



Liverpool Canoe Club

Stewardship Group Meeting Minutes

27th Apr 2026

Attendees: Keith Steer (KS), Mark Benson (MB, minutes), Amy Newnham (AN), Kevin Corcoran, Craig Ford, John Cooke (JC, chair), Callum Cook, Dominic Fahey, Ian Bell.

Apologies: Adya Misra (AM), Carl Leung, Carol Atkinson, Roy McHale, Richard Clews (RC)

#	Item	Who
1	Approval minutes The minutes from the January 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved as a true and accurate record.	All
2	Attendees/Apologies	MB
3	Review Actions Points of Previous Meeting (3) Damaged Equipment: Notice drafted & reviewed by KS/DF. Provides a QR link to the reporting page. Follow up item below. (4) Coaching plans: 5 club members will attend their Paddlesport instructor course and award on 9/10 May. We'll plan at least one more this year, if not two. AM reported via email that she is applying to become a provider so the club can offer more of these courses at a later date. (5) Paddlefest: Completed (Review below). (6) Maintenance: a. Sea Kayaks 6 kayaks now reserved and policy communicated. b. Fleet Maintenance: Audit & Repairs completed 25/4. c. Compound Maintenance: deferred. See below (KS) d. Pontoons Plan - deferred. See below (DF/KS) (7) John Lamb Bursary Proposal - deferred. See below. (RC) (8) Swim Safety Event (May 3rd) - Planning complete (KC) (9) Junior polo BA - Completed (AN)	All 15 min



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5	Paddlefest - Review Note: KS has written to thank Pete Barrs & Nick C and solicit any suggestions they may have for improvement. Kit Sales: Agreed to suggest upfront advertising of kit for sale by commercial supporters for future events (Action: KS). Competition Records: Callum to record the Polo shooting competition results from year to year to track ongoing historical records (Action: CM).	KS 10 min
6	Fleet Maintenance Repair days schedule for 2026 Action: Publish a repair schedule for 2026. DF	DF 5 mins
7	Compound Maintenance Revamp of the compound as now starting to rust. Action: Painting programme required. Plan & organise painting programme (proposed to be done as part of maintenance days) DF	KS 15 min
8	Pontoons Pontoons or similar are proposed for better access to the water. Action: Agreed to produce a comprehensive plan to improve on the club's current pontoon assets and project-manage the subsequent implementation. KS	KS 10 mins
9	John Lamb Bursary Proposal Propose structure for equitable / effective use of the bursary. For year 1. Year 1 Structure: Agreed that the Year 1 framework will focus on a dedicated coaching session for juniors at TNR or a similar venue. Coaching Engagement: Contact to be made with Lowri Davies regarding potential involvement or coaching alignment (Action: JC).	AN 15 min



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10	Equipment Requests: Left-handed paddles and canoe paddles (KS) Kneeling thwarts for the canoe fleet (Nikki Alridge, Canoe Rep) - Action: KS to purchase 10 canoe paddles and (attempt to source) 10 Left handed paddles 12 Palm junior cockpit covers Approx 5 SUP Fins Kneeling thwarts: KS highlighted a conflict between preferences for new or casual user versus advanced use. Action: KS counter-proposed 3 more kneeling thwarts to be fitted (making 4 out of the fleet of 9). KS to talk to Colin Lownes to get this implemented.	KS 10 mins
11	Damage Reporting Poster Implementation needs UV-resistant / weather resistant printing. Action: Review the final wording & organise laminated posters. MB	MB 5 mins
12	Paddle England Affiliation Liverpool Canoe Club affiliation is now able to be renewed. It is due to expire on 20/06/2026. Action: KS will complete the renewal.	MB 5 mins
13	AOB None	
14	Next Meeting: Monday, July 6th, 8pm at The Yacht Club Bar & Grill, Liverpool Marina.	