

Poole Harbour Canoe Club - Committee Meeting - 6th May 2014

Venue. Hamworthy Labour club

Time. 7:30 PM to 10 PM

Minutes of the meeting.

Present

Frazer Ely- Helen Urban-Peter Hobby-Steve Hills-Helen Conyers-Paul Levett-Peter Cooper - Cheyne Marley

Discussion on the boat house project.

The boat house project was discussed at overview and scrutiny and given full approval. Environment and consumer protection services provided five options. Voted option morning unanimously giving the club a 25 year lease.

The final decision rests with the full Cabinet meeting on June 16, it is felt that the decision to support the boat house project will go ahead.

Actions. Richard Nicholson of environment and consumer protection services is to call a meeting the 8th of May to discuss the next steps in securing the future of the boat house project.

Funding

The club is awaiting the decision for funding applications, each application can fund up to £50,000

Talbot trust
Valentine Trust
Garfield Weston foundation
Bernard Sunley Charitable fund.

£13,000 has been spent to date on the boat house project.

Cesspit discussion

Fraser is researching options regarding the disposal of sewage from the new boat house. Discussion whether we are allowed to come connect to the main system or install an independent system. It is not clear yet what the council's decision will be to allow us to connect to the main system. Discussion re- Wessex water taking over the cesspit and pumping station was also addressed. Fraser will keep is informed of the progress in this area.

Dreamboat project.

The committee discussed the dreamboats proposal in depth and the resulting actions were agreed.

Actions

Helen Urban to email bill to get Wimborne income and costs in year one and ongoing in year two.

In the PHCC se accounts categorise as Wimborne Dreamboats separate line but not a fund.

The committee felt it was important to stress that the dreamboat project has their full support.

The development of the dreamboat trust is to be discussed with the with the input and knowledge of Sally and John Crawford they will explore this before any decision is made.

Treasurers report

Two thirds of the membership have renewed which is good for this time of the year.

The web collect system is going very well.

Peter Cooper agreed to be a signatory on the accounts.

Alan Trevartonsproposall to organise the sale of Lendl paddles was discussed in depth. It was agreed that we ask Alan to organise and promote the sale of the paddles and produce a product list.

It was also agreed the Poole harbour canoe club to buy three paddles 2 straight paddles and 1 cranked and all split paddles. The length of the paddles were discussed according to the needs of female paddlers.

It was agreed Cheyne and Alan would have a conversation regarding the paddles to do a feature on the website to promote the sale of them.

Training officer's report

A detailed explanation of all the training courses was given by Peter Hobby, it was felt that the coaching courses are all going well and Peter will keep is informed of any future developments.

Membership

Steve Hills asked how many new members have joined the club in 2014. He suggested that we take a rain check on how many of joined dropped off in any given year. Cheyne has agreed to develop a membership monitoring role within the club working with Helen Urban and Ian Mercer. Cheyne will keep is informed of any developments.

Harbour safety meeting.

Fraser gave a feed back regarding his attendance at the Harbour safety meeting. In particular in reference to the area where people waterski directly in front of Lake pier.

The feeling amongst kayakers of the club is that the waterski area is an accident waiting to happen. We also discussed the incidence of paddlers getting into trouble of old Harry and having to being rescued by the Portland Bill Helicopter rescue service. Peter Hobby suggested that we do a positive spin on this and do a press release promoting the benefits of joining a club like Poole harbour canoe club in relation to safety while paddling in and around the harbour.

Fraser proposed that the duty officer and Wednesday nights ring the harbourmaster and inform them of the night's activities. **Action** Fraser to email Sue Tapper about this.

Quartermaster's role.

Helen Conyers reported that no one has stepped forward to take on the quartermaster's role. Discussion was had about a solution to the problem. It was felt the committee should give this some thought and raise it as an issue at the next meeting. Meanwhile Helen will ask for volunteers once again.

Magazine

Cheyne raise the issue about the contact list not been correct in the club magazine. **Action**-Fraser agreed to look at the list on the website and check for any details that need updating.

A member asked at Helen Urban if the constitution was on the website it was concluded that we need to post it on the website for members to fully understand and read. **Action** - Cheyne to liaise with Dave re-website content.

Discussed magazine, costs which show postage down to 30(+/-2) members with costs to club reduced to £136 against 800 per publication, quite important as impacts quite significantly on club funds.

Facebook.

The discussion around the Poole harbour canoe club Facebook page was revisited and an enquiry as to why the statement agreed at the last meeting had not been posted on the website. **Action** Fraser agreed to speak with Nick Boyle about this.

Junior report

Paul Leavitt submitted a report which has read and appreciated by the committee. Feeling that everything is going really well and the Paul is doing a really good job.

It was suggested that Paul and Alan ring the harbourmaster to inform them of any activities they are doing juniors on the water. **Action**-Fraser to follow up.

Any other business

Peter Hobby discuss the issues around incentivising volunteering. The committee felt this was an important issue and suggested that we discuss in depth at the next meeting as an agenda item.

Peter Cooper-(acting secretary in Sally's absence)
Welfare Officer-PHCC.