

East Midlands Regional Development Team

Meeting Minutes

**ACM Minutes 11th November 2019. 7pm start
The Soar Bridge Inn, Barrow upon Soar**

The evening started with the presentation of the four regional volunteer Awards.

Present

Andy Oughton – Acting as Chair

Daniel Lloyd – Treasurer

Dawn Scott – Taking minutes

Drew Cartwright, Ian Scott, Katrina Smith, Neil Smith, Jonathan Simpson, Martin Stretton

Russell Smith (British Canoeing), John Moore, Nicki Aldridge, Martin Aldridge, Andy Seager, John Stoner, Anneka Jones, Penny Jones, Nathan McDonagh, Matt Evans, Beth Kirby, Andy Steel, Graeme Young.

Apologies

David Balazik, Robin Wright

Colin has stepped down as the Chair and Kirst has stepped down as the Secretary.

Martin has volunteered to take the position of Chair.

Andy explained the role of the secretary – there are 5 meetings per year and the role is to arrange those meetings and produce minutes from the meeting. The role is not particularly arduous and is basically around fielding correspondence from BC.

Katrina Smith seconded the nomination of Martin Aldridge as Chair.

The meeting unanimously approved this nomination and therefore Martin was duly elected.

Chairs report

The Soar Tour was completed in sections by a number of clubs and this format can be repeated in future years. This was done by clubs hosting a sectional trip.

The coaching development weekends were well supported, particularly the one at Nottingham and two more will be scheduled for 2020.

The Barrow downriver race series has started again, and it is now being hosted out of the Soar Bridge Inn.

The new landlord of 'The Moorings' is also happy to support paddlers parking and launching from the pub. Meal and drinks at the end would be appreciated.

The regional webpage has been restored and will be kept up to date.

Skype meetings have been trialled for EMRDT meetings, but we need the technology to work and for it to be reliable.

Actions

Appoint Secretary

Sort Wi-Fi link at pub
Ask Darryll about
Go-To meeting software

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Tuesday briefing sessions went very well and we are starting to prepare for these again.

Thanks were given to Colin as the long standing chair and his support over many years for the Region.

The volunteer awards will be included in the report to British Canoeing for the end of the year.

Treasurers Report.

Dan presented the accounts and the balance sheet. The majority of income is the grant from British Canoeing. Expenses included the cost of having a video made, and the coach development training. The other main expense was the cost of providing the RDT meetings and food.

General Meeting

Amendments to the minutes should show the cost of the field as £20 per month rather than £20.

Correspondence

Request from BC to complete the annual report

Treasurers report as per ACM minutes.

RCR report.

Andy has produced a draft copy of the winter paddling programme.

A volunteer has come forward to become the Regional Publicity Officer, Claire Lambert, who paddles with Lincoln Canoe Club.
Seconded by Dan and elected unanimously.

Due to this there will be the potential to have a monthly newsletter and social media will get a boost.

There is an importance to build a database of club contacts which is GDPR compliant so that we can get information out to clubs and individuals.

RWA report

Kirst has said that he wishes to continue in this role. No report was received for the meeting.

Events

Resolution race 29th December

River Idle on the 15th December – Song of the Paddle

Acknowledgement for
Colin

Andy to complete
report by 16th Dec

As above

All send additions for
programme ASAP to
publish at end Nov

Andy to organise
training and induction
for Claire

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Dawn Scott has a First Aid course on 11/12th of January £50 for 8 hours, £80 for £16 hours
Dawn Scott has a Core Coach course on 18/19th January £175 per person based out of HPP.

If any clubs are running trips that they would be happy to advertise to other clubs in the region please let Andy know and these can be advertised out.

The basis for these is that any visiting clubs should be responsible for their own paddlers and should ensure that they arrive correctly equipped.

Junior paddling proposals

Woody Snapper has been looking a way of getting more young paddlers into the sport and suggestions for youth engagement were welcomed.
An offer was made from Russ Smith on a Tuesday briefing on Youth engagement, the suggestion was to run this out of Notts Kayak Club. Accepted by the meeting and some dates to be found.

No safeguarding items were brought to the meeting.

The Field opposite 'The Moorings Pub' is rented from the farmer, Song of the Paddle have paid for the rent until the end of December.

The RDT would like to ensure that paddlers still have access to the field and would be happy to pay the £20 per month. There doesn't appear to be any liability implied in this for the RDT.

It was suggested that the gate be put back in to good repair and then secure it with a combination padlock. To then put a notice on the gate with a couple of mobile phone numbers on so that people can be given the combination.

Rental Agreement to be sent with the minutes for viewing by all members.
Need to have a way of booking the field and then some way of attracting donations for its use.
Scale of charges to be agreed at a future meeting.

AOB.

Lights and sign and Pillings weir were reported as not being particularly visible from the river. This is designed to warn boaters about the river levels on the Soar.

Russ reminded people about the club survey that has been sent out by BC.

An issue was raised regarding some barbed wire fencing that is about a mile downstream of Cotes Mill. The barbed wire is out into the river and provides a substantial hazard especially in high water levels. It has been reported to the RWA, but no reply has been received as yet.

All Notify of any inter- club Trips

Notify Woody of outcome Russ to offer some dates

Andy to agree access with farmer

Sort number lock and notice Second volunteer phone No?

Agree scale of charges

Andy will find landowner and ask for it to be removed

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Changes to Coaching awards

Performance coach award has been in review.

There are some changes coming along to that award, and this award will have some formal mentoring. This is likely to go live next June.

Paddle points – a website to help you to plan trips and report access issues has now become a part of the Go Paddling website.

RDT meetings

It was agreed that we would continue to meet at the Bridge Inn, Barrow on Soar.

Dates of next meetings

13th January

6th April

15th June

14th September

9th November includes the ACM

Meetings closed at 9.15pm

Andy to notify pub of
next years dates