

Minutes of Forth Canoe Club Committee Meeting held Thursday 26 January 2012 at
Boroughmuir RFC

Present: Annemarie Procter, Cynthia Berry, Jonathan Riddell, Steve Churcher, Kristina Medovcikova, Alistair Riddell, Mick James, Kelso Riddell

Boathouse Keys

It was clarified that members would be issued a boathouse key free of charge at the discretion of the committee, based on track record of several coaching sessions per month.

Boathouse

Thanks to all those involved in fitting out additional boathouse space. Some private boats have already been moved into the new space. It was agreed that newly available space would be made available for rental for private boat storage. Initially an additional 6 spaces should be available which makes a total of 22 spaces available for private boat storage.

Appreciation was expressed to Dougie Wilson for sourcing boat storage brackets - AR/JR to organise suitable liquid acknowledgment.

CB raised concern about cleanliness of the boathouse. Members to be urged to keep boathouse tidy and empty bins as required (into communal street bins). AP to organise signage asking boathouse users to keep boathouse tidy. MJ to organise bins for changing rooms.

Spring/Summer Coaching Sessions

CB described outline proposal from CEC for coaching partnership. Possibility of CEC wishing to use FCC facilities beginning early April 2012 for taster sessions. Concerns were raised about boathouse security, and level of facilities. Coaches may be provided by CEC or FCC.

Agreed in principle to take this forward; KM and CB organise.

It was agreed to continue with Club nights as organised by JR in 2011. Mixture of paid and volunteer coaches. Club nights to begin early April with boathouse cleanup / BBQ.

Late afternoon and evening canal uses were summarised:

Monday - Colin Smaill - Lightnings

Tuesday - K1s (4pm); slalom evenings

Wednesday - K1s; Colin Smaill Lightnings; Polo

Thursday - K1s; club nights

Friday - Winter pool sessions; Kristina kids' sessions;

KM mentioned long-term apprenticeship scheme for young coaches (16+). Further details available from the SCA.

Subsidising coaching courses

Clarified that FCC will pay reasonable coaching / first aid training costs (but not residential / subsistence / transport costs). Expected that candidates will make commitment to coaching at FCC in future and will apply for and make use of any other available funding. For 2012 it is expected that the Club will support up to 3 x Level 1 coaches and 2 x Level 2 coaches. All such training costs to be agreed in advance by the Treasurer.

Agreed to again pay 50% of fees for FCC coaches attending Club Coaching Weekend at Glenmore Lodge.

Boat Refresh Budget

Previously agreed purchase of C1 via S Pitt in progress.

Agreed to purchase of Pyranha I3 (smaller GP boat) from Pete MacLean for £200.

CB and KM to look for further opportunities to purchase GP boats.

JR - drink for Dougie

AP – sign for tidyness

MJ – bin for changing rooms

CB and KM – meeting with council about using boathouse

JR – organise club nights

CB – contact philip RE club night coaching

JR – buy boat from Pete

Agreed to aim to sell unused Club boats at Leith warehouse.

Agreed (in accordance with Section 12 of the new Constitution) that all items of expenditure in excess of £100 must be approved by the Committee. The Treasurer has discretion to approve smaller items of expenditure. All capital items and buying and selling of boats to be approved by Committee.

2012 membership update

Total of 140 members in 2011. 30 members re-joined so far. Maximum of three months grace allowed before membership lapses. JR to send out reminders.

Library Facilities

JR has put small selection of books on shelf in the new boat area for loan to members.

Contributions gratefully received at owner's risk. Agreed to purchase SCA White Water book.

Olympic Media Coverage - agreed to nominate Stuart Pitt to be contact point for media requests.

Painting boathouse - MJ organising - still pending good weather.

Agreed to go ahead with **portaloo** during summer months. Approx weekly rental/servicing cost of £40.

Watersports hub proposal update - FCC not keen on involvement in current proposal for 'super-hub' at Meggetland site due to likely time / space conflict with other water users.

JR to meet with BW and other stakeholders to discuss alternatives more suitable for FCC.

Canal Festival - provisional date Saturday 30 June. AP to attend planning meeting on Monday 30 January. Anyone interested in being involved should contact AP.

KR to investigate small-scale **grant funding**, along the lines of past Awards for All grants.

Next Committee Meeting to be held late March - date and venue TBC.

Thanks to AP for organising meeting and refreshments.

JR – buy WW river guidebook

JR – ask SP if willing

MJ – get painter to paint and joiner to join

MJ – get portaloo

JR – meet with BW & CEC

AP – festival planning meetings

RKR – work out what to apply for and apply