

Minutes of the Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club 29th Annual General Meeting on 21st Nov 2008

Held at: Frimley Baptist Church, Balmoral Drive, Frimley, GU16 9AR

Present:

Liz Murnaghan (Chair) (attended part of meeting)
Katie Truesdale (Treasurer)
Jon Mudd (Secretary)
and 43 recorded members of the Club

1. Apologies

Liz Murnaghan (Liz arrived back to support the presentation of the awards)
Jon Mudd opened informing all that Liz Murnaghan had been delayed flying back from holiday. Jon supported the AGM in Liz's absence. Brian B's slide show was used to support an awareness of some of the various trips and activities the club had organised over the last year i.e. Canal pub crawl, Old Harry, Monnow, Barle.

2. 2007 Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as a true record of the 2007 AGM - Murray Jones proposed; Anne Biffin seconded

3. Youth Committee

Josh Bevan outlined this year's Youth Committee activities, fundraising and trips. Josh highlighted that Adult facilitation is critical and asked for a nominee (s) to come forward and support the role.

4. Madam Chair's Report

Jon Mudd read Liz's annual report as follows;-

Chairman's report 2008

Doesn't time fly when you are having fun? The past year has simply whizzed by in a flash of paddles.

As a club we have continued to maintain a healthy membership of 168 membership units. This works out at 316 people (not including our Affiliated groups) of whom 1/3 rd are women and 143 are BCU members in their own right. I would like to encourage all the adult members who are not BCU members to join because of the benefits it gives you, notably the insurance and the licences to paddle on the canal and other waterways.

However we only have 26 qualified coaches, who are all volunteers to support all these paddlers. I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has given up time this year to help with the running of the club, we couldn't do it without you. Not all our jobs require coaching skills but if you are interested in becoming a coach then both the club and the Southern region are prepared to help you financially, just ask the Treasurer or Chairman for details. We do ask all our coaches and helpers to fill

out a CRB form. Brian Biffin is our Welfare Officer and he can help you with any questions you may have.

With regard to the facilities the Club has to offer, we are continually trying to upgrade and improve our fleet of boats. As you may have noticed the Barn is now full and currently old boats have to be sold to make way for newer ones. Discussions have been held with the BCA over the past year to try and obtain further storage facilities in the form of a container, although this has been agreed in principle it is yet to materialise.

Communications is a buzz word that appears in many CEO's reports. Mine is no different! We have trialled paper issues of our quarterly newsletter Waterfront and a survey in the last issue asked you what you thought of it. The results are available at the back of the room. It turns out that most of you want to carry on receiving Waterfront in the form it was issued to you before our paper only trial. We will also try and ensure that events are advertised in the barn in addition to email and website advertising. Thanks must go to Brian G for taking on the role of Waterfront Editor, Alan, Merry, Brian B and Richard for supporting Dave with the website and to James F who has become our new Membership Secretary.

Now onto the important bit, paddling.

I'm going to start with the racing squad because there has been an most encouraging increase in the number of people training and racing over the past year.

Last winter saw us enter 3 teams in the Waterside series of races. The Blue team ended up in 4th place. Isobel and Naomi picked up the Junior Ladies K2 trophy and also beat myself and Tracy into 2nd place for the Ladies K2 trophy. James F came 4th in the Mens K1 event. Easter saw 4 boats carrying BCCC members leave Devizes in awful weather conditions. However, sub zero temperatures, snow, wind and rain meant that only 2 crews made it to Westminster.

With the warmer weather we returned to Hasler racing in May. Work on the canal at Ash Vale meant that we had to run a new course up to Deepcut . Thanks must go to Howard and his team for another well organised event. During the 2007/8 Hasler season we have had 47 people turn up and race for us and also 8 u12 and U10s in Lightnings. We fielded large teams throughout the 9 race series and qualified for the Hasler Race Final at Burton on Trent. We achieved 8th place overall with podium finishes for James F winner of Div 4. Freddy and Jamie winner and 3rd in div 6. Our Club also contributed to the Southern Region winning the Region cup. There have been a large number of promotions this year, James F is now in Div 3; Jamie, Jason, Robin and Freddy have joined Richard , Isobel and Naomi in Div 5. James B, James T , Gez and Mike have moved up to Div 6. This is a welcome reward for all the training they have put in, (which included the Circuit training which we ran for the first time last winter). Thanks must go to Richard, Brian G and their team of racing coaches and helpers.

The summer also saw the Club venture to the National Championships where we finished 11th out of 42 Clubs. Highlights were Naomi and Isobel U14 National Champion and runner up respectively in K1 and together National Champions in U14 Girls K2. James F with a friend from WOK won Div 456K2 and Charles Hicks was 3rd in Men's K1 Over 64 class.

