

**Blackwater Valley Canoe Club
Committee Meeting Minutes – 1 October 2009**

1. Attendees

Lindsay Heeley	Chris Heeley
Ian Morris	Damian Edwards
Tom Brindley	Simon Edwards
Jerry Rogers	Bob Hamilton
Mike Hamilton	Matt Williams

2. Apologies

Mark Lovegrove

Actions from Previous Meeting

None / ??? Not at last meeting

Matters Arising

3. Jerry's "Retirement"

Jerry announced that after 23 years, he would be leaving the club to pursue other interests. He is happy to continue with Paddlepower sessions for the remainder of the Lido season.

4. Newsletter

It was mentioned that another Club newsletter is due to be produced. Topics to cover should include plan for the winter sessions, upcoming trips etc.

5. Constitution

Further updates/amendments to the constitution were discussed. It was agreed that in cases of suspension/expulsion, no apparent support is necessary to call an EGM for appeal. Suitable notice periods for AGM would be included. The point concerning omissions of invites to meetings is to be clarified to place onus on members to ensure their contact details are up to date. Ed agreed to make the appropriate amendments and circulate for committee approval. It should then be put to the members at the next general meeting, for adoption.

6. Club Logos

It was agreed that Mike would produce a 'short list' of potential new logos for the committee to consider, before potentially presenting a few to the members for their opinions.

7. Club Development Plan

This was discussed briefly, and is to be updated to represent the current situation. The impact of Clubmark was also discussed – there seemed to be a general feeling that it had not provided all that it promised, and we shouldn't concentrate too closely on their requirements to the detriment of the club.

8. Grants

The grant that was expected for recent investment in coaching has not materialised, however there are a number of other potential funding sources available. Simon, Matt & Ed are to get together to discuss.

9. Runway's End

It was mentioned that we have been approached for our opinions on moving the Club to Runway's End, along with other clubs, to create a 'Centre of Excellence', however there was a general feeling that this would have a negative impact on the club through loss of identity, control and facilities (i.e. Lido).

10. Paddlepower

There has been generally less interest in Paddlepower this year. It has also been difficult to maintain interest/introduce skills. New ideas are required in order help take things forwards (A separate meeting is required). Following on from Jerry's announcement, Ed has agreed to take on Paddlepower, with plenty of support from others.

11. Polo

The pool nights at Alton are losing money – Matt to keep an eye on things, adjust price to suit. The youth members enjoy playing, ideally need to get them involved in competition, may need additional equipment, e.g. suitable helmets, paddles. Lindsay, Simon & Matt also to get together and draft an e-mail to the polo players concerning Club membership etc.

12. Winter Sessions

Tom presented initial plans for the winter sessions – more structured than previously, with different 'skill' levels and perhaps linked to upcoming events (e.g. trips). Mark has agreed to take an active role in organising/arranging this. It was also decided that the Alton pool sessions would be opened up to all members for one Wednesday a month. Tom/Matt also to discuss/arrange with Farnham pool for one Saturday evening a month, since the Alton pool sessions are too late for the kids.

Summary of Actions

Topic	Details	Action
4. Newsletter	Need to produce another newsletter	?? Ian ??
5. Constitution	Make agreed amendments	Ed
6. Logos	Potential new logos to be produced	Mike
8. Grants	Simon, Matt & Ed to follow up funding possibilities	Simon Matt Ed
10. Paddlepower	A meeting is to be arranged to discuss further	All who are interested
11. Polo	Ensure that Alton pool sessions become financially viable	Matt
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