

	Present Martin Aldridge – Chair Andy Oughton – Vice chair Katrina Smith – Secretary Nikki Aldridge, Kirston Elton, Woody Snapper, Andy Seager, Jon Simpson, Russell Smith (British Canoeing), Andy Steel, Ian Scott, Claire Lambert	Actions
1	Welcome & Introduction Martin Aldridge welcomed everyone and introduced himself then a round table of introductions were made	
2	Apologies Drew Cartwright, Daniel Lloyd, Paul Pattinson, Dawn Scott	
3	Minutes of previous Meeting Minutes approved	
4	Matters arising Appoint Secretary - Kat Smith has volunteered. No objections were made so was duly appointed. EMRDT Skype - A Skype request was made. This is still being pursued but a decent Wi-Fi link is required. Acknowledgement for Colin – Ways of giving recognition to Colin Broadway were discussed. Several ideas were discussed It was wondered what the MBE nomination process was. Naming an event, race or an award, Trophy or maybe a Volunteers Award. Regional Barrow Race award was also a possibility Link to a touring award, Annual mileage challenge or BLISS BC have had a good response to the Paddle Challenges where mileage sticker award can be claimed. AO is still awaiting digital to come back about training The barbed wire issue downstream of Cotes Mill has been taken up by AO and is in progress. Access to field on the opposite side to the Moorings Pub is ongoing with regard to organising a rental agreement by the Regional Development Team and sorting having the gate shut with a combination padlock and organising volunteer phone numbers and scale of charges. Jon Simpson advised rent had been covered from Sept to Dec and that he had bank account details and some contact details if needed.	AO & MA to establish with the Soar Bridge Inn WIFI availability RS to investigate via the BC Office or and ask about a named award Jon Simpson to discuss with SVCC AO awaiting a response. AO advised this is in progress.
5	Chair's Report - Martin Aldridge MA had no formal report but relayed the following notes: The BC Club Conference takes place 14th March and the aim is that the Team need to try and get as many clubs as possible to attend. R Smith advised the workshops are being pulled together. MA advised that his email had been hacked which is always a risk when details are available on line. Everyone needs to be aware and be careful not to respond to bogus requests. MA advised he would not email contact anyone with requests of that nature. AO advised BC email addresses are in flux at the moment as they have had their free allotted addresses. As a result of the Hack, AO had considered removing email	

	<p>contacts off the East Midlands page but it would make the page a bit useless. There are some BC volunteer email addresses but at the moment BC are not keen to keep handing them out. Although it was stated that the Treasurer should have one.</p> <p>There is currently a BC Winter Paddle Challenge and people can register their mileage and receive a boat sticker for achieving 30, 60 or 120 miles in Jan & Feb.</p>	
6	<p>Correspondence – Katrina Smith</p> <p>2 Bursary applications had been received from Sleas Paddlers. These were handed to AO</p> <p>Andy explained that bursaries could be applied for coaching but not Leadership and applications should be made in advance of the course</p> <p>AO had provided a cleansed contact list to KS. KS will add to it as details become available aiming to have a complete regional list .</p>	<p>AO to check policy and inform KS who will then respond to Sleas Paddlers.</p>
7	<p>Treasurer’s Report - Dan Lloyd</p> <p>Dan had sent his apologies as he was not able to attend</p>	
8	<p>RCR Report - Andy Oughton</p> <p>The first 2020 Tuesday briefing took place. The topic was about how Clubs maintain their remits for trips. It was well attended and generated much discussion. It was agreed to do a briefing date on how clubs organise their trips.</p> <p>Tomorrow Tues 14 will be on invasive species at BC Offices at HPP. Try to encourage as many people to attend. Kirston advised there were no formal bookings but there was much talk of people attending.</p> <p>Environmental policy will also be covered in the session, it would be good if clubs could send as many as possible.</p> <p>Try to encourage people who are interesting in attending meetings and briefings to let people know that they plan to come along. This is so we can ensure there will be enough food catered for at the meetings and that we have the room laid out to suit the number of attendees.</p> <p>There will be a Coaches Development weekend at LOPC in March</p> <p>Changes to performance coach award are being brought in June. They will be similar type changes as we have seen with the Coach award. The criteria has not really changed but the way you demonstrate it has. Need to show progress and use of a Mentor. It is more paddler focused. There is a new tool on the BC website (self-assessment tool) questionnaire which tells you what your options are to progress with CPD. Points to resources so you can build your own route. The Mentor role (provider status) is being much more recognised and used. A Candidate chooses their own Mentor but they may be remote so communication may be through skype or the internet.</p> <p>There is now a route for sheltered water and SUP Coaches</p> <p>Drew Cartwright is asking for willing volunteers to deliver or help out with a Paddleability coaching matters event on Oct 25th</p> <p>Anyone interested contact MA and he will pass on details to Drew</p>	<p>AO to add in a date for Trip organisation to the Calendar</p> <p>MA to pass on any volunteer contacts to Drew cartwright</p>

