

Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General meeting of the Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club. Held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Frimley Baptist Church, Frimley

### **1 Attendees**

Mr Alan Ebbage- Chairman

Mrs Liz Murnaghan- Secretary

Mr Brian Gandy Treasurer

Mrs Rose Fox, Mr Alan Taylor, Mr Garry Winckley, Mr Gavin Branch – Committee members and the following members of the Club. Hansell family, Pete Absolom, Veness family, Sarah Francis, Richard Somerset, Wendy and Katie Fox, Sarah Murnaghan, Ian Fox, Chris Belton, Jason Dyer, Richard and Nick Boreham, Dave and Josh Bevan, Isobel and Naomi Smith, Jamie Cox, Lis Coleman, Rees Clark family, James Taylor, Jeffs family, Mark and Debbie Evans, Jonathan Johns, Caroline Ebbage, Howard Smith, Ray Rasmussen, Don and Sue Elliott.

Apologies for absence were received from Mike and Mary Simpson, Murray Jones, Anne and Brian Biffin, Caroline Barnes, Cynthia Robinson, Charles and Katie Hicks, Andrew Sharpe, David Howie. Ian Mattison, Tim Truesdale, Dawn wall, Debbie Carpenter and Lee Matthews.

### **2 Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting**

These have been displayed on the club website for the past 10 months. Accepted as a true record.

**3.** The youth section retired to form their own committee.

### **4 Chairmans report.**

Overview of 2011

- This year the Club was reassessed for Clubmark accreditation. I am pleased to say that the reassessment was successful. That achievement was principally down to the efforts of Liz Murnaghan.
- We had some fantastic racing results this year with the club achieving its best ever position in the Hasler final with 6th place. Not bad for a club with no clubhouse! We also had a national champion crowned at the National Marathon Championship in August and paddlers competing at international level – more about that later.
- The club's finances are looking very healthy but I will leave Brian to expand on this in his report.
- We have seen major improvements made to our equipment storage in the boathouse this year and we now have a sensible system for storage of paddles, buoyancy aids etc. Thanks to Lee Matthews and Brian Biffin and the rest of the team for their hard work in completing this task.
- The shower block project is suspended whilst the planning application awaits the outcome of a bat survey. The Surrey Wildlife Trust is insisting on a bat survey as a condition of its support for the planning application. Assuming planning permission is granted then funding

needs to be sought. Currently the BCA is struggling to fund its basic operation and grants are in short supply, so it might be some time before the project is concluded.

- The club continues to provide pool sessions and the Yateley school pool was piloted in July and will be considered again once the current refurbishment completes in about April 2012. In the meantime the club will continue to use RAF Odiham. There is a session scheduled for this Sunday so please give it your support.
- The club is reaching a key turning point as new volunteers are needed to replace those retiring or reducing their input. We need to continue to encourage members to take responsibility for some part, however small, in helping to run this club.
- One of our affiliated groups, KC21 Kayak, disbanded during this last year and KC21 very kindly donated their fleet of 10 Master TG kayaks to our club. In recognition of this generosity, BCCC made a donation to KC21's charity of choice.
- Training has been provided to a number of members on the black art of maintaining the club's website. The workload is now distributed and no longer relies on a single individual. Net result is that the website will be even more up to date! Whilst on this subject, I would like to point out that the photo galleries section is now back in action.
- Brian Gandy has handed the editorship of the Waterfront magazine to Paul Jeffs. Paul will continue to update the 'headlines' section of the club's website home page on a near real-time basis.
- The private boat storage rental management is now in the capable hands of Garry Winckley.

#### RACING

- What a year with some tremendous results both individual and team!
- International scene:
  - Sam Rees-Clark with her Royall CC partner won the 15km Junior Ladies K2 at the Loire Marathon on Sunday 25 September.
  - Cameron Kelly and Sam Rees-Clark competed in the 18Km Gent Marathon event earlier in the year. Cameron came 10th in the 15-16 year age group and Sam came 4th in the same age group and she was 8th overall in the ladies race.
- BCCC finished 3rd in the southern region and was 6th in the Hasler finals – the best result yet achieved (previous best was 8th place).
- The club finished 12th in the National Marathon Championships. Notable results:
  - National champion: Joe Hansell: 1st in both K1 and K2
  - Dave Howie: 2nd in K2.
  - Sam Rees-Clarke: 2nd in K2 and 3rd in K1.
  - Third place for the K2 of Charles & Bill; and the K1s of Robin Lees and Richard Somerset.
- A good start to this season with the club achieving 1st place at the Pangbourne and Henley rounds of the Hasler competition
- The Club has continued to make investment in racing equipment and this year having purchased 3 K1s and one K2.
- Dave Howie has joined the coaching team and I think most people will agree the team's performance and results have improved as a consequence of his input.
- We had yet-another very successful and well run BCCC Hasler round – thanks to Howard Smith and team!

