

DUCC Exec Minutes 29/09/24

Present: Ben, Erica, Sophie, Noah, Will, Charlotte, Izzy, Charlie (minutes).

**Noah discusses kayaking in a ditch during the summer.*

Ben: need 4 leaders per fresher session – put sessions on website for sign up.

Erica: Should we market them as intro or fresher sessions? General agreement on latter.

**Admiral Fife joins from a ship somewhere in Scotland.*

Ben: we have enough people to lead fresher sessions. Has received details for exec training on Thursday.

Will: started planning pizza social – probably 6pm on Friday 4th?

Erica/Charlotte: Better on Sunday as more returners and freshers more likely to come along. General agreement.

Ben: freshers fair – lots of volunteers to help. Carry someone around in a kayak again. Erg, whiteboard etc.

Will: Leaflets – use old ones too.

Charlotte: has updated the DUCC video/photo collection to display at fair. Has emailed about cars for WWR -possibly got the 8 seater. Might be limited numbers due to drivers.

Ben: Will and Fin are 21 now so can drive TD cars. Fin not here to say no, so he is doing it.

Izzy: make sure that the boats we take can be used in as many events as possible.

Ben: wil be doing lots of WWR training – maybe erg in the morning and wavehopper in afternoon. WWR people to be decided by who goes to training and history.

Erica: should make sure there is morning fitness for people not keen on WWR.

Izzy: could consider changing the days and how it's marketed.

Ben: club has spent most of budget on new kit already so it's all ready for freshers. Could raise non-member pool session price to £7.

Charlotte: if tigers drive they could get a cheaper pool session.

Noah: maybe first few pool sessions just DUCC so it's less intimidating for freshers.

Ben: also don't forget rolling.

Charlotte: possible to do both as Darlington pool is big.

Ben: should we limit number son pool sessions?

Charlotte: ask Mark what he thinks. Who is going to teach rolling? Ask in FSRT chat.

Noah: keen to do a rescue refresher session on Tuesday. Others to join.

Charlotte: maybe a grade 2/3 trip to practice rescues. Tyne tour – we should go. Close to WWR.

Izzy: women's polo planning to train really hard this year.

Charlie: send me stash emails so I can sort out the outstanding fleeces.

Charlotte: should we raise membership by £5?

Will: not keen, would need proper justification especially after TD membership fee. Could just get two more members. General agreement.

Ben: finances – will have a proper discussion in a few weeks.

Will: ideas for first socials are swimmers/lifeguards or cops/robbers. General agreement on cops/robbers – people more likely to come along.