<p>9</p>	<p>RWA Report - Kirston Elton Not too much to report but trying to encourage Clubs to adopt rivers for some maintenance work and some litter picks and notification of invasive species. KE can advise the link if anyone wants to get involved. A couple of litter picks have been organised. Russ smith said that Burton Canoe Club had created a 'Blue Peter' type of target tree to show how much rubbish has been collected. It was advised that if given enough notice Councils will come and collect the rubbish. It was suggested that maybe EMP could do a little pick on National Rivers Day. It was noted that Hazelwood weir is now clear and that it is not private. If there are any further ideas let KE know and he will share with other Clubs. Clear Access – Russ Smith asked if everyone had done the sign-up petition. If 10,000 signatures are gained the Gov have to respond and if they reach 100,000 it has to be debated in Parliament.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Events Planned Claire Lambert advised events can be created so that it can be pinned to the top of the page and not disappear. £250 was raised for the Attenborough Nature Reserve Lifeline Appeal - contributing to the Wildlife Trust's efforts to buy the nature reserve to safeguard its future. Anyone can still donate if they wish. This will be promoted News. Birch Canoes are organising a reunion paddle tied in with Song of the Paddle on 6th June running from LOPC to the riverside festival and back again. SOTP Biggish Meet will be at Cardington Artificial White Water (Slalom) Course 22/23 Aug. This is open to anyone. Anyone interested in going would need to register with Song of The Paddle. It was advised that Burton Canoe Club are not organising a Dove Tour in 2020. AO will ask Steve why this is not running. The group felt this was a shame and whether anything could be done as there was a worry access could be totally lost as this section is only paddled once a year.</p>	<p>AO to enquire with Burton Canoe Club.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Touring, Tours Planned 26th Jan Soar Tour organised by Paddleplus Canoe club Jubilee Park to LOPC open to other Clubs Hoping to get Waterside and Normanton to do their sections. HPP Canoe Club are looking to organising a trip Asked about Source to Sea on the Trent, Russ Smith going to West Mids RDT meeting and he will ask. The Trent 100 is this year which is a very good tour - Schugborough Hall to Trent Early bird tickets have finished. Food & Entertainment is included in the price. Russ Smith BC Consultation for the next 4-year plan coming up this year: 24th March Nene (Evening) 8th April at HPP (Evening) RS has targeted himself to visit every club in the East & West Midlands region.</p>	

	<p>NKC are hosting a litter pick on 1st March and are inviting a local MP 1st March. Equipment is provided everyone welcome the event will be on NKC Facebook page A regional Newsletter would be good. Some Clubs are perhaps struggling to disseminate events and information because of changes on Facebook and GDPR. Hinckley Canoe are reviewing how they get information to people. RS mentioned an App which they use to share information and dates. Tmap.com Jenny in coms at BC will be able to email out a newsletter. Andy Seager advised the Rutland Canoe Club have an open invite to use Rutland but there are a set of rules when using Rutland Water but the club will support where ever possible just get in contact.</p>	
12	<p>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper Russ Smith advised the Freestyle world cup is in July and BC are running some youth engagement and having a school events, it is in the early days but has a meeting on Wednesday. Then he will have a better feel of how it will work. The age range targeted will be 10-12-year olds Discussions on going with rafting as well. RS to communicate before the next meeting. Woody is looking to see how Juniors can safely get involved more with the litter pick events. He is also looking at setting something up for new Juniors and existing Juniors for racing. Claire Lambert advised that some Juniors are finding the Development Program too far to travel so would be good if there was an option for some more Midland Youth events. There is also Barrow racing which can be done in any craft hosted by Soar Valley Canoe Club. Put a call out for volunteers to help Woody set up some Junior events.</p>	
13	<p>Safeguarding No issues reported</p>	
14	<p>The Field Previously discussed in matters arising.</p>	
15	<p>A.O.B Due to needing a strong internet link to do skype we will inform everyone if and when this may be available for meetings Kirston advised there was one place left on a SUP Coach Coastal water at the weekend in Anglesey.</p>	KS to update Paul Pattinson.
	<p>Dates of 2020 meetings at Soar Bridge Inn, Barrow on Soar 6th April 15th June 14th September 9th November includes the ACM Meetings closed at 21:00</p>	