

East Midlands Regional Development Team

Meeting Minutes

Officers meeting held on 11th February 2019, 19:30 start

In attendance:-

Colin Broadway (CB), Kirston Elton (KE), Andy Oughton (AO), Laura Sutherland (LS), Daniel Lloyd (DL)

Actions

Apologies:- None

The meeting was shown maps from Leicestershire Orienteering that might be useful for map reading and exercises. Could this be done at HPP for Paddle in the Park? CB is in discussion with Howard Blackman of British Orienteering, to run our Navigation for Paddlers workshops. CB will ask about Paddle in Park.

Action: CB talking to British Orienteering

Terms of Reference were circulated. Slight rewording was discussed, and amendments made which were to be highlighted and taken to the next RDT for approval.

DL asked if the Committee was anyone who turned up to meetings? It was agreed that this was covered in our Terms of Reference including Voting Rights.

Meetings will remain at 4 times a year plus the ACM.

KE asked about the threat of winding up of RDT by those with financial gain and/or maliciously for asset distribution. CB stated that the Terms of Reference says British Canoeing's Board will appoint a new Committee to oversee any winding up.

KE – can we advertise on “spotted” Facebook groups to increase awareness in non-paddlers. Yes

CB – Mail Chimp could be used to target coaches, clubs and other groups to mail out specific information, newsletters and requests for assistance at events. To be developed through BC's web site

Configure Mail Chip to work with regional website

CB pointed out there was only a very small list of course providers who had signed up on BC's website advising that they were available to run courses in the Region. We should encourage coaches who were willing to work outside of their club to add their names to the list.

The coaching resource in the Region should be identified as to who can help coaching and clubs in East Midlands Region.

KE asked if we should stipulate a coach/leader goes on the Regional list if they've had a Regional bursary. It was agreed we should encourage coaches to sign up.

Encourage coaches and leaders to sign up to provider directory

CB suggested that clubs should sign up to their County Sports Partnership Teams which offered both courses (modules) and funding sources.

There was a discussion about professional coaches that are full and part time and whether bursary applications from these are appropriate. Additionally, there was a discussion on how much volunteering would constitute “significant” levels.

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CB suggested money should instead be put to provider cost rather than paddler candidate bursaries.

Development weekends were discussed and whether these should have a charge for attendance. There was general agreement that they should. The discussion agreed that 23/24th March would be suitable dates. The budget and plan would see a £15 paddler charge for these events. The venue has yet to be confirmed. Clubs in the East of the Region were discussed and it was confirmed that these were not being left out or forgotten. We need to identify who would be interested in attending Development weekends prior to working out venues.

RDT will underwrite these development weekends by £200 per weekend.

CB said there are a few potential coaches out there who aren't affiliated to RDT clubs. AO asked who these people are volunteering for? They would need to identify who if asking for a bursary.

Additional grant application funds were discussed next. We need to cost out our development plan first and demonstrate if there is a shortfall.

Funding for Coaching Matters was discussed. The Cumbrian model was discussed and there was agreement that it looked promising. There was agreement that there as demand for these types of event. The Region should underwrite such events, and profits placed in Regional funds.

The sale of surplus paddler equipment was then discussed relating to the EMRDT website. Some aspects need to be looked into, but there is nothing to stop this in the future at a coaching matters event. We need to look at charge per item or for space to sell, payment for which to go to RDT.

CB raised the issue of Scouts and DofE representation at RDT. Now the Scout and BC awards are compatible this was seen as desirable. AO said there was interest from Leicestershire Scouts. There was a discussion on who best to include for this. Andy Brown was discussed due to his links to Scouts. It was agreed that all uniformed organisations should have access to the RDT.

LS suggested that RDT meetings could be opened to Uniformed Groups. Coaching matters was also included in this. This would enable coaches and representatives of these groups to gain coaching updates and CPD updates. This was agreed.

KE asked whether other groups such as Camping & Caravanning Canoe Club could be included. John Simpson of Song of the Paddle was also suggested. He will be invited to represent S of the P at future RDT meetings.

KE asked if OCA could put regional events on for RDT so there was no cost. It was agreed that if the OCA were to put on events in region to ask them to open to all BC members.

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Day membership was also discussed, and LS will send the information to all present.

RWA was discussed and KE wants this post. There has not been much interest in the other roles. Templates for those in roles will be made available to the next RDT meeting.

Role templates
available at next
RDT meeting

Meeting closed at 21:30.