

	Present	Actions
	<p>Martin Aldridge – Chair Andy Oughton – Vice chair Katrina Smith – Secretary Daniel Lloyd – Treasurer Claire Lambert – Communications Officer Nikki Aldridge, John Stoner, Brian Wardell, Graham Young, Ian Scott, Dawn Scott, Andy Steel, Jon Simpson, Kev Lack, Paul Pattison, Paul Morgan, Andy Seager, Shaun Monkman. MCC Chair</p>	
1	Welcome & Introduction	
2	Apologies Kirston Elton RWA. Russell Smith BC	
3	Minutes of previous Meeting Minutes approved pending correction to attendees Dawn Scott added and the Colin Broadway Award title was also corrected.	
4	<p>Matters arising Colin Broadway Recognition – AO had not heard anything further on this.</p> <p>The Colin Broadway Award for the Barrow Series will be awarded in the next season (October)</p> <p>Barbed wire issue downstream of cotes Mill – AO reported that this has been reposted but is still a little too far across. AO has attempted to cut back the willow tree on the opposite bank. Land Agent details to be passed onto Dan Lloyd as his Club uses this section.</p>	<p>AO to catch up with RS for an update Liaise with Barrow series for photo and also put on Facebook page.</p> <p>AO to try and contact Land Agent Again. AO pass Land Agent contact details to Dan Lloyd.</p>
5	<p>Chair's Report - Martin Aldridge MA apologised that he had forgot to check the COVID notes then got really busy at work and had not been able to keep up to date with all the updates. There had been nothing else to report.</p>	
6	<p>Correspondence – Katrina Smith No correspondence received but had noted from previous meeting whether any action was required to apply for the next grant if it was still going to be paid. KS asked if the meeting notes needed to be sent to BC; It was stated that they are just normally located on the regional web page. It was noted that the web page information was not up to date. AO is the only person who is currently able to update the web page as BC will not allow access until training has been under taken. This has not been possible due to COVID-19 and BC running on skeleton Staff.</p>	<p>KS to send pdf meeting notes to AO who will add them to the website</p>
7	<p>Treasurer's Report - Dan Lloyd One bursary had been paid out since the last meeting leaving a bank balance of £6,700 If we get the normal grant from BC then that will increase by £1,000.</p>	<p>DL to send info to MA/KS so that it can be prepared.</p>

	<p>MA advised if anyone had any ideas on how some of the money should be spent, to let the Committee know.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>RCR Report - Andy Oughton reported that BC are running on a skeleton staff. The main activity taking place is the Performance Coach Award. Leadership awards have been announced and an invite have gone out for Providers. There is a new flat-water Paddlesport Leader Award and Touring Leader Award. There is a suite of SUP Awards and some tweaks have been made to other awards. Assessment can be taken in one day. This allows more flexibility to set up and the number of Candidates can be less. The content has not really changed. The ethos of leadership is about giving the paddlers what they want to do. These go live in January. Canoe Leader- advanced and moderate water, if you register before you only need register for one.</p> <p>Andy Seager asked about whether there was an award for 2km from shore. It was advised there is no award for this but to check the new Sea Award non tidal.</p> <p>Safe guarding is now to be renewable every three years but there is an on-line option. The first course is to be a three-hour face to face course for Leadership awards. Alternate training through other organisations can be requested through BC. These will not count towards CPD. CPD specifications have still not been resolved and is still under discussion. It may be a points-based system.</p> <p>MA asked what format the safe guarding training will take. AO advised it will be classroom group of about 20. It is planned to stagger the training otherwise everyone will end up having to renew at the same time.</p> <p>MA advised that we should discuss what can be done to help facilitate the training in the region and what course providers are required. This is all being driven by UK Sport. Dawn Scott advised it is really difficult to become a Provider with high costs and specific material being required. Sean Monkman had organised a course through LOPC for Paddleplus. BC do not require a specific course as long as the content maps the required content and material. The training the Scouts Association have been undertaking has been seen not to meet the required NSPCC requirements.</p>	<p>AO to dig out details & send to KS for circulation</p> <p>KS to add to the next Agenda</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>RWA Report – No report as such but AO reported that the query on the Trent at Wellington bridge which had stemmed from a paddler being challenged. Chris Page has handed over all the information from 5 years ago which had showed there had been a right to navigate.</p> <p>MA asked if these could be put on the website.</p> <p>AO asked if there were any other access issues to report.</p> <p>It was advised that the canals were particularly dirty due to the fact that they have not been used.</p> <p>It was reported that at the Twyford Ferry access, a Farmer had put up an electric fence. This had been reported to BC but not sure if there had been any action. It was advised that Ben at BC is aware.</p> <p>This was used as intro to white water. The sluice gates on the Barrow Loop was suggested as an alternative.</p> <p>It was reported that there was still a blanket ban on Scouting activities.</p>	<p>Breakout Club to forward email to A. Oughton for follow up.</p>

