

- **Paddle to Fitness.**
- **Marathon** – 4th July? Richard will liaise with Bob Turner about the possibility of running our race, obviously will depend on what Stage we are at with Covid 19. We will need to know by June to give us time to get everything in place. Bob T is quite optimistic re the Ultra Marathon Series. The club should get behind the Hawkesbury this year, Richard will send out club emails to stir up some excitement.
- **Canoe Polo** - have finalized pool accounts for May to Sept; requesting payment of junior subsidy of \$307 + \$100 for winter pool training, the committee had agreed back last April to sponsor the juniors up to \$1000 for pool hire, so Laura will get Trent an account to pay into. Next season Canoe Polo will send pool invoices directly to the Treasurer to pay and collect fees from players which should be deposited monthly. River training is starting up again.
- **Coaches Rep.** –
- **Boat Captain** – BGCC stickers for boats and paddles? Ask Robert to organise. Need to do a boat audit, there are many boats we can't reconcile. Bob going to organise the grey army to change the carpet
- **Membership** – currently have 232 members. Paddle Australia has put together a Paddle Support Package (see below), part of which sees PNSW fees reduced by 25% till December. After discussion the committee agreed to reduce our club fees by 25% also, from \$80 to \$60 and to reduce the new members fee from \$50 to \$30. This was done for 2 reasons – that the club needs to keep our current members, many of who haven't been able to fully enjoy this season fully as well as encouraging new members as our numbers have dropped considerably. Boat storage and key fees will remain the same.

Proposal – to reduce club membership fees by 25%, from \$80 to \$60 for until end December		
Proposed by Helen	Seconded by Dom	Agreed

As part of encouraging new members we also need to encourage more to take up coaching. Paddle Australia is offering free coaching courses for the present, however BGCC will pay for course fees and accreditation fees once you have completed your training

- **Safety** – should now be encouraging the wearing of PFD's for all, compulsory for members using club boats, in any training groups or time trials, Patricia to send out a reminder
- **Time Trials** –

8) **Key Request** – via email – Georgie Statham, James Deakin, Tom Long – accepted

9) **Events** - Burley Griffin BASH – agreed that we still want to run it, will need to wait to see what dates are free in the Ultra Marathon series, perhaps if the Myall is cancelled (due to covid). In which case we can make a longer distance if required. Need to encourage newer paddlers – maybe get experienced paddlers to buddy up in doubles or singles. With the 24 hour in December, there may be no opportunity to run the Bash.

10) Other Business

- **Economic Development Business Services.**

They are offering us a grant of \$1,500.00, to be spent by 30 September 2020 and acquitted within 3 months. Grant received – can be acquitted against operating costs etc.

- **Grants** – Bob has asked Shane for a quote for insulating the meeting room to combine with the guttering quote ready to apply for a Capital Assistance Grant
- **BGCC and Covid** – how we're coping, where we're heading – will send out Margi's update. Several members commented on the use of the bathrooms for changing? Need to get an official club response to what can and can't happen now that there has been some relaxing of restrictions.
- **Club Birthday** – June, normally we run a Presentation dinner which we decided to hold in October. but we should recognize our birthday somehow... depending on restrictions.

11) Meeting closed – 7.32pm

12) Next meeting -

Key Elements of the Paddle Support Package

1. 25% discount on 2020/21 State and Paddle Australia fees for Club members on renewals and new memberships until the end of December this year to help retain current members and help attract new ones.
2. The establishment of the Paddle On Foundation to help those in need keep paddling and remain members of their Club. New and renewing members affected by COVID19 can make an application to have their PA, State and Club membership paid for by the Foundation and members who are able to will have the opportunity to make a tax free donation to the Foundation to support their fellow paddlers.
3. Free member access to our new, online Introduction to Coaching course so members can upskill while they have time and can help coach new members when Clubs reopen. Members who complete all course elements by 30 September 2020 will receive 12 months free registration as an Introductory Coach.
4. A three-month extension for all current Paddle Australia qualification holders given they haven't been able to use their qualifications for a while. Qualification end dates will be automatically extended.