- The Club winter race had to be cancelled due to proposed embankment repairs between Ash Lock and Ash Wharf, although it is likely that it would have had to be cancelled anyway due to ice.
- We are looking for volunteers for this year's Basingstoke Canal Challenge on 11th December. If you are interested please contact Brian Gandy.
- Talking of longer distance... Waterside Series:
  - Isobel Smith and Naomi Smith: 1st Ladies K2 in a time of 13:19:06. This beat the Waterside Series Record that had stood since 1995!
  - Andrew and Paul Jeffs: 3rd in Junior/Veteran K2.
  - K2 Snr Men – 4th Jamie Cox and Derek Campbell – 13:49:05
  - K1 Senior Men – 4th Jon Freemantle – 15:03:12
  - K2 Veterans – 7th Mark Evan and Neil Matthews – 15:15:53
- D-W 2012:
  - Mike Rees-Clark and partner Ed Dobson from Devizes achieved 3rd place in the Junior doubles with a time of 17:33:10.
  - Sam Rees-Clark finished with partner Connor Peters from Fowey. Their time of 18:37:44 gave them 5th place and also the trophy for the fastest junior mixed crew.
  - Jon Freemantle finished 11th in the K1 race with a time of 20:35:41.

#### Coaching.

- Paddlepower: 2 excellent courses organised once again by Liz M. Rose will be organising in 2012.
- Many training and star courses held through the year (too many to list!).
- 7 members have passed their 3 star Whitewater award.
- BCCC again hosted the Hants Youth Games – thanks to Liz M for organising.

#### TRIPS

- Proliferation of whitewater trips throughout the year.
- Smattering of sea trips which included the Hayling Island circumnavigation.
- Various River (cruising) trips.
- A small number of exploratory location visits for potential 2012 trips, e.g, the tidal Arun, Kefalonia.
- French Holiday (Pas de Calais area): in August this year – very well attended.

#### BCU membership

There is some concern that in future BCU (Canoe England) may elect not to cover the Basingstoke canal with its license. I would ask all members to consider taking out BCU membership as an increase in membership numbers would influence any decision by the BCU on this matter.

#### Volunteers:

I would like to take this opportunity to mention some of the unsung heroes of the club – those volunteers who continue to give of their time to benefit other club members. Without these people we would not have a club.

#### Thanks to:

- Paddlepower

- Jill Veness – booking in.
- Coaches: Rose Fox; Brett Dale-Heaps; Brian Biffin; Liz Murnaghan; Paul Jeffs; Richard Somerset, Nick Boreham.
- Pool: Lee Mathews.
- BBQ: Liz Oliver and Murray Jones
- RACING
  - Dave Howie, Richard Somerset, Lis Coleman, Brian Gandy.
- Liz Murnaghan: secretary, membership secretary, Southern Region treasurer; coach, mentor and CAKE baker.
- Brian Gandy: Treasurer
- Gavin Branch: Hasler organisation and the H&H.
- And ... the other members of the Committee.

Thanks

Due to pressure of work, I have elected to stand down from the committee this year. It has been a enjoyable and sometimes challenging 4 years . Thanks for the support provided to this novice over the last 4 years, particularly that provided by: Liz Murnaghan; Brian Biffin, Brian Gandy; Charles Hicks; Richard Somerset, Alan Taylor and Gavin Branch.

### **5 Treasurers report**

A copy of the audited accounts had been circulated to members. Brian ran through them pointing out the key sources of income and expenditure. The accounted were accepted with no amendments.

### **6 Proposals for consideration**

#### a Subscriptions and costs

The Committee proposed that “Annual membership” fees remain unchanged and “Boat Storage “ fees are increased by 5% to cover increased costs. Joining fees will remain unchanged.

Membership fees	Current	Proposed
Affiliated	£78.75	£78.75
Adult	£31.50	£31.50
Family	£63.00	£63.00
Associate	£18.90	£18.90
Boat store fees		
GPs and K1s	£29.40	£31.00
K2s and Sea kayaks	£40.95	£43.00
Canadians and SOTs	£52.50	£55.00
Double sea kayaks		£55.00

The changes were accepted with no amendments.

#### b Changes to the Club Constitution.

The following changes were proposed to the Club Constitution. (Subject to approval by HMRC after the AGM).

Presently membership lapses if not renewed within three months but is back-dated if the ex-member rejoins within 12 months. The proposed changes to Clause 4.4 removes this inconsistency.

The club has email addresses for almost all members. The additional sentence in Clause 10.3 allows notices of meetings to be given by email in future.

The Committee considers that members who wish to stand for election to the Committee should be known in advance of the AGM and propose a new Clause 10.5.

It is proposed that;

(a) Clause 4.4 is changed to read:

“4.4 Subscriptions are due upon being accepted as a member of the Club and on the first day of the month in which membership is renewable. A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club if, after due notice in writing, he or she has not paid the required subscription within three months of the due date. Any membership renewed within THREE months of the due renewal date shall be back-dated to that renewal date.

