

Blackwater Valley Canoe Club
Committee Meeting Minutes – 26 February 2013

1. Attendees

Dave Cook	Mike Hamilton	Ian Morris
Bob Hamilton	Damian Edwards	Pete Steinhardt
Lindsay Heeley	Chris Heeley	Alan Blyth

2. Apologies

Sophie Mariner

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

All agreed the minutes from last meeting were fine.

4. General Meeting

Need to announce the next general meeting to agree fees etc. for 27 March at Mytchett – IM to send email.

5. Fees etc.

It was suggested that we should charge non-members £2 per session when paddling on the canal in the spring, to help cover some wear and tear on kit. All other fees are proposed to stay the same this year.

It was also pointed out that there is some inconsistency between us and BCCC with affiliated memberships; DE to check / confirm.

6. Online Membership

It was suggested that we start using an online membership database management system, WebCollect. Once set up this should considerably reduce the required effort in maintaining the list and making it easier to pass on to others; and should also be able to handle mailing lists and other payments.

It was agreed that we should use it; IM to set up and start trial.

7. Kit

Sit on tops should now be available to collect / for delivery when required. We still have a few more old boats to clear out – some junior boats, fibre glass boats etc. LH to add them into the newsletter. It was also suggested that we could purchase some sea kayaks and associated kit, and also some slalom boats, so that we can offer members a wider range of boats to try – MH to look into prices.

We also need some more spraydecks in a variety of sizes; MH to check prices / availability. It was also mentioned that we still have not purchased the gazebo we had planned to last year for use at events/when camping etc. – need to check prices / availability. May also need some new polo balls; AB to advise / order when required.

8. Trip Plans / Events

Dates for trips for the rest of the year were discussed; local flat water paddles to be fitted in between; see lists below. Proposed accommodation in brackets – check availability where appropriate. NOTE: Dates are paddling days, not necessarily accommodation days...!

20 Apr Farnham Scout Day

21 Apr	Lee Valley
4-6 May	Surfing, Polzeath? Need to look for suitable accommodation
18 May	Paddlepower Nene
25-27 May	North Wales (Lindas)
22-23 Jun	Norfolk Broads (camping?)
6-7 July	River Wye (camping)
24-26 Aug	Dorset (camping)
21-22 Sept	North Wales (Lindas)
29 Sept	TBC Paddlepower Slalom
6 Oct	Lee Valley
26-27 Oct	Barle
23-24 Nov	Dartmoor (Fox Tor)
7-8 Dec	South Wales (Hiraeth)
18 Dec	Xmas Dinner

Flat Water – Various locations on canal / Wey / Thames, TBD

17 Mar
14 Apr
12 May
9 Jun
4 Aug
8 Sept

9. Courses/Lido

It was agreed that both 1* and 2* courses should be 6 weeks long and that we should set and advertise the dates in advance, with a plan to run the courses even if we only have a few people. Also, all of the local flat water trips should also be advertised as assessment times (subject to coach availability) – so that people know in advance what is going on. Also, the first 1* should start on the canal – Dates below:

24 April	1*
12 June	1* and 2*
19 June	3* (8 weeks)
31 July	1* and 2*

Paddlepower – Ed has not got as much time to spend on this; ALL need to have a think about what we can do to organise/run youth section this season.

10. New Chair

Lindsay will be standing down as chair; need to start looking for a replacement!

11. AOB

Newsletter almost finished – LH to complete!

We should reduce number of sessions before requiring membership to 2 to make it easier to manage...

As usual we've been asked to do a number of scout taster sessions; it was agreed we should charge £5/head and limit the number we agree to according to coach availability/interest, lido availability etc. – don't want to commit to too many!

It was felt that the Christmas dinner should move back to a Wednesday evening, ideally in a smaller venue / somewhere we can have a room to ourselves... ask SM to look into possible locations/dates (suggested 18 Dec).

Summary of Actions

Topic	Description	Who?
4. General Meeting	Need to announce / send email	Ian
5. Fees	Need to clarify situation with affiliated members	Ed
6. Online Membership	Need to set up / run trial, then hopefully implement for real!	Ian
7. Kit	Need to check prices / availability of suitable slalom boats and sea kayaks. And also spraydecks	Mike
7. Kit	Need to sort out what boats we want to clear and add to newsletter	Mike / Lindsay
8. Trips	Need to add to calendar and look into availability of accommodation	Ian / ALL
9. Courses / Lido	Have a think about what to do with Paddlepower this year	ALL
11. AOB	Look into possible places for Christmas dinner...	SM