	<p>With so many people buying Paddling equipment there is concern that these people are not Club or BC Members and could potentially give some negative PR. It was stated that BC are pushing membership and the benefits and are providing recommendations.</p> <p>Paddle points is proving very popular. CL advised that the main message on the front page is about licence and paddling advice.</p> <p>If there is spare money it was suggested to buy signage for the launch area at Normanton that could include things such as consider membership, licence & be considerate to neighbours. It was suggested to come up with a standard wording format and have it checked / approved by BC. It could also include check, clean, dry? Another suggested location was Zotch by the bridge.</p> <p>AO stated he still had the Soar Tour logo.</p> <p>The sign would need to be discrete but useful so size would be important. It was thought there could be a potential issue depending on who owns the surrounding land otherwise it could inadvertently look like we were making a claim on the land.</p>	<p>Discuss with Ben Seal / Richard Atkinson</p> <p>DL to look into location for suitability.</p>
10	<p>Events Planned - EMPaddlers activities currently not able to run due to COVID. Paddleplus reported that they had restarted activities and things were going well. They had produced a risk assessment & policies based around the BC document templates. Some topics were put together and a training session had been held with their Coaches and Leaders. On the first session the risk assessment was checked and adjusted. Lots of staggered sessions are now being offered. Rutland Canoe Club and Hinckley Canoe Club have also produced documentation and procedures to allow sessions and trips to take place.</p> <p>Paddleplus are cleaning boats with surface spray before and after use. Soft equipment is being adopted out and if returned not used for 72 hours.</p> <p>Rutland CC have got people to adopt equipment</p> <p>HCC are currently only doing activities for those with their own kit</p> <p>Any Clubs requiring support with getting started should make contact with any of the Team and good practice can be shared.</p> <p>AO suggests planning for a Winter program starting from October, MA suggested getting info from Clubs via a survey on Leadership, Coaching & Instructor needs. Then a regional program can be created</p>	<p>MA/AO to provide questions CL to convert into survey monkey.</p>
11	<p>Touring, Tours Planned – Nothing to report due to COVID</p>	
12	<p>Youth Paddling - Woody Snapper Unable to attend meeting.</p>	
13	<p>Safeguarding Already discussed.</p>	
14	<p>The Field</p> <p>Discussions had continued around access but there had been a price hike however the Committee feel this should be pursued.</p> <p>Since January there has been no lease for Paddlers to be able to use the access. The Land Agent has put a padlock on the gate and since then lots of people had been contacting AO asking about access. The previous rent had been £20 per month but this would be increased to £50. The rent</p>	

	<p>had been £20 since 2010. Colin Broadway felt that we should continue to take it on. There were a number of functions and Organisations that would like to use the field. AO had talked to BC about liability insurance through Towergate. BC have other bits of land either owned or leased. Discussions with Ben Seal had been very positive especially as we were only asking for third party liability cover. If it went ahead the lease would need to be held by BC. The RDT cannot own or lease land but it could be managed by the RDT. Ben has since spoken with the relevant departments. The documents have been sent to BC and Ben Seal thinks he can get David to sign it off without having to go through the Board. If this goes ahead then a number padlock would be purchased and the number would be changed periodically and a couple of contacts would be required plus someone trustworthy who would be able to occasionally check the site.</p> <p>A park and launch fee would need to be charged. It would be useful for the Soar Tour and camping. It was also suggested you could have an annual fee option. Jon Simpson says he pays £10 a year to the Friends of the river Nene. Song of the Paddle would be willing to contribute. Jon Simpson volunteered to be a contact. It was suggested to have regular monthly visits. It was suggested to have a separate meeting to discuss the finer detail and to report back.</p> <p>There were no objections against taking on the field.</p> <p>If there are any other potential sites in the region to possibly get involved in then let the Committee know.</p>	<p>Action ongoing</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>D Scott advised that the Whitewater centre opened last Saturday. Only 20 people are allowed to use the course at a time every ½ hour.</p> <p>The next meeting to be via Video Conference.</p> <p>It was suggested changing the ACM day to allow more people to attend if COVID rules allow.</p>	
	<p>Dates of 2020 meetings.</p> <p>Hangout Video Conferences whilst restrictions in place</p> <p>14th September</p> <p>9th November includes the ACM</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>	