# Maitahi Outrigger Canoe Club Meeting



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Time:** 7:15pm

**Present:** Charmaine Payn (President), Katie Thurston, Kilmeny Stephens, Chris Sheldon, Jan

Blythe (Secretary), Jeff Neilson, Julie Marriott (Treasurer), Amanda Kerr, Deputy

Harbour Master

**Apologies:** Tony Davies, Zoe Horvath

## Agenda:

- Apologies
- Minutes from the previous meeting
- Matters arising
- Financial report

### Correspondence

- Ineke Reynolds Young Parent School paddling experience
- Ziggy" Norberg study abroad program

## **General Business**

- Incident reports
- Gear & Maintenance
  - Adjustable paddles for kids paddling
  - Skirts ? ordered?
- Membership
  - Did we receive subs from Elaine Rowling?
- Fundraising
  - Weetbix Challenge
  - Chia & working team
  - March Fest Volunteers, Dates
- Events
  - Halberg Big Splash March 2018, 3/4 or 10/11
- Rangatahi
- Ratchets for waka
- Cultural Approach
- Close of meeting

We welcomed to Amanda Kerr, Deputy Harbour Master to the meeting

Amanda's position of Deputy Harbour Master is now a full time position and she is on the water most days. Her job is to grow relationships with all water sports and water users, to work on open communication so we can work together for a safer water community.

#### **DoC Annual Beach Cleanup**

DoC is no longer doing the annual beach cleanup this year and will reconsider its decision next year. For the last few years Maitahi has been assigned Haulashore Island. The Breeze Radio station and NCC have been

involved in previous years supporting the cleanup with NCC having a rubbish truck to dispose of the rubbish collected.

Katie suggested it was a good way for all the water users to help keep our waterways clear. Kilmeny has liaised with the DoC in previous years and she will put something in writing for Amanda to take to the harbour Master.

#### Sewage spills at beach and harbour

The committee expressed its concern about the 2 recent sewage spills in the harbour and at Tahunanui Beach. Both affect our club members, especially the first one after the King Tides as we were all trying to prepare for last weekend's regatta at Nelson Lakes.

It was noted that the communication from the council is very poor and updates are very slow to come through. It would be great to have somewhere we could get more frequent updates on what is actually happening. Maybe it could be sent through to the Harbour Masters Facebook page.

The spills have previously mostly affected the harbour. To have both the haven and the beach off-limits for the weeks at a time is totally unacceptable.

#### **Rowers & safety**

Char mentioned that when she goes out early in the morning that the rowers are also out, but have only one small light on their skiffs, very low down to the water (if at all) and that they are very hard to see in the dark.

It was also noted that they do not stick to the rule of keeping to the right, but go up the centre of the channel (often in convoy!). As they are facing the opposite way to their direction of travel they often don't see what is happening around them.

## **New Ramp pontoons**

Kilmeny asked about the new ramp structure and pontoons that has been discussed at the Water Sports Alliance meetings attended by Zoe. Amanda was not aware of the Water Sports Alliance meetings. Jan aired her concerns about the effect the pontoons would have on launching the smaller one or two person waka which have rudders and will be difficult to launch with the new suggested configuration. Jan to send Amanda the notes from November along with the proposed plans.

#### Ramp next to rowers pontoon damaged

Katie noted that the old roped off ramp next to the rowers pontoon has 'unattached' piles and is quite dangerous. However, we often see people using it, particularly dog owners (going under the roped off area and onto the ramp).

### **Harbour Masters patrols**

The harbour masters boat is often out on the water making sure that people are safe. They are checking for PFD's mainly which must be carried and should be worn. If PFDs are not on the craft then the Harbour Master can ask the boat to go back to shore.

#### **Huli Practice**

Kilmeny asked about the notification procedure for planned huli (capsize) practices. The club protocol is to let the Harbour Master know in case of "Port Hills Pilots" ringing in. Amanda said she was happy to take those calls, texts or emails as Dave is often otherwise engaged. Message both of them. Kilmeny to update the procedure poster in the shed. Amanda's contact details are:

M: 021 369 912

E: Amanda.kerr@portnelson.co.nz

## Halberg Trust & Maitahi Fun Day @ Tahunanui Beach - 11th March 8:30

Katie confirmed that our Annual Fun Day will be in conjunction with the Hallberg Trust day at the beach on 11th March. Amanda advised that this is the same day as the Boulder Bank walk which the Harbour Master has traditionally assisted. They will have a presence at the beach from 9-11am and then will be involved with the supporting the Boulder Bank walk.

