groups and provide information on waterways.

Paddleability – Drew Cartwright.

KE offered to carry out the position of Water Advisor given having been an angler and working with BC on TTTV project.

Events Co-ordinator and Safety could be a single role or two people working together CB suggested. RDT can put a call out for names.

Treasurers Report

DL said he had failed to apply for the BC grant so this is not in current figures. DL apologised to the RDT. Bursaries have been included in the final figures.

There was a discussion on the location of the two RDT Ergo machines. One is known to be at Midland Canoe Club and one is with John Stoner. Midlands will raise this with Ben Seal. A third Ergo is at Northampton. The club Secretary will contact them to ask about this.

DS proposed and JS seconded the adoption of the Treasurers accounts.

The ACM was closed at 19:30

The RDT meeting then commenced.

JS commented that on the previous minutes it was stated that no-one from the East Midlands had attended the recent Slalom event. This actually was incorrect and should have read that no-one from HPP had attended.

Matters Arising

Correspondence from the previous meeting regarding bursaries. AO's advice was sought after recent changes in the coaching scheme. The Paddlesport Instructure scheme changes in January 2019. This has changed from 4 days to 2 days and a ration of 12:2 or 1:6. These changes have been due to feedback from holders of the old L1 qualification as well as deployers who want to put people on the water for their 1st paddling experience in a safe environment. The coaching content has been removed from the Paddlesport Instructor course. CB asked who the course is aimed at. AO said it is aimed at centres and clubs wanting to put people in the water for the first time. DS said that the age limit has dropped to 14 years old. AO said the course is more accessible and assessed on one craft. KE asked if they would need to do the course again for another craft. AO said no and it is up to the deployer. L1s will be trained and deployed by the clubs who will decide how much extra training they will need around the 2 day content. The remit is "very sheltered" water such as canals with hard edges and easy access. DS said the new Paddlesport Instructure is a building block award that can be added to with additional units including first aid. AO confirmed this is how it's been sold. The only pre-requisite is FSRT. The course now has 2 sessions of safety. Second session is a "mop-up" of remaining rescues and safety skills.

AO still sees the value of keeping the existing 4 day course as well as the new course. DS and IS said the extra 2 days could be a bolt on.

CB asked the approximate cost. AO said it should be 2 days cost rather than 4 days. The £20 BC payment will remain the same. CB asked if RDT will need to subsidise this and whether RDT can afford to. There may be a large takeup of the course and the question on whether RDC can afford

this was asked. The general feeling was that RDT should subsidise this course but FSRT shouldn't be subsidised.

There was a feeling that Personal Performance awards should not be subsidised as they are personal awards. AO said Paddlesport Leader is relevant to Sheltered Water awards and various multicraft, he felt there was an argument for RDT to subsidise the assessment. AO would like to link post assessment work for the Region before subsidy is paid. This might be through a logbook of regional events or work. MA said regional events are difficult given admin burden and other issues. AO said it has been done in Eastern Region. CB asked if Paddlesport Leader should be club or Region.

ME asked if trips would need to be RRDT backing as there are often difficulties getting people to attend. CB said if support Leaders at clubs then club makes a commitment and open up trips to the Region.

It was agreed to support the Assessment only. This was also the same for Moderate Water Assessment and not the training. For coaching, the Core and discipline modules as well as the assessment should be subsidised.

AO went through the aspects of the new coaching awards with 18 various "types" with 5 awards for moderate or advanced level and others for competition. Canoe has been split. AO said sea coach is currently the most popular. The gaps between areas such as discipline specific and assessment need to be filled. There are very few in the Region who could mentor people through these. AO and others believed that mentoring should be offered/provided. CB asked if the region could subsidise some mentoring weekends. AO said a weekend for aspirant coaches could be done. This would provide pyramid learning. CB proposed that AO put together a mentoring weekend proposal. KE asked if clubs would contribute to this? CB said this would need to be confirmed. ME said Midland could support with a venue. KE expressed some frustration at a lack of response to requests for provider training/observing. Only a couple of replies were received and were generally no. AO will put a winter programme together.

Correspondence

CB had a message from Phil Scocroft that the region had put no nominations forward for the BC awards.

The Chair has the Regional Report to write.

Competitions and Events

The first Barrow Race went ahead and the second did too but the pub was closed. Permission has been given to use the car park.

Discussion on the use of the gazebo held by the Region.

The future of the Boat House is unknown. The next race is mid-December. CB is happy to negotiate with the pub owners for the use of the car park. The field on the other side of the river is under CB's control still. AO asked if the RDT should obtain this field at the cost of £20 a month currently paid. The Barrow Race could then pay this when in use for the event. It could be used by paddlers for the rest of the time. Decision was deferred for 3 months until the fate of the pub is decided.

Boater Cross is going ahead at HPP. HPPCC rafting section is now running and competing. CB asked for RDT to be kept informed on this.

AO said that C&RT met with BC. KE asked about Hazelford Weir canoe pass. AO said its part of the Yorkshire region for C&RT so it will be raised with that Region. AO has noticed that signs for the Soar Tour are in place which is a success. The height of the Loughborough Lock has been raised with AO. This is not straightforward.

The Waterways Charter was launched at Parliament recently. KE asked what legal standing the signs at Willington hold. AO said to ignore them.

CB asked about the Facebook page for the RDT. AO said it's still with EM Paddlers. EMPaddlers.org will be removed from all headers. AO – ECMC meeting went ahead. East and West Midlands good practice was encouraged to be adopted by others.

There is an ACR vacancy in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northampton. A person can now be appointed

to carry out a task and at a regional level. AO asked about a template for the RCR role. AO proposed that the current team is retained.

AOB

CB – English Forum – BC structure was explained along with the Committees etc. A new committee has been formed and will meet once a year. No further information is available. RDT will be kept up to date on developments with this. AO noted the opportunity for volunteers to get to the Board level.

Safeguarding

Nothing was raised relating to safeguarding.

Next Meeting

14th January 2019

8th April 2019

17th June 2019

16th September 2019

11th November 2019 (including the ACM).

Meeting closed at 21:10.