Encounter Paddling

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History

- Club established in 2007
- Small but enthusiastic team
- Led by a couple of experienced paddlers

- Started working with STAR Club in early part of 2009
What are the two priority areas from your action plan that you are working on now? Why?

- Increasing the number of club members taking part in committee work, including working together on our strategic plan

- Moving forward on plans to get a club house so that we can increase numbers of craft that members have access to – therefore growing membership
Strategic Priority 1: Governance

1.1  Promote and support improved administration roles and structures
1.2  Encourage a shared workload through the delegation of tasks and responsibilities
1.3  Ensure that clear meeting procedures and conducts are defined
• Using the pillars from the strategic plan as a basis for meeting agendas and forming sub committees to work on aspects of the strategic plan

• Policy sub committee has met and started development of new club policies.
Juniors on committee
Strategic Priority 2: Leadership

- 2.1 Promote quality by increasing opportunities for training and accreditation for all members
- 2.2 Ensure a targeted approach to different paddling disciplines, competitive as well as recreational
• Investigating coaching courses for a number of members – awaiting Australian Canoeing.
• 5 attended level one training including 2 u 18’s and one elite u 23 and us!?!?!
Strategic Priority 3: Growth & Development

- 3.1 Promote, support and encourage junior development through a range of opportunities and pathways
- 3.2 Ensure adherence to a range of policies, including Child Safe Environments and Safety Procedures
- 3.3 Increase opportunities for social interactions amongst members
• Junior Development Officer and two junior committee members held information session for year 7 students transitioning to local high school
• Junior members participated in local training camp.
• Hosting event for international paddling guest
• Social Committee organised club Christmas Dinner
• Club newsletter developed
• 4 island presentation lunch
• Champagne and strawberries at state titles
Strategic Priority 4: Resources/Finances & Assets

- 4.1 Continue to work towards the development of club rooms and a boatshed through a targeted approach and planned expenditure
- Acquiring a new elite K1
The current situation?!?
Strategic Priority 5: Competition & Participation

- 5.1 Encourage greater participation across all levels from elite to recreational
- 5.2 Promote the fitness, fun and non-competitive aspects of paddling
Continued support for elite paddlers at sprint regatta’s local and national. One junior making national talent squad.

- Ladies group paddle on Wednesday evenings for new and established ladies who are looking for fitness and possible lead to competition for some, including local handicap races. Has now changed to Sunday morning due to no daylight saving

- 4 Island classic had 50 – 60 paddlers in sea kayaks and ski’s

- Identified a lack of junior girls so is a targeted area.

- SA hosted national marathon championships with 2 club members on organizing committee and selection squad.

- Increased numbers participating in Riverland paddling marathon many for the first time through the mini marathon
What difference has the Star Club project made to Encounter Paddling?

- External support in developing (with club members) a strategic plan for the future.

- An impartial sounding board.

- Support, encouragement and ideas for growth of the club.
What are the opportunities and challenges over the next 6 – 12 month?

- Building a club house – getting grants, approval, design etc...
- Growing the club membership and involvement of members in all aspects of the club
- Increasing number of participants in all craft and disciplines of paddling
What are three key lessons learnt so far?

- Sharing the load is good

- Change will not happen overnight ...but it will happen.

- We have a lot of people in the club who are happy to help and support in a number of ways they have many talents and ideas if we divide up the jobs and use them!
Local events
Our volunteers are crucial
Ethos of family and fun
Achieving success for all ages!
Thank you

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