

## Minutes:

- *Met up with TD coordinator:*
  - TD membership gone down to £20.
  - TD broke – grant may not be given (uh oh).
  - Is also BUCS coordinator – in terms of BUCS funding = TD will give us same amount of BUCS related funding as 24/25 season (£250 for WW race – maybe more?).
    - May need personal contribution to WW BUCS as £250 does not go far.
    - Maybe take 6 to WW BUCS? Depends on personal commitment to training.
- *TD club merch.*
  - Want to use kit locker merch for all TD clubs.
  - Charlie = emailed about potential use of different providers other than kit locker – awaiting response at this time.
- *Media.*
  - Changing pinned posts on Instagram.
  - Potential new Instagram account for socials (TD would not let us get away with it ☹).
  - New photos on club wall for fresher's week.
  - Getting TD to like us.
  - Update DUCC website.
- *All exec training on 29<sup>th</sup> of September?*
- *Florence's suggestions:*
  - No welfare training yet – confusion about dates.
  - Club dry robes – keep a look out for offers to get another one.
  - Coffee mornings – see during freshers weeks to continue with them or not.
    - Could be good for people unsure about the club in the first couple of weeks of term – Devon loves oatmeal lattes!!.
- *Jake's suggestions:*
  - WW intros – good to upskill people before full trips.
    - More coaching.
    - Building confidence – tie into chill paddles.
  - Intro weekend trips rejigged.
    - Adding weekend in 1<sup>st</sup> term to north Wales whenever there's rain (couple weeks' notice + rain dance – December time?).
    - Refreshers = not go to Lake District – could go to Southern Scotland + Wales again – ability dependant.

- Additional weekend trip in first term – Wales, intermediate level + refreshers trip in 2<sup>nd</sup> term = changed around a bit.
- *George's suggestions:*
  - Nothing much to add at the moment.
  - When to start polo stuff with freshers – second week of term?
    - George to organise polo sessions + put them on the website.
- *Polo pro Alex = back and keen to get involved.*
  - Offered to run polo sessions.
- *Pool sessions.*
  - Emailed pool person ages ago – still on Fridays but ignored other questions.
    - No reply but assuming we got the pool – currently £92.50 per session, no clue if it goes up or not.
  - Good to book 9-seater quickly before another club gets it.
  - Honour anti-faff pledges to the people + sign/sort out pool stuff quickly (by the first week of 2<sup>nd</sup> term?).
  - The 'incident' – raised some operational malpractices, has been informal.
    - Risk assessments govern what we do as a club – good idea that we read them, know agreement we have with Darlington pool.
    - Charlie to share risk assessment – exec to read it + carry it out.
    - No more pool incidents please everyone.
  - Someone to take charge of pool sessions – no clear leader and it is a logistically complicated operation.
    - Will be assigned leaders in pool sessions to help govern the process.
    - No more pool session chaos! – assigned leader to subtly push people in the right direction.
    - Pool session organiser will assign a leader for each session – will run smoother hopefully.
- *General topics of conversation.*
  - Devon job – new messenger group chat called FSRT people 25/26.
    - Drivers messenger group chat also needs creating.
  - Freshers fair = Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> (1:30-8:30).
    - 9 exec members – highly doubt Ben helps, Devon to put together shift rota and share it.
    - Meet in morning to get stuff out of boathouse – Charlotte has sent YT playlist of lots of videos made by people of club that plays in loop on laptop that no one looks at.
    - Leaflet box – grotty ones to no-hopers + shiny ones to people who will join.
    - Use Instagram lots at freshers' fair (Sam job).

- Jake to walk around in kayak.
- Polo bumpers.
  - Ordered + aid for last academic year.
  - Useless guy has not sent them – passive-aggressive email sent.
  - They will arrive (Chairman Charlie has ensured it).
- Uni website.
  - Devon got it changed – uni messed it up.
  - Sam job – email Tia to get it changed, get rid of old video + make it so linked email gets displayed properly.
- TD ‘media day’.
  - All exec are entitled to go into sports hall to get mugshot taken.
  - On Wednesday for freshers fair – Charlie to book time (most likely morning).
- Sam – google drive, would be good if people knew it existed + able to access it.
- Boathouse = tip, in freshers week invite people to come along to sweep things/tidy it to make a good impression for when freshers arrive.
- Events page on club website – use it more widely.
  - Use it as a calendar – put exec meetings + socials as events on there so people know what’s going on.
- *Money talk from Maddie:*
  - Current balance = £1022.29 – less money this year as we spent lots on BAs.
    - Expecting to spend £3640 this year (yikes big deficit).
      - This is assuming costs for pool sessions remain the same.
    - **If we keep pool sessions the same + no TD grant = we could lose £1000+**
  - Budgeting for things.
    - New dry robe/s?
    - New decks?
    - New paddles?
  - Strict biscuit budget of £3/£4 a week.
    - Less people = less biscuits.
  - As TD membership price as gone down = can increase our own membership costs (upping ours to £55 = total cost for membership is £75).
    - **Club voted to approve this (increasing membership costs in line with inflation) – still cheaper than last year’s membership costs**
  - Can increase pool session prices (currently £5 a week).
    - *Something to look at later.*

- We will lose money this year – if we increase membership prices this will be less of a loss.
- **Ideas on how to extract money.**
  - *Club members paying entry to Yorkshire polo* – we currently pay nothing to compete, £3-£5 per tournament so club can get some money back this way.
    - **Exec agreed to implement this.**
  - ~~Kit levy – if you don't have your own kit/damage club kit (£5-£10 for WW trips for people who don't have own kit that could go towards maintenance costs):~~
    - ~~Agreed to include it in price of trips (big ones like Alps + Scotland etc)~~
  - ~~Increasing cost of trips by a few quid per person to make sure we don't go bankrupt.~~
    - ~~Flat fee for everyone.~~
    - ~~This is for smaller trips – kit levy for larger trips?~~
    - ~~Maddie – admin fee for all trips (like £2-3 for smaller trips + £5 for larger trips).~~
  - *Membership = includes storage of one set of each kit (e.g one boat etc).*
    - **Extra cost for storing extra kit – for every additional boat than the one allotted is £5 cost a year (maximum limit of 3 per-person).**
  - **Weekend/day trips = small extra fee of £2 for a day trip, £3 for a weekend trip + £5 for Scotland.**
    - Paid by everyone (including drivers + leaders).
- First day trip = week after freshers' week.
  - As an intro intro to WW.
  - Real intro to WW the week after this is held (2 weeks after freshers' week).
- Sunday night at 5pm = sessions released.
- Rota for freshers' fair sessions – made by Jake.
  - X2 sessions on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday + Saturday (1.5 hours for each session).

End of meeting.