

| | Present Martin Aldridge (MA) – Chair Katrina Smith (KS) – Secretary Daniel Lloyd (DL) – Treasurer Claire Lambert (CL) - Communications Andy Steel (AS) - Communications Chris Earle (CE) - (BC Head of Recreational paddling) Graeme Young, Jon Simpson, Andy Seager, Colin Broadway, Dawn Scott Ian Scott | Actions |
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| 1 | Welcome MA welcomed & thanked everyone for joining the meeting & apologised for the late invite. | |
| 2 | Apologies Andy Oughton, John Stoner, Kev Lack, Russell Smith, Brian Wardell, Paul Pattinson, Alan Perkins, Neil Smith. Dan Lloyd advised that he will be joining the meeting as soon as he could. | |
| 3 | Election of Officers Election of Vice Chair and Finance, Andy Oughton & Dan Lloyd. As they have not advised otherwise MA advised that the assumption should be made that they are willing to re-stand. MA asked if there were any other interested contenders as there was no response or offers MA stated that AO & DL were therefore re appointed and thanked them for their continued support and work. MA advised a lot of the other roles remain empty and that we need to have a big drive to do some recruiting in the coming year. MA advised that he no longer lives in the region and therefore we really need to bring some fresh enthusiasm and life into the Committee to take & support the membership base for the next 4 years. We plan to launch a big drive to try and gain some more volunteers next year. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone, please let us know. The more we have the easier it is for everyone. MA asked if anyone at the meeting was interested, some roles mentioned were: Regional Waterways Adviser Regional Safety Advisor Regional Events, Trails & Tours Coordinator Volunteer Support and Recognition Coordinator Disputes & Legal. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone, please contact MA to discuss. | |
| 4 | Chairs Report – Martin Aldridge Been a quiet year but Broadway’s Meadow is going from strength to strength with Andy Oughton having done lots of work on this. MA advised Andy’s work has been phenomenal around this. Dan Lloyd’s work has also increased in this area supporting the financial side of things. The RDT also look to see what other improvements can be made to the site such as water. Continuing on this theme other areas continue to be looked at where access can be secured on a more long-term basis. Stoke Bardolph in Nottinghamshire has been identified as a site of interest. Some work has been done to identify this site as of being significant interest to Paddlers to British Canoeing. Another area looked at this year is the role of RDTs. This has been a back ground activity which has had some ongoing discussion with all the other RDT Chairs and | |

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| | <p>British Canoeing. The core Committee (the four elected positions MA, KS, AO & DL) have had discussions about the Volunteer Committees and their roles but nothing has yet been proposed by BC hence why it is has not been discussed any further at this point. We are still trying to find out where the Volunteer network is going to be supported going forward. The English Forum should have some more information in and the draft minutes just came out today. As soon as they are available, we will circulate them. In the English forum everyone was in agreement that it was too quick to make an immediate decision and therefore things are staying as they are until further discussions have taken place where a strategy can then be put in place on how to support Volunteers going forward. Once there is more consensus and a strategy then more discussions will take place within the RDT meetings and with the Membership base.</p> <p>Races and Events were starting up and slowly ramping up and hopefully next year we will be in a much better position where things will be more 'normal' and more activities taking place and growing.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Treasurers Report – Daniel Lloyd</p> <p>Broadway's Meadow has done remarkably well and has taken £3600 which has more than covered the running costs and will allow us to invest in more improvements. The accounts are looking very healthy, there is not a lot of other income or expenditure this year other than some signage and locks. Nothing has changed with respect to the training grants due to BC activity of some central funding for training.</p> <p>If we manage to get a tap that will pretty much take up all the field income from this year.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>AOB</p> <p>It was asked if there are some role descriptions so that they can be circulated outside the meeting. MA advised that these should be in the terms of reference and they would be circulated. Action: Circulate role descriptions</p> | Katrina Smith |
| | Close of ACM Meeting 19.48 | |
| | General Meeting | |
| 1 | <p>Minutes of previous Meeting</p> <p>No feed-back has been received from Ben Seal on Tree issue on Bishop Meadows. MA suggested sending another email to chase up & to cc MA, CE & Chris Earle said to also copy in Chris Nightingale</p> <p>Action: Send Email</p> <p>Minutes accepted as presented into record.</p> | G. Young / M.Aldridge |
| 2 | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Correspondence – Katrina Smith</p> <p>Nothing received apart from meeting apologies and draft English forum Minutes from MA</p> | |
| 4 | <p>RCR Report – Andy Oughton</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> | |
| 5 | <p>RWA Report –</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> | |
| 6 | <p>Events Planned –</p> <p>Barrow series info was emailed out by KS. Nothing else reported.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Touring, Tours Planned –</p> <p>None at the moment</p> | |

