



Minutes – 15th January 2018 - Blackwater Valley Canoe Club

Chairman Welcome

Attendees: Steve Nicholas, Gemma Clements, Anne-Marie Vinnicombe, Debi Holmes-Pilkington, Rhys Bryant, Gary Tripp, Alex Tripp

Apologies: Tim Shellard, Stephen Foster

Matters

Membership/fees: Agreed that pool/lido sessions should increase to £7 per person for non-members and £5 for members to help cover the additional costs and remove the family discount. Gemma mentioned that she had prototyped setting up the existing Wordpress with a plugin for memberships to replace Webcollect which is currently not user-friendly. The plugin is basic but mobile friendly with the advantage to the data being held our side rather than by a third party. Due to the basic functionality it would be easier to go to a flat annual membership from date applied rather than pro-rotata.

Communications: To continue via email, Facebook, WhatsApp

Session bookings: Online via Webcollect until new system in place.

Come and Try forms: Online completion preferable

Cubs/Scouts – Non-member fee of £7 agreed for cubs/scout groups. Agreed that 8+ minimum for scout sessions. Not open to Beavers unless 8+. Scout sessions will continue to run on Tuesdays. However, suggested possible Thursday sessions depending on demand to be agreed with coaches and subject to availability. Maximum group of 30 requiring 3 helpers poolside and 1:8 ratio – level 2 coach, 2:10 ratio ideally per session.

Scout bookings, general: Agreed that members with scout/cub groups have priority in making bookings.

Action: Debi/Gemma to email Scout session dates to members to facilitate

British Canoeing: Steve and Gemma to attend club affiliation meeting. Club membership changes were discussed with regard fees which are currently included in price of BVCC membership. The new details are all up on the British Canoeing website (currently information is found on the membership re-launch page <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/membership/membership-relaunch/>)

Equipment:

Lido: Gary Tripp attended to pass on details of equipment notes. Stock spreadsheet will be uploaded to drop box as a budget needs to be agreed for repairs as set out in the equipment notes. Repairs to be listed and prioritised. The issue of missing equipment still stands and will need to be circulated to all members. It was suggested that it would benefit the club if one or two members attend a 'welding course' in order to make repairs in-house rather than externally. Apparently a welding course is approx. £30 so would be worthwhile looking into.

Gemma mentioned purchase of small cheap playboat (e.g. a star club boat), approx. £300-350 to facilitate course being undertaken by two members as currently only one boat available and given their willingness to invest in their own development. Boats are to be returned to club before Lido sessions so they can be utilised at regular sessions by all members. Committee in agreement.

Gemma suggested a possible fundraiser at the Lido to raise money for the club. To be discussed at next meeting.

Action: Stock spreadsheet to be uploaded to Dropbox and available to committee. Ann-Marie to agree budget for repairs. Gary to prepare a 'wish list' of repairs. Debi/Gemma to provide details of missing

equipment to be circulated with meeting notes to all members. Look into 'welding course' and find out which members would be interested.

Polo: Ann-Marie agreed fees of £12.50 to be paid for referee course (x5).

Action: Rhys to discuss with members available who would like to attend courses.

Action: Still pending for Rhys to send over boat prices/quotes for large polo boats.

Pool sessions:

Lido: Scouts/cub sessions to continue on a Tuesday with possibility of extending to Thursday depending on demand/coach availability or also incorporate in Wednesday session. Rhys to try and organise possible polo session on a Wednesday.

Yateley: Pool session attendance significantly lower than last season and currently running at a loss. Agreed not feasible to continue Tuesday session so sessions to continue on Wednesdays only - 45min session 8-8.45pm and 9-9.45pm session. Maximum participants of 12 each session (minimum of 8 required to cover cost of pool). Gemma mentioned B3C are also interested in joining sessions.

Polo – Alton Pool: Currently 1.5hr sessions, but Rhys mentioned at last meeting ideally, they would like 2hr sessions.

Canal: Not discussed

Coaching/club development: Currently we have a First Aid Course scheduled for Feb and SUP Module for April.

Finance:

Cash at Bank £11,045.03 15/01/18; movement since 01/07/17 £1,057.33 - £600 held for Slovenia trip and no Yateley invoices since Nov-17

Action: Gemma to email Ann-Marie details of funding for courses/sponsorships etc

Club welfare: This position is still vacant among other roles yet to be filled.

Club social: BBQ at Hawley Lake July weekend. Possible date 21st. Also a cross-social with Polo members. To be further discussed at next meeting.

Changes to constitution: Ann-Marie raised the issue of wording in para 14.6.3 reference banking and that this should be reworded. **To be discussed at next meeting.**

Next meeting planned for 12th April 2018, Brewers Fayre, Aldershot.