

Exec Meeting Notes

Thursday 29th July

1) Achievements from last term

- a) How will we run things differently should rules change by the next academic year?
- How to encourage people to come back to sessions
- Auto add to sessions on a weekly basis (with exceptions if there are good reasons for not coming – applying common sense)
- b) Anything people would like to continue and bring forward into future sessions?
- Continue with morning sessions

If Team Durham won't provide S&C sessions then run our own potentially. Use of kayaking ergs potentially.

2) Using the development grant

- a) Contact Mark/Callum/Nicole and make some plans for the types of polo boats we'd like to purchase with our grant

Should we buy large boats? No – because they are meant to be competitive boats but potentially get larger boats of another type (cheaper ones). Either one of each or two mediums.

New decks for boats to avoid us being swamped. Either with this money or money from elsewhere.

3) Trips

- a) Tyne Tour - cancelled
- b) Freshers friendly trip on the tees?

Replacement Tyne Tour weekend as it's cancelled – calmer fresher friendly rivers. Numbers of white water leaders.

Stockton Barrage deal – money from TD. Following GB Silver medal.

4) Swimming pools

- a) Need to make a rough plan for pool sessions (ie which days sessions will be held on) and make contact with the pools to book in good time. Hartlepool in first term then Darlington in 2nd term?
- b) Swim tests for October at Durham school? d.stanford@durhamschool.co.uk
- c) Transport to pools now that we have fewer drivers

Keep same structure – two a week. Drivers is an issue. Email pools

Contact TD about group swim tests

Sidetracked onto a social media discussion

Running a preseason to attract more people and the logistics of this. Not something for this year but plans to develop for 2022.

5) Coaches

- a) Need to confirm our plan for a club coach. Spoken to Mark and Callum and both are keen to be our club/polo coaches for next year.
- b) Team Durham are willing to contribute £500 this year towards a coach. The hourly rate should be promoted as £14.67 + holiday pay (which works out at roughly £16.43). The club will be charged at £20.04ph (as this includes employment costs), after the £500 contribution.

What type of coach? How much money do we have for it? Separate meeting to fully discuss it.

6) Freshers week

- a) Who's around in freshers week to help out with the stall and taster sessions
- b) What sort of sessions do we want to be running in freshers week? Freshers polo tournament?
- c) Freshers leaflets/handbook

Should have enough people to run freshers fair.

7) Inventory of club kit

- a) Need to take a full inventory of all the kit that is in the boathouse. This is a big and time consuming task that we'll need lots of help with. Decide on a couple days where we can work on this in September/October
- b) Do we need to reorder cleaning products for covid safety?

Fun day at the boathouse to count kit.

Who is health and safety trained?

Potentially running a WWSR course.

Key organisation.

For COVID see where we are in September.

8) Stash

Stash ideas please

9) Anything else?

Action Points:

- Social Media posts
 - o Well down GB paddlers (Ealish)
 - o What we do as a club
 - o A level results day
- Stash – Thomas and anyone who has ideas they want to share
 - o Designs
 - o Colours poll
- Freshers fair
- Trip planning
- Meeting to discuss coaching for next year – Thomas and Laura
 - o Invite some former members of the exec who might be able to provide help
- Email swimming pools - Thomas