#### **Marine Hazards**

Do we need to let the Harbour Masters know when there is a hazard (large floating or submerged item) in the water. Amanda confirmed that it could be helpful.

## **Accept Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were read.

Char proposed that this was a true and correct representation of last month's minutes. Jeff Seconded.

Matters Arising	Discussion	Action
	Damian has tendered his resignation from the committee. He is happy to volunteer for specific projects.	

Treasurers	Discussion	Action	Ву
Report			
	John moved that all the outstanding invoices be passed for payment. Jeff seconded		
	Julie reported that the invoice f	at the invoice for the waka trip by Sothebys has not yet been paid, but	
	the email address we had was v	lress we had was wrong. This has been corrected and the invoice re-sent.	
	Julie will prepare a Lakes Race f	I prepare a Lakes Race financial report for next committee meeting once all the	
	costs and income have been pro	osts and income have been processed	
	Julie proposed the Treasurer's report be accepted. John seconded.		

Correspondence	Discussion	Action
Young Parent	Ineke Reynolds (previously paddled with Maitahi)	Jan to find out numbers & if
School	contacted us as a teacher of the Young Parent School. She	it's a 1 off or a regular thing.
	is wanting to run and Active Living segment and wants to	Contact Penny Molnar to
	know what the possibility of getting them out in the	see if she would be
	waka. As its an educational use then for a 1 off it would	interested in steering for
	be \$50/waka as per our standing charges.	this.
Ziggy Norberg	Evergreen state College student from the USA in NZ for	Jan to let Ziggy know about
	6weeks studying. See attached letter.	the Halberg Trust day
		Katie to send Jan
		information from Justin
Nelmac	John sent through a request from Nelmac who want to do	Char will email Duncan for
	a team building exercise and would like that group to go	more details and to confirm
	out in a waka. There resulted an email discussion on what	the price.
	to charge but we need to stick with our \$50/waka +GST	
	for educational groups and \$125/waka +GST for	

corporate groups. They have 12-13 people, it would be	
during a week day and we would probably need to	
provide 3 steerers, 3 number 1s	

General Business	Discussion	Action
Incident reports	No incidents have been reported this month.  Sewage spills: We have had 2 sewage spills this month from 2 different adverse weather patterns. The club has complied with the NCC request to stay off the water. Although it was noted that it was unfortunate timing just before the Lakes race.  OC2 damage: Jane and Karen noted that the OC2 cockpit has been damaged again. Greg suggested filling the space with 'marine bog' to reinforce the rim. Some of the guys will get together to discuss what can be done (Tony, Greg, Chris, Jeff, Kereama)	
Gear and Maintenance	Small Paddles: Katie would like to see at least 3 small paddles available in the shed for when we have younger paddlers for social paddling. Jan also stated that there were 2 occasions over the holidays when short paddles would have been used had they been available. We did have a price from Rob Smith for a set last year sometime. Could this come out of the Rangitahi reserve? We are getting more rangatahi interested in paddling.  Rangatahi programme: Char reported that there is an active rangatahi programme starting on Monday next week to get rangatahi out on the water and that Huri, Leyla, Char, Kereama & Carmel are all involved. They have talked to Pete Barrett about getting it up and running and both clubs working together on this. Char to find out more information on what is happening here. Katie noted that there are paddlers in Maitahi who have expressed a keen interest in helping with the rangatahi (Damian, Linda and others). Char (Whakatū) is taking out 18 14-16yr olds of her 'at risk' youth.  Carmel (Whakatū) takes out 18-20 Nayland students on a Thursday.  Kereama and Bex (Maitahi) have 12-16 Waimea College students on a Monday morning  Kereama is taking out some of the Boys College teachers on a Tuesday.  Kereama is organising a 4pm session on a Friday for other rangatahi to have a fun paddle.  Craig Pauling and Jack Wormald have set up a programme which they are taking to schools in the Christchurch area that has unit standards and they are willing to share it with us.	