Any membership renewed more than THREE months after the due renewal date, shall be treated as a new application for membership.

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(b) Clause 10.3 is changed to read:

10.3 Not less than fourteen days’ Notice shall be given of the date and venue of any General Meeting. "Notice" shall include the agenda, audited accounts (where applicable) and other material on which a resolution is to be proposed at the meeting. Notice shall be sent to all members by post, email or other acceptable means.

(c) New Clause 10.5 be inserted and that existing Clauses 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 be renumbered accordingly.

“10.5 Any member who wishes to be considered for election to the Committee, either as an officer or as a general committee member must inform the Secretary in writing 28 days before the AGM so that their details can be circulated to all members with the AGM material.”

The changes were accepted with no amendments.

## **7 Election of Committee.**

The following nominations were received from members who are willing to stand on the Committee Chairman; Richard Boreham,

Secretary; Liz Murnaghan,

Treasurer ;Brian Gandy

General Committee members (5 required), Brian Biffin, Rose Fox, Tim Truesdale, Garry Winckley, Carl Veness

No additional nominations were received at the meeting. The meeting elected the nominees, there were no objections.

## **8 Proposed toilet block development**

Alan outlined in his Chairmans speech that the application for planning permission is currently suspended pending the completion of a bat survey.

## **9 Presentation of trophies**

Club Marathon

Hicks pots Best performance by a double Jamie Cox and Sam Rees Clark 1<sup>st</sup> Div 5K2

Matthews Trophy, best performance by a lady- Liz Murnaghan 9<sup>th</sup>/16 Div 7

Wills trophy, best performance by a man Mike Truesdale 2/24 Div 5 and P4

Gandy- Somerset award for Most Valuable Hasler racer – Jamie Cox 161 points

#### Hare and Hounds

4 mile Challenge Cup- Alex Veness 57 points

Aprils Cup (fastest lady) –Katie Lambert 52'48""

Canadian Challenge- Murray Jones

Davey trophy- fastest double- James and Jon Freemantle 44'36" (faster than last year's time of 46'32")

Fastest Single- James Freemantle-45'33" (Again faster than last year's time of 46'00")

Top Single Hicks Trophy Joe Hansell 106 points

Runner Up H&H Cameron Kelly 99 points

Millet Cup Highest points K2- Charles Hicks and Bill Hansell 110 points

U16 Cup Fastest Junior –Ben Hansell 51'20"

#### Committee awards

Chairmans Award- Liz Murnaghan for doing all the paperwork behind the scenes.

James Bilson award- Chris Fothergill. Inspirational paddling in the Grand Canyon.

Ted Ledger award- non paddling contribution- Stella Gandy, Katie Hicks and Lis Coleman for making cakes and sandwiches for the Club marathon for the past 25 years.

Jarman award Ranked slalom paddler- None

Simpson award for newcomer to slalom- None

Open boat –Adult-Sue Elliott.

#### Youth awards

Open boat Youth-Richard Oliver

Marathon U12- Joe Hansell Joe is now racing in Div 5K1, U12 national marathon champion in K1 and K2

White water- Mike Rees Clark. There was a lot of competition for the award, thanks to the hard work that Paul Jeffs has put in running whitewater trips many of the youth have progressed a lot this year.

Mike has organised club trip to HPP, a new venue for us and his skills in a boat have been recognised outside the club as he was asked to partner a Richmond junior in the Liffey descent last week.

Polo – None

Youth Committee award- Luke Veness for progress in all disciplines.

Neptune award for services to swimming. Lots of nominations this year. Coaches swimming in front of their beginners classes, Nick Boreham and Caro Barnes; Hare and Hounds swimmers- Tim Truesdale, Paul & Andrew Jeffs; at the Hasler finals swims from old FOGEYS (Foolish Old Guys Employ Your Spraydecks) who had too many PIES (Persistent Ingestion Enables Sinking) Paul Jeffs, Tim Truesdale, Mark Evans and Neil Matthews and perennial winner Richard Somerset .On white water trips, Garry couldn't remember all the swims Paul Jeffs has had, but he did comment that "He has had nearly as many as me" . For his "Martini Girl" approach to swimming, Any time, any place Any where the award goes to Paul Jeffs

Golden excuses awards for failing to finish a Hasler race- Chris Branch, apparently he taught Richard some new words this year, "work" and "study"

### **10 Any Other Business**

The new Youth Committee are as follows

Chairman – Chris Branch

Vice Chairman- Sarah Murnaghan

Treasurer Benji Hansell

Activities reps- Luke Veness and Alex Veness

Youth Reps- Katie Fox, Andrew Jeffs, Jason Dyer

Richard Somerset asked that the new Committee review the number and use of "Tupperware" boats and asked that some be sold to make space for more K1s.

Howard Smith advised that Ben Hansell is U14 MK1 500m National Champion.

Brian Gandy proposed a vote of thanks for the hard work that Alan Ebbage has put in as Chairman and Secretary.

The meeting was Closed