

DUCC Exec Meeting 28/11/2024 – Online 8pm

Present: Ben, Charlie (Minutes), Charlotte, Izzy, Sophie, Noah, Roisin, Will, Erica, Chloe.

Ben: Darlington pool has ended our booking with immediate effect. Reasons aren't substantial – think they just don't want to do it. Won't try to schedule any sessions elsewhere this term, think about it for next term.

Charlotte: but need to be on it otherwise it won't happen. Don't want people to miss out on important training and rolling.

Noah: uptake on rolling hasn't been very good. Can we do Stockton training?

Ben: should we default to Hartlepool as backup pool or look elsewhere?

Charlotte: keen to arrange last min sessions at Hartlepool for end of term. People will be keen to do polo etc in last week of term.

Ben: ok – decision made. Ben will email the pool. Not Tuesday/Thursday. Ideally same time on Friday as before.

Izzy: It's a shame but let's move on. Best not to worry.

Ben update: Team Durham membership now running after long delay. Ben will readvertise it. Needs to pick up the stickers which will go on campus cards. If you bought MC gym membership you will be refunded the difference between the regular and team Durham price. Will nag about grant meeting. Has asked about money for polo BAs. Polo BAs are very much in need of replacement. Best option is peak UK (general agreement).

Erica: will do a post about buying TD membership.

Ben: need to buy carbon fibre roll and epoxy. To fix slalom boats and others.

Charlie: one of the purple boats is leaking. Will try to find leak and fix. Also footpegs in woppers. Open canoe seat broken. Need a general stocktake.

Charlotte: can ask her paddling contacts for advice on the more complex repairs.

Charlotte: concerned that Wednesdays aren't well attended.

Charlie: Wednesday attendance has been quite good. Probably just the cold weather and exams that meant only two sign ups this week.

Charlotte: keen to make sure that people are staying engaged with the club. More conversation in the group chat would be good (memes). Perhaps tell people what the plan is for Wednesday session so there is incentive/progression. Need to think about when sessions are advertised. Perhaps sign ups should be at the weekend.

Ben: go back to Fridays at 5pm signups open. Polo sign up can be separate if needed.

Charlotte: really important to maintain the Wednesday warriors group. Only done two intro to WW – people are a bit disappointed that there has been a lack of WW opportunities. Need to make sure we get new people on them. That haven't done it before. Be open and honest in the GC with people – make them aware that the reason there has been a lack of WW opportunities is due to lack of rain/drivers/leader availability.

Erica/Charlotte: maybe weekly updates on socials. Need photos on Wednesday sessions etc. Take more photos.

Ben/Charlie/Charlotte: first aid stuff. Will arrange time to go through and sort out. Hill walking first aid course possibly full. Climbing are organising their own one. Erica will see if we can get some people on this.

Roisin: finance update. Not quite so broke anymore. Unsure how much VAT returns will be so need to bear in mind. Haven't had many invoices from TD yet, including BUCS WWR.

Charlotte: need to make sure people are paying the money they need to so we know where the bank account actually is.

Need to fix the other two ergs. Just need new cord. Ben might have a look tomorrow.

Izzy: new polo balls using some of the £200 from sale of plastic polo boats.

Wopo balls in S and C room that we can possibly have.

Will buy two size 4s one size 5. And a ball bag for comp balls.

Charlie: how are memberships looking? Have people paid?

Roisin: 39 members paid up. Not bad at all.

Wil: Christmas meal 11 December, possibly in spoons. Dress how you want. Black tie/dry suit. Social next week ou e la poulet.

Charlotte (and others): not keen on the spoons meal idea. Not as nice an occasion as previous years. Charlie creates poll – 'not spoons' narrowly wins with a total male-female divide. Will distraught. Charlotte agrees to organise it.

Erica: Christmas paddle on the same Wednesday as Christmas meal. All agree this is a good idea.

Charlie: Tools for boathouse. Will do stocktake of what is needed.

Sophie: going to welfare training. Will run coffee mornings to connect with members etc.

Next meeting pencilled in for start of next term. Meeting ends 10:15pm