

Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club Meeting Minutes

Time/Date:	20:00 Friday 13 th November 2009
Meeting purpose:	30 th Annual General Meeting
Location:	Frimley Baptist Church, Balmoral Drive, Frimley, GU16 9AR

Attendees

Committee members	Liz Murnaghan (Madam Chair) Alan Ebbage (Secretary) Katie Truesdale (Treasurer) James Freemantle (Membership Secretary) Brian Biffin Charles Hicks Tracy Rees-Clark Alan Taylor Harvey Wade Kaz Dyer (Co-opted)
Other Participants	54 other members of the BCCC

1. Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting
3. The youth section will then retire to elect their own new committee
4. Madame Chair's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2009
6. Proposals for consideration
 - a. Subscriptions and costs 2009 - 2010
7. Election of Committee; a) Chairman; b) Treasurer; c) Secretary; d) Committee Members
8. Training at the Odiham Pool
9. Youth Committee presentation
10. Presentation of Trophies
11. Any other business

Minutes

1. Apologies.

- Mark and Debbie Evans
- Lee Mathews.

2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

- Minutes accepted unanimously without amendment.

3. Youth Section.

- At this point in the proceedings the Youth Section retired to elect the Youth Committee.

4. Madame Chair's report.

- Liz's three years as Chair has come to an end. Liz quoted an extract from the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy "So long and thanks for all the fish" and suggested that in this particular club's case it should read "So long and thanks for all the cake!" The intention is that Liz will remain as Club Secretary to provide continuity for the site development project.
- As recently reported in our Waterfront magazine, the Club was approached about possible involvement in the HCC Runway's End Project (Development of a scout/canoeing activity centre between Aldershot and Farnborough near the A325). It became clear very early on in discussions that the site was unable to accommodate the size of our Club and hence involvement was withdrawn.
- Liz and Charles Hicks are in discussions with BCA; SCC; HCC and SHBC to develop the Mytchett site so as to provide a block containing showers, toilets and changing rooms next to the boathouse. The camping site users will share the toilet and shower facilities. The BCA will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the block. The project is in its early days and subject to planning consent. Funding will be sought from Canoe England, BCA and BCCC's own reserves. SCC and HCC are supportive but still need to convince SHBC.
- The Club's members continue to participate in year-round events and we had some good performance in the winter races. Isobel and Naomi Smith took the ladies prize in the Waterside series in a faster time than the previous year.
- Club members again participated in this year's Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race (DW). Our members were in five boats and the Club won the Trans Class Team prize – the first time it has been won by a non-school team! The team consisted of: Isobel and Naomi in a K2 (who were also fastest junior ladies and third juniors overall), Tracy Rees-Clark (K1) and Ian and Toby (K2).
- The Club's Hasler round resulted in some sparkling performances from members with many promotions. The Southern Region standard this year was very good and Hasler points were hard to earn. The club narrowly missed qualifying for this year's Hasler Final. Although we scored more points than Southampton, our worst score was better than theirs and hence they went through.
- In slalom we hosted the Hants Youth Games at Mytchett and provided the winning team and part of the runner-up team. We have also had our first entries in ranking slaloms for a few years – well done to Mark and Olivia.
- We have had coaching support from BUCC to deliver polo as a Paddlepower option this year. This led to our first entry into a polo league. The SW Youth Polo League draws teams from as far afield as Penzance and Aberbran. Our players have had a steep learning curve!
- 63 people have taken part in Paddlepower this year. Star tests have been delivered at 1, 2 and 3 Star level. Thanks to Brian Biffin and the other coaches who have been responsible for delivery.
- Liz was pleased to report that the Club has ten new UKCC Level 1 coaches.
- The Youth Committee was successful in applying for a Hants YOF grant to support polo. The grant has been used to purchase 10 new polo boats which are based at the Odiham pool.
- There have been many trips this year including: Barle whitewater; Cardington Wye, Usk and the annual holiday to France.
- Liz thanked the committee and coaches and other helpers for all the effort they have put in over the past year. She reminded the meeting that the running of the Club would not be possible without them.

5. Treasurer's report and accounts for the year to 30 June 2009.

- Katie Truesdale presented her report.

- The BCCC's income & expenditure account returned –a surplus result of £7421.02 a small increase of £417.49 on last year.
- Significant income lines are:
 - Membership subscriptions: £6,875
 - The clubs revenue continues to be sustained through members subscriptions We achieved an increase in Membership: 179 membership units as at 30.6.2009 compared to 168 membership units in 2008.
 - Grants
 - Charles Hicks was responsible for the club being awarded £5000 from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF). The Grassroots Grant was given for the purpose of contributing towards the provision of 1 stable touring double kayak and 2 stable touring single kayaks, together with buoyancy aids & paddles.
 - Paddlepower programme and the SnackBar continue to be successful and contributed £1594 this year. Paddlepower is vital as it brings new junior and adult members to the club each year. The Paddlepower programme also raises demand for taster sessions and adult courses which raised £263 this year.
 - The Annual Club (Hasler) Marathon continues to be successful event providing a net income to the club of £714.
 - Sale of boats raised £627.49 this year. Boats sold:
 - Whitewater boats
 - 1 Red polypippin
 - 1 yellow polypippin
 - 3 Fibreglass GP's
 - 1 Yellow Plastic GP
 - Flatwater
 - Old Laance K1
 - 2 Espada's K1
 - Mustang K1
 - 1 Reflection
 - Interest income this year was only £565.26 compared to last year £618.71. Interest rates through the year dropped from 5% in July 2008 to 0.5% in March 2009
 - Donations from members and other clubs totalled £322.50 . Thank you to our donors as we also benefit from the governments gift aid scheme that adds an additional £62.50.
- A reminder that the Club is registered for Gift aid any Donations gift aided means that the Club can then reclaim donors deