

DUCC Exec Meeting 02/02/2025

Present: Ben, Charlie, Sophie, Maddie, Erica, Roisin, Noah, Charlotte, Izzy, Will.

Discussion of Ben's 'what do you want to do' poll. People want boat skills, dip turns etc. Climbing social popular (cough Social Sec absent (...turns up virtually)).

Climbing social: Weds 19th possible date, followed by Wednesday spoons. Climb 6-8pm. Will to organise.

Intermediate whitewater. R Wharfe a good alternative to HFLF, but long drive. Should do Racecourse, Abbey Rapids this term (rain permitting). Lots of interest in surfing.

Morning fitness/5k time-trial paddles. Could consider doing them later in the day to encourage attendance of sloths.

Skill sessions to teach flatwater skills e.g. draws.

Football social, needs more sign-ups.

Friendly polo tournament at Stockton. 15th March. Interest from non-bucs polo people seems to have dropped off, need to maintain this. Make polo less scary for beginners. Izzy has started organising – 2x TD cars booked. Only 1 pitch, so keep to 4 teams (2x Durham, Newcastle and Northumbria).

Pool sessions: focus on polo in final weeks leading up to BUCS. Alternate polo/rolling.

Jump from ITWW to refreshers is too large? Should do e.g. Abbey rapids to bridge gap.

Driving: new driving doc. Add note to remind drivers to send mileage to Treasurer. Discussion of recent clarifications regarding drivers deciding not to drive due to safety concerns e.g. inclement weather. See 'Driving for DUCC' document.

Treasurer and grant updates: received £2000 grant from TD for pools. General update on finances – less broke now. Ben still trying to collect the TD membership stickers – lots of people in the club are still yet to pay. Looks promising on the new polo BAs – pitch delivered to FODUCC.

Put Tees Tigers on the pool session signups. Training sec role.

Need to pay Tigers for use of Stockton basin. Izzy to clarify with Mark the suggested cost. Flat fee seems preferable. £4 one-off fee for use of the water sports centre on opp side of river – for friendly tournament. For regular training just change in the carpark and don't pay.