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| 8 | <p>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper No apologies received from Woody. MA asked if anyone has seen him. DS advised he is still very engaged with NKC and rafting and pool sessions with HPPC. Action: MA to get in touch.</p> | Martin Aldridge |
| 9 | <p>Safeguarding – ALL No issues reported</p> | |
| 10 | <p>The Field (Broadway's Meadow) – DL has some signs for Check-Clean-Dry 1 for Broadway's Meadow 1 for Zouch 1 for Normanton 1 potentially for Ferry Inn or Mountsorrel direction. The Gate at Normanton has been closed due to problems with parking cars causing blockages. It is possible to contact the Parish Council to explain & for them to open it is a bit of a problem of its own success. Technically it is a public slipway which is why the Council will open it but as it is still accessible by walking round the gate. Due to it being such a narrow area (between pub & a house) signage would probably not help. Its unlikely parking will be allowed going forward but it is under discussion by the council. DL had asked about putting a Check-clean-Dry sign on the gate but this was declined as the Council were going to put a sign on the gate. It is possible to park further along on the road. MA advised that the agenda title will be changed for this section to include other access areas. No one has heard any more about the Ferry Inn access ground. CE advised he had seen the report but thought that would have been circulated by now. The committee did send in a strong email with information about usage. Jon Simpson and a friend did offer to take up the rent between them but did not get any response. Martin apologised for not responding but did advise that this looked like it was in hand. CE advised the process for taking on a lease whether for a peppercorn rent or a million pounds is that a report has to be prepared stating the strengths and weaknesses together with a recommendation which then has to be reviewed and agreed by the Board. MA quickly checked an email and confirmed that Chris Nightingale has done a report recommending it be taken over by BC and that report was due to go before the Board at their next meeting which is in December. However, MA was not aware of the report content. Action: Ensure MA gets a copy of the report JS asked about the status of the water pipe quote as he knew there was a 6 month time limit on the quote. The current status was not known except that some paperwork would need signing for the water bill. CE thought this should not be problem and that we would just need to submit the paperwork to BC and it could be signed straight away. KS advised that Andy had mentioned in conversation that he was going to organise the digger to dig the channel to the fence ready. Action: CE would check with the Office tomorrow. Action: KS to talk to Andy to get some updates to include a post meeting note. Colin Broadway advised its possible for some Organisations to negotiate cheaper water rates as he has done this in the past. Jon Simpson suggested bringing the gate in a few meters to allow bigger vehicles to pull off the road whilst the gate is unlocked/locked.</p> | <p>Chris Earle</p> <p>Chris Earle Katrina Smith</p> |

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| | <p>Jon Simpson had given Jamie Christie the combination no for the Barrow Races as the field had been used and people kept getting locked in. Action: Discuss with Andy about changing the number lock. POST MEETING NOTES: Work on the provision of water in Broadway’s Meadow has started and AO has a meeting with Severn Trent Water on Mon 13th Dec to sign off the work that has been done and then the hole can be backfilled then we will just need to wait for ST to come and make the final connection. The number lock for the gate will also be changed on this date. AO has had sight of Chris Nightingale’s report regarding Ferry Inn and did email him back with some comments & corrections but was generally disappointed as he felt it was a little negative and that the risks & responsibilities of taking on the lease were over emphasised. AO disagreed with the premise in the report that if we do not take-up the offer of a peppercorn rent, we will still have the same access to the site. If the anglers took it on, they would be less than willing to share in the same way that happens at Foy on the Wye where they stop boats landing even if they are trying to effect rescues. AO also added that he was also interested to read in the report a reference to a management group to be set up to manage Broadway’s Meadow site. AO pointed out that he or the RDT had not seen or been made aware of any proposals to do this and as a team are happy with the existing arrangements. The only addition had been to discuss alternate payment arrangements via the BC portal.</p> | <p>Martin Aldridge</p> |
| <p>11</p> | <p>COMMS – Claire Lambert KS apologised for missing Comms off the agenda. Comms – There were a lot of local Facebook groups commenting at the end of Sept/Oct regarding weed problems. The weed was being flushed from the Foss Dyke canal into the Trent causing issues and also from the Foss Dyke to the Witham causing problems all across Lincolnshire. CRT are going to look at the problem in the whole catchment of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire with regard to how the weed can be controlled but this is now likely to be next year now as it has died back. CL had discussed with Ben to see if an incident report button could be put on the website. CL thinks we should collect any reported data for the region so we can ensure it is fed back to BC and the CRT. Anywhere that is having weed issue could be reported to BC so data can be collated and shared with CRT. If anyone sees weed issues can they email CL or AO so that it can be logged. The Hassler event had to be cancelled and be moved which causes issues for the region due to another event going on. Regarding weed Richard and Chantelle (from BC) were involved with the conversations with CRT. It was suggested to create a form on the website that could be used to collate information but the issue is that AO is still the only person who has access to the regional website. Action: CE to enquire about website training availability</p> <p>2022 Meeting Dates – MA will send out online-meeting dates in the next few days Tues 18th Jan (on-line) Tues 5th Apr (on-line) Weekend Jun 25-26th 2022 at Broadways Meadow TBC</p> | <p>Chris Earle</p> |

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