

Committee Meeting

1. Attendees Matthew Thorpe, Trevor Jones, Clive Marfleet, Del Clark, Ade Harding, Rob Wilson, Klavs Henriksen, Scott Matheson, Judy Podd
2. Apologies Tracie Barry
3. Previous minutes Agreed as correct by MT, seconded by AH
4. Matters outstanding CM – Club logo is on website, Newsletter has been completed, and sent out to all by JP.

RW can now get new insurance quotes as equipment list has now been finalised.

SM - No contact details supplied from Hastings CC – will now await further from them

SM – information sent to all 28/4/23

CM & RW Review of committee page on website still outstanding pending last job description.

JP does not have contact details of old members therefore not able to contact them.

Email re Colchester freestyle event sent to all by JP 27/3/23

Email re members suggesting future paddles sent to all by JP 27/3/23

Committee page review – roles & responsibilities still not on, welfare officer name and photo not on web page, no photo of SM or KH on webpage. – review by CM & RW ongoing. Risk assessments and trip plans not yet uploaded.

Blackwater Tour details sent to all who showed an interest.

Werbsite updated with new boat hire prices.

TB – to design a new incident report form & procedure.

1. Reports

**Chairperson – CM**

Paddling season has started well Angelsey week went well - kicked the sea leaders into form, Also the Osea paddle on 9th April was well attended as was the Blackwater tour a nice sunny day with a good level of water. Bradwell to Burnham a 23 mile paddle 7 attended which shows the raise in standard of club paddlers. We have also achieved She Paddles club recognition which is recognition to being a fully inclusive club. A full statement will be put on blog ref this shortly.

Clive

**Treasurer – KH There** is currently £5804.55 in the bank, with income from ELA and 1 ne membership. We are awaiting a bill for the website (151.00) and BC membership ius still outstanding (in region of £200) I would like to suggest a forward planning meeting to set a budget (to be discussed at AGM 2024) in August meeting.

**Head Coach – TJ**   Good turnout at the coaches meeting.  We discussed coaches training, CPD points and the pool sessions.

Wednesday night paddles have started, thank you to Ade, Del and Judy for running this. The Blackwater tour was a good turn out from Maldon Canoe Club.

Pool session Polo night had a good attendance, and everyone enjoyed the session.  Thanks to Rob for organising the Polo night.

Regards, Trevor

**Events – DC**

8th We had the Papermill to Beeleigh with Clive.

9th Sea trip Bradwell to Osea and back with Clive.

16th Blackwater Tour was a great day despite the high water everyone had a good time and received great feedback. Thanks, Clive, for running the Shuttles.

Steve Hunter mentioned doing a blog.

Wednesday night paddles kicked off with me Ade and Judy. We had 11 on the 19th and 8 on the 26th with one boat hire so well attended considering the weather and are going well.

22nd Coaches Meeting, thanks Trevor for organising

23rd Colchester had their freestyle event with only one member attending (Clint) so thanks to him. There were no enquires or interest beforehand from our members.

28th Sea trip Bradwell to Burnham with Clive.

29th Pool polo session 9 paddlers booking on Eola 14 including coaches raising £80.50. Thanks, Rob, for organising.

Lee Valley in May we have 22 confirmed.16 from Maldon 1 Colchester 2 Braintree 2 Bramston. Had a chat with all 3 clubs recently so should get some additional bookings shortly.

Henley trip on the 7th May has been Postponed.

Del Clark.

**Equipment Officer – MT** I would like to start by thanking RW, AH and DC for their help in racking out the container. Which is now ready for all Maldon Canoe Club Equipment to be stored in.

I was able to purchase the materials for the racking under the estimated budget plus with some design tweaks we have spare materials left to be able to add or adapt the racking in the future. There is 11 lengths of wood and half a box of screws left over. The changes made to the design allowed us to use less materials but gain more space than the original design.

We have had donated to the club a large bin from Tracy and Richard to use as we wish in the container, which I will use for storing the paddles in once I receive them. Plus TJ has donated 2x large box containers with lids for storage, plus a reel of 2" wide strap to use to hold up boats stored in the container. RW donated metal rods and cord to ease boat access in and out plus to provide a hanging system for drying out wet PFD and other equipment.

If any members have any spare coat hangers that could be used in the container for drying it would be most appreciated.

Matthew Thorpe

Equipment Officer

**Membership – SM –** 1 new member – Rebecca Brown, with 3 possible new members. The membership spreadsheet is now uploaded to the private area of the website.

1. Committee Roles – all now ready to go apart from welfare officer (TB) job description – TB awaiting to speak to CM regarding this. TB still needs to do BCU safeguarding course and Time to Listen course online.
2. Club Base- Simon from MYC has been chasing Maldon District Council re approval for the container on their land – MYC want us there and they are having a meeting tonight (2/5/23) and will arrange another meeting with us soon to discuss – CM RW AH & JP to attend.
3. Software SM – will stay with current setup as cost of changing the software makes it prohibitive.
4. AOB **– DC** – asked RW for dates for arranged paddles from Stone CC so events page can be update.

**SM –** membership cards are in hand. There needs to be more info regarding skill levels published with events. Is there a way of making sure there are sufficient coaches for all skill levels at pool sessions? Are membership forms going to be annual or rotating? CM to forward old system to SM. On website it states we take children from the age of 11 but does not say whether they need to be accompanied by an appropriate adult – CM will clarify as he believes that info is already on website.

**CM –** regarding nail sticking out of portage at Hoe Mill Lock, the Chelmer authorities have been emailed but no acknowledgement or reply. CM will arrange a couple of intro sea paddles from Mayland SC.

Meeting ended 8.20pm

Next meeting 6/6/23 Hurdlemakers Arms PH