Sprinting is also taking off with increasing numbers trekking to the Nottingham Sprint Regattas

Other competitive disciplines have been a bit quieter. We organised a slalom and polo event for the Southern Region Paddlesport Challenge but neither of these resulted in members taking the next step up to National Ranking competition. In the 2007/8 Paddlesport Challenge we fielded 2 teams, the Dippers finished 6th /11 and the Dunkers 8th..

The Club continued with its ever popular Tuesday evening Paddlepower sessions. A big thank you must go to all the coaches and helpers who enabled 62 children to take part in structured paddling activity over 15 weeks. For many a highlight was the trips to Shepperton weir. It is also pleasing to see some of the paddlers who have been through the Paddlepower scheme come back to help as Cadet leaders. The BCU introduced new Star test Awards last season and we have had a number of adults complete the 1 and 2 star awards over the summer.

On the social side we have seen some new events on the calendar. At Easter there was a Youth orientated Whitewater trip to the Barle using equipment provided by the Hants YOF grant. There was a pub crawl along the canal on a warm summers day and a cold night saw our first Halloween spooky paddle. The traditional events like Cardington and the Boxing Day paddle have gone ahead. We have still had time to paddle favourite rivers and visit new ones. Thanks to everybody for your support over the past year, I look forward to seeing you on the water soon.

*Liz Murnaghan
Chairman BCCC*

5. Treasurers Report

A copy of the accounts can be found at:

<http://www.b3c.org.uk/docs/AnnualReport2007-8final.pdf>

The Treasurer overviewed and discussed the key grant income and expenditure items i.e. boats and paddling machines.

Pool sessions are still being subsidised; fees will be increased this year.

Gift aid - subscriptions unfortunately do not qualify for gift aid and donations with gift aid have been minimal

6. Membership costs

Membership costs to remain as 2007/8

Proposed - Richard Somerset

Seconded - Dave Bevan

7. Election of Committee members

Chair: Liz Murnaghan. Proposed by Tracey RC, seconded by Paul Jeffs

Treasurer : Katrina Truesdale. Proposed by Charles Hicks seconded, by Jamie Cox

Secretary (Jon Mudd naturally retires): Alan Ebbage. Proposed by Howard Smith, seconded by Jamie Cox

Committee members - Merry Williams retiring - thanks given to Merry

Brian Biffin
Charles Hicks
Tracey Rees-Clark
Alan Taylor
Harvey Wade

8. Awards

Award	Winner
Marathon U12	Ben Hansell
Polo	No candidates
White Water	Tom Hill
Most Improved Youth - Open Boat	Jonny Oliver
Most Improved Adult - Open Boat	Rose Fox
Chairman's Award	Lis Coleman
Ted Ledger (non paddling contribution to the club)	Joshua Bevan
Simpson Trophy (Newcomer to Slalom)	No candidates this year
Jarman Award (for ranked slalom paddler)	Nil
Millet Cup (Highest scored points for K2 in Hare & Hounds)	Mark Dyer/Alan Taylor & Pete Absolom/Paul Batchelor (90)
Fastest Single (Hare & Hounds)	James Freemantle (49.16)
Wills Trophy (Fastest Man in clubs Marathon)	James T 1 st D9 (9-7)/Freddie 1 st D8 (8-6) (highest placed in any division)
Hicks Trophy K1 (Top single H&H)	James F /Jason Dyer (90)
Hicks Trophy (Fastest/highest placed K2 clubs Hasler)	Sarah Francis/Jonathan Johns (1 st Div 9)
Canadian Challenge (H&H)	Murray Jones (46) 3 races
4 Mile H&H Challenge cup	Chris Branch (58)
Under 16 Cup (Fastest Junior in H&H)	Naomi Smith (52.33)
Davey Trophy (Fastest Double (H & H)	Katie/Jamie (52.51)
Aprils Cup (Fastest Lady (H&H))	Naomi Smith (52.33)
Matthews Trophy (Fastest Lady in clubs Marathon)	Katie Lambert (Div 8) (highest placed in any division)
James Bilson Memorial Trophy (Overcoming obstacles, personal achievement, against all odds)	Murray Jones

9. AOB.

Lee advised all that he would be needed to be contacted to support everyone with the new boat store code.

Waterfront - following the survey and request for views it has been decided that Waterfront will be made available by e-mail or post but will also be placed on the website and in the boat store

Committee meeting minutes will also be posted on the web site and at boat store

Brian Biffin requested more input from members on trips trip dates and reports

The new Youth Committee was introduced and Richard Boreham has taken on the role of Adult Facilitator. All thanked Josh for his support.

Liz Murnaghan brought the AGM to a close. Thanksed all for the food and support with the evening