

## **Minutes of Forth Canoe Club Committee Meeting held 27 September 2011**

**Present:** Jonathan Riddell, Polly Golding, Cynthia Berry, Mick James, Alistair Riddell, Ben Golding, Kristina Medovcikova

**Apologies:** Annemarie Procter, Kelso Riddell

**Paypal Account** - PG to sort paperwork required to continue operating this account.

**Insurance** - it was agreed to go ahead with the proposal tabled by MJ for insuring Club Equipment at an initial annual cost of £112.95. It was clarified that this is 'catastrophe' insurance (fire, major theft etc) i.e. not for loss of single items.

**Blocked off area of boathouse** - thanks to JR access is now available to the blocked off area of boathouse. It was agreed to approve reasonable costs for making this usable - up to max total £1000. It is hoped that we will have full use of the space. Plans for exactly how the space will be used were discussed but it was thought best to finalise this once the area is ready to use.

**Replacement jetty** - It was agreed to go ahead at cost of around £600. Work to commence during October holidays if possible - MJ to arrange.

**Repairs and painting to outside of boathouse** - these are still pending good weather.

**Toilets** - MJ to investigate portaloos for boathouse site.

**Water bill for Leith warehouse** - AR to confirm with RKR status of this issue.

**Meggetland proposal** - there has been no update to this. We may have to be prepared to act fast to avoid losing opportunity. Discussion to be held at AGM to reach consensus on the way forward. JR to contact SABC to see if they have made any progress.

**Pool Sessions** - BG organising booking of Portobello pool as last year. Agreed that Philip Currie be approached to organise on a paid basis. Volunteer coaches still required.

### **August Div 1 Grandtully Slalom**

This year the event turned over £3821. £520 was spent on prizes and £320 on safety cover. After levies and other costs there was a £920 surplus. The catering turned over approximately £1200 including the cost of the barbecue and produced a surplus of £240.

David Dickson has indicated that he wishes to stand down from organising the event for Forth Canoe Club.

It was decided that Forth Canoe Club should continue to keep its link with and support the slalom community and as such should organise the event again next year. It was agreed that JR would be the named organiser for the event but it was noted that many more volunteers would be required to make the event a success.

**University Canoe Clubs** - it was agreed that it would be acceptable for University Club Presidents or others to join FCC as individual members and sign in others as guests. However

students should be encouraged to join FCC in their own right and therefore it was agreed to bring in a Student category of membership.

**AGM** - to be held on Thursday 1 December. AR to book venue. Agreed to spend approx. £150 on snacks / drinks to encourage people to attend and make the event more social. Revised constitution to be voted on at AGM. PG and AM have indicated that they do not wish to stand for re-election to the committee.

### **Boathouse storage for 2012**

It was agreed that as last year - coaches / discipline contacts to state how much space required for Club boats for each discipline. Remaining fixed number of spaces to be sold first-come first-served for private boats, subject to the proviso that boats which do not appear to be in regular use may be moved to the warehouse in Leith at the sole discretion of the Hut Custodian. Details of rearranging spaces to be agreed once extra space is completed and ready for use.

MJ proposed that the club should abolish day charge for use of Club boats and increase membership fee by corresponding amount. PG to get income figures to enable proper discussion.