

MINUTES - FCC Committee Meeting 14 December 2015

Present: MJ, JR, KR, TL, PC, RP, KS, Matt Harvey (Guest)

Apologies: AR, SG, RA

1. Minutes from the Committee Meeting 26 OCTOBER 2015 were approved.
2. Arising from the last Minutes:
 - Nola's bannister has been inspected and found to be solid
 - The boathouse inventory has progressed, still outstanding are boats (competition and GP) and the items kept aside for the pool. Action PC, KS and JR
 - The Paddleability-follow-up course is currently unavailable but SCA has noted our interest
 - 2016 Committee Positions: Matt Harvey has come forward as prospective Hut Custodian. Child Protection Officer position is under discussion. NK has offered administrative support for coach coordination. AT to take over Slalom Representation.
 - PC report on SCA AGM. FCC access officer Robert Ailey was awarded the Volunteer Coach of the Year trophy. PC has joined the SCA Sprint Committee and the SCA Slalom Committee
 - The OC with sailing thwart has been delivered, to be stored outside along the wall
 - There was no response from Bridge8Hub in Westerhailes regarding the possibility to hire a storage container for boats. Matt has volunteered to query Napier who are successfully renting one. Fountainbridge Meanwhile has requested a more detailed proposal as a container to house a boat repair workshop at Fountainbridge. Action JR and Matt
 - Permission for a handrail along the wall has been tentatively granted by the occupiers of number 42 Polwarth Terrace. KS to email a drawing/plan/image to the occupier, once available – Action JR
 - Mystery boats – there appears to be a discrepancy between payments received/space allocated. Action RP and MJ
 - *The Great Edinburgh Paddle 2016* - allocate an organiser for the (non-ranking) event – change date from 18 September 2016. Action MJ
3. DCI update – all is well on track

At the AGM, FCC will be required to make Changes to the Constitution to comply with DCI stipulations. FCC DCI funding was awarded subject to specific conditions, in particular

Paragraph 6 'Memberships' requires an "Open to All Clause:
Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, political or other opinion.

6 As the Constitution is written all junior members have a vote at an AGM/EGM. is this correct?"

By majority, the committee voted in favour of inserting the words "age 14 or over" in the sentence "All members shall be eligible to vote at Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings" in paragraph 6. The "Open to All" clause can be inserted at the beginning of paragraph 6. Both changes are subject to approval at the AGM.

4. PC reporting on juniors' planned activity 2016. Coaches have committed to running courses on weekly basis in 2016. In 2015, about 100 Juniors partook in the various summer sessions, of those, about 30-40 took part in Autumn activities and 12 – 2- in Winter ones. Some Juniors as young as 8 come to several sessions each week. The summer courses are FCC main route to intake, rather than running several beginners courses throughout the year. In Summer 2016, two sessions will run side by side with staggered start times, potentially doubling the intake. FCC aim to retain 8 Juniors per year.
5. Baths sessions have been running smoothly. In Spring, FCC is to run 8 sessions with a training session for coaches at the beginning. Ideally, the next batch of sessions Winter 2016/2017 would run on a weekday rather than Sunday. Action PC
6. FCC had a work meet 13 December 2015. The boathouse is very tidy now, albeit full. Some new boats are earmarked to arrive soon for which spaces have to be found or created – Action Matt.
The roof leaks badly at the side next to the wall. That is the only side which had not been overhauled in 2014, and this should be done in the near future. Action KR, JR and Matt.
7. MJ is coordinating the AGM on 11 February 2016.
PC to speak to Boroughmuir Rugby Club about room availability and finger buffet. Action PC and MJ
All proposed Powerpoint slides to be sent to MJ by 24 January 2016
9. Event Safety Officer – KS to contact SCA to clarify whether there is an obligation for FCC to have a permanent ESO on the Committee, or whether it is sufficient to have an ESO at every event. Apart from the open-to-all club nights every first Thursday of the summer months, there are only 2 events in the FCC calendar. Action KS
10. RP gave an overview as to figures 2015 and 2016. Proposals for 2016 budgets were submitted to RP
11. The slalom gates require to be re-furbished. Action KR

12. Grandtully Slalom 2016 is booked for the last weekend in August. In respect of 2015, the Risk Assessment is still to be submitted. Action JR, KR
13. As noted in the last Minutes (point 9), FCC plans to explore grant options and the need for planning permission in order to overcome the current site limitations and place a set of temporary storage containers along the wall, snaking away from the boathouse. This would free up space in the boathouse itself. A lot of research has been done on this by AT. It would be useful to form a sub-committee to move this forward. Action Matt
14. Some buoyancy aids had to be discarded due to fatigue. FCC application for a Lottery Grant to obtain 18 children's buoyancy aids has been unsuccessful. Other sources to be applied to – Action MJ

Date of next Committee Meeting:

1 February 2016 at Caledonian Sample Rooms, 7pm. The meeting will be restricted to AGM preparation

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