



Liverpool Canoe Club



Minutes of Stewardship Meeting 6th September 2022 – Zoom call

Apologies: Roger, Richard Clews, Sharon Walters, Josh Cook, Josie Moss

1/ **Structure and purpose of the Stewardship Group.**

Action Point: Andy Garland to succeed Fiona Barry as Chair of the club. (Subject to approval at AGM)

Action Point: New structure is approved where the main coordinator for each discipline/section and that person's role would be to develop and be supported by a small team of leaders/helpers.

Action Point: KS to invite Roy Mchale to be the new Vice Chair of the club to support the Chair and provide a route for succession. – Outcome Roy is more than happy to take on this role.

Having spoken to most of you the proposed list of coordinators and the new structure is outlined below. This does not have to be approved by AGM as it is in line with our constitution.

Chair – ~~Fiona Barry~~ Andy Garland (Result of Stewardship Vote – 11 to 7)

Vice Chair - Roy McHale

Secretary – Carole Thomas

Treasurer and Grants– Craig Ford

Membership Secretary, Volunteer & Safety Coordinator – Keith Steer

Lead Safeguarding Coordinator – Sharon Walters

Assistant Safeguarding Coordinators – Amy Newnham, Lindsay Devine

News Coordinator – Mike Alter

Publicity Coordinator – ~~Pete Thomas~~ Notice boards Coordinator – ~~Carl Leungs~~

Junior / Youth Coordinator – Richard Clews

Coaching Coordinator – ~~Dave Reynolds~~ Adya Misra

Kingsway pool Coordinator Monday / Thursday – Martin Sinnott

[Team - Stuart Conway; Nick Coughlin; Richard Clews; Martin Eley; Dave Reynolds & Keith Steer; Roger Colman, David Allanson]

“Discipline ~~Representatives~~ Coordinators” to advise members/act as a point of contact:

Canoe Polo Coordinator – Callum Cook

Junior Canoe Polo Coordinator – Josh Cook

Sea Kayaking Coordinator – Ian Bell **assisted by Roger Coleman**

White Water Coordinator– John Cooke, ~~John Allerton, Dave and Fiona Gentle~~

Freestyle Coordinator – Harvey Harwood

Open Boat Coordinator – ~~Mike Alter and Ruth Edwards~~ Nikki Aldridge

Kayak Safety Cover – Jim Duffy

Slalom Coordinator – TBC

Racing Coordinator – Colin Smith

Surf Coordinator – Karl Tatum **and Paul Harwood**

SOT Coordinator – Julie Brookes



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SUP Coordinator – ~~Adya Misra~~ John Fay

Inland Touring Coordinator – ~~John Fay~~ David Hendry

Compound and Boat Maintenance Coordinator - ~~Craig Ellingham &~~ Alex Peacock ~~Steve Alcock?~~ ~~Dominic Fahey (Kingsway)~~

Stewardship group members without specific responsibilities- ~~Martin Sinnott~~, Josie Moss, Mark Benson, Steve Bond ~~and Richard Clews~~. Paul Harwood, Dave Reynolds,

2/ Date / time of AGM **Move back to a physical venue?** **Action Point: KS to Book Marina or a similar venue.**

Wednesday 19th October 8:00 pm Provisional Date and Time - AGM

3/ What to include in the AGM – Paddler of the year / Finance / Reports from the disciplines. Written questions and proposals from members and verbal questions on the day.

Proposed for paddler of the year:

Harry Ruggles Tim Haines Craig Stoba Richard Clews Paul Harwood

Proposed for junior paddler of the year:

Elliot Bold Poppy Clews Olly Groom Harvey Harwood Sebastian Gerrie Clara Clews

Proposed for Volunteer of the year:

David Hendry Adya Misra Chris Marsden Martin Sinnott Dave and Fiona Gentle Josh Cook Kevin Corcoran Richard Clews.

Action Point: KS to prepare POTY pages and send them out for voting by club members.

4/ The use of “**What’s App Groups**”, Facebook groups and other social media. Main issue – **how do we ensure that these do NOT become cliques or sub-groups**, how do you ensure that these are only available to members? Who runs and maintains them? **Action point: TBC at next meeting – ongoing clarification and refining of what is a club trip**

Proposal/clarification from KS – Google groups is the only media that includes all members. A trip can only be called a club trip (with 3rd Party liability and use of club boats) if it has been approved and appears on the club calendar.

We have a process of vetting and approving any new trip or venue before it goes on the calendar – send an email to calendar@liverpoolcanoeclub.co.uk If members use any other media (including the google group) to arrange to paddle, then this is fine but it must be very clear that this is NOT a club trip – it is a leaderless or peer trip. THE CLUB **ONLY DOES LED TRIPS AND PADDLES. We try NOT to use the word “Peer”.**



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5/ Follow up on the move of club bank approved at last Stewardship Meeting – we are now with Metro Bank – Business Community Accounts and is totally free for the club to use. Craig Ford and Keith Steer are key signatories.

6/ Do we need to continue with 'Bookwhen' for regular or even casual dock paddles?

Clear consensus that yes, all paddling needs to be pre-booked using either bookwhen or email to ensure the correct ratio of paddler to leaders – see point 4 above. It was thought to be a massive move forward with lots of new leaders taking responsibility for small groups.

7/ Could Liverpool Canoe Club send a letter of support and mention that LCC would be interested in hiring the facilities? I wouldn't hold LCC to this it's just to support the application and lend it credibility. Could you send a copy to Pamela above? pamela@jmbukdigital.co.uk **Action Point: J Duffy / Keith S already sent a letter of support.**

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**Discussion of how to develop paddlers and pathways to “move on from the Docks”. John A
Need for follow up at next meeting**

Key Dates

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