	Funding for Equipment: The schools will supply their own gear and Bex is working on funding for gear for the Waimea College students.  Small paddles for Maitahi: Getting back to the need for smaller paddles in Maitahi, John proposed getting a quote for adjustable paddles from Rob Smith, and that in the meantime, Chris cut down three of the older paddles to 43".  Marine Radios: The 2 black Radios we had have both died, so we currently only have 2 yellow radios. Char proposed that we purchase 2 more yellow radios from Burnsco for \$139 each. Katie seconded. John will buy them and mark them so we know which is which.  Sprayskirts: We have an invoice for 1 set of sprayskirts for one of the mahimahi waka. The invoice has been passed for payment.	
Membership	Robyn Dewson, Jenni Bancroft & Elaine Rowling have all joined. Jane Reed has renewed her membership. We now have 72 paid up members.	
Fundraising	Weetbix Challenge: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> March. Marquees Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> : We have not had confirmation that we have the marquees to put up on the Friday as yet. Char has been corresponding with Matt and will email him again to get confirmation. Putting up the marquees is a major fundraising event for us and we have turned down other jobs.  Cycle Marshalling 4 March: Kilmeny is organising the cycle marshals but they only want 5 this year.  Car parking 4 March: Sports Tasman has asked us if we want to organise the car parking on Centennial Drive from 7:30am – 12:30pm. It will be a gold coin donation and we get the gold coin. John is happy to organise this.	Char to confirm whether or not we have Marquee job with Matt
Sports Nelson Tasman:	Has added Maitahi to the list of clubs which go out as providing volunteers for events which need help. There are 2 events coming up (19/20 & 31 March) but we are fully committed for March with Weetbix on the 4 <sup>th</sup> , Halberg & Fun Day on the 11 <sup>th</sup> and March Fest on the 24 <sup>th</sup> . It would be asking too much from our members.	
Chia: potential sponsor	John has had a chat with Florence at Chia and they are very keen to have a corporate waka experience. It is possible if we handle this right that they could be a major sponsor for the club. Florence@chia.co.nz We need to respond to them saying yes, we'd love to take them out, this is what we do, this is our history.	Char to find out what sort of experience they are thinking of.
March Fest	24 <sup>th</sup> march. Katie is organising this. We need to provide 25 volunteers from 11:30 to 4:30pm. We have 7 spaces still left to fill. Katie needs the info in a couple of days as the organisers need to know tshirt sizes.	

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Halberg Trust & Fun Day	11 march is our annual Fun Day at Tahunanui Beach. It's a day when we encourage new paddlers to give it a go and we normally get new members out of it. This year we are doing it in conjunction with the Halberg Trust. On the 8 <sup>th</sup> March after work there will be a training session on how to help disable people in and out of the waka. Katie has 'booked' the beach and let the Harbour Master know. We will need volunteers to paddle the waka over and back.  There was discussion around what sort of waka we would need for disabled paddlers (double hull or double ama for stability) Jan noted that Outward Bound have a double kiato. Once we know what we are dealing with then a decision on how to stabilize the waka can be made.	Katie to email Justin to find out what sorts of disabilities we will be dealing with
Ratchets	Jan asked if we could try out ratchets for attaching the kiato to the W6s. They need to be high quality stainless steel and are expensive to get good ones. Some were bought for Rarotonga one year, but didn't last very long. Whakatū use them all the time and it makes rigging very quick and easy. John proposed that we use the ones we have to try them out on one of the W6s and see how they go. If they work out well then we can look at buying high quality ones.	John and ? to try an existing set out on one of the W6 waka.
Karakia	John noted that the karakia has been printed out and laminated copies are in the shed for use.	
Portage	Portage is on 19 <sup>th</sup> May.	
Mistletoe Bay trip	Katie is still looking into the trip to Mistletoe Bay in early May to use it as a training for Portage. It can be accessed by road so not everyone would have to paddle over and back.	Katie to find out the costs of staying at the eco lodge and whether safety boats would be required for the trip.
10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals	The Lakes race committee ordered 100 medals for the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. We didn't have enough on the day because of the large number of entries. There are 9 left. However, 1 needs to go to Tara Hope for the SUP, Sunkist need 6, Aunties 4 and it would be nice to give one to Kylie Nepia as they sponsored the medals. So we need another 4. Char confirmed that we have funding again from Kylie for next year's race.	John to ask the medal makers if they can do a run of 4 or is there a minimum number.
Cultural Approach	Nothing came forward for this meeting	

Meeting finished: 9:30 p.m.
Next committee meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Signature Date