

MINUTES - FCC Committee Meeting 20 June 2016

Present: MJ, CMG, MH, KS, Roger Holmes (SCA Focus Club Officer)

Apologies: AR, PC, RP, LB, KRK, RA, AT

1. Minutes from the last Committee Meeting (18 April 2016) were approved
2. Matters arising from the last Minutes:

Boat house roof

Roofing material arrival is expected first week in July. During the summer, it can be stored inside the boathouse so that the building work does not coincide with the summer courses. Instructing roofers is in progress. Action MH

Additional boat storage space

Temporary storage in containers at Bridge8Hub in Westerhailes appears to be £50, availability to be confirmed. Action MH

Scottish Canals seem very amenable to FCC proposals to level the ground behind the current boat house as far as the telegraph pole, and to erect boat storage (up to wall height), subject to approval from Edinburgh Council and Historic Scotland. SC offered the use of their digger barge to level the bank. It is assumed that Nola's boat remains where it is. The discussion is ongoing but the next step is for SC to revert to us with an extended Lease.

DCI update

FCC is one year into the club coach' contract. It has been re-negotiated in favour of fewer hours at a higher rate.

Sport Scotland documentation is to be finalised shortly.

3. Bridging gaps for children aspiring to reach SCA performance squads
A performance coach would be required. MJ to explore avenues, in particular whether a coach could be shared with another club. Action MJ
4. Active Schools
FCC ran a course for 16 children through Active School but data and money are still outstanding. This will hopefully change with the appointment of a new AS administrator. Action PC
5. Summer Courses
91 children have signed up. 2 coaches have been subcontracted to work with the club coach.
6. New application system trial
The new system was used to book the Summer Courses and the experience with Entry Central has been positive. Confirmation from the treasurer is required in respect of the administration of incoming payments. The next challenge will be to link it with the general membership register, internally as well as with SCA, and to open it up to all bookings. Action MJ

7. Winter pool sessions

Active Schools have confirmed FCC booking pool at Forrester High School on same terms as 2015/2016.

FCC will require a strong group of volunteer coaches for the Sunday rota - Action CMG

KS is competent to run a coach induction course focussing on rolling but it might be useful if the coaches first gain some rolling experience themselves through a rolling course, if one can be sourced at a reasonable price. Action CMG

KS to introduce structure of pool sessions to CMG – Action KS and CMG

FCC depends on the Minibus for the pool session for boat storage and transport. If only a small charge is involved, the number of named drivers should be increased. – Action MH

8. Club Nights

The Open Nights on 1st Thursday each month continue to be extremely busy. FCC will consider hiring a coach to have guaranteed support on the water - Action CMG

That particular session should continue to be kept free of any scheduled events to allow smooth operation.

9. Coaches' meetings

There have been requests to re-install them. CMG pointing out that they can be difficult to run and unrewarding, if the turn out is small.

10. The IT-position was re-advertised. MH stepped forward. First step to investigate how best to update the website and internal email system, including email-lists. A commercial provider might be the way forward. Action MH

11. Membership forms to be updated – Action MH

12. Club trips – CMG to approach JK to take on tripscoordinator role as co-opted committee member.

13. Grandtully Slalom – more volunteers required. Action CMG

14. Castle Semple Para Canoe day 22 May 2016 – KS took part on behalf of FCC. RH advising the 6-hour-follow –on-course to the classroom based Paddleability 1 course is in planning

15. Canalfest 18 June 2016 – well attended and a great success, thank you Dan (action KS)

16. Equipment

There has been a request for wooden OC paddles. FCC acquired a good number of aluminium paddles in 2015. They are of different length and sufficiently varied for beginners.

The blue Liquid Logic kayak appears to have been abandoned and will be annexed for club use if the owner remains silent – Action MH

Wavehopper – the Wavehopper in the boathouse is property of the SCA who appears to wish to re-locate it. MH to investigate the whereabouts of the composite FCC Wavehoppers that have been lend out.

17. Level 1 course – FCC traded a few places with NBKC. Confirmation from NBKC is needed. Action KS and RH
18. National 5 Study on DCI coach approved
19. RH offered to investigate possibilities to link up with schools, activity centres and clubs.
20. RH set out the benefits of a Club Activity Assistant. CMG to investigate whether FCC has a suitable volunteer
- 21, RH offered to investigate whether there is a Sports Lottery fund for clubs specifically to introduce 14 – 25 year olds to a new activity, which could be used to fund the Stand Up Paddleboard
22. An article for the SCA Recognition Award – “FCC Access one year on” - Action MJ

Matters moved forward to next meeting:

Summary of FCC performance against pre-set discipline budgets (year-on-year revenue generation)

Slalom gate refurbishing

PVG/child protection documents that are kept on file

Date of next Committee Meeting: 22 August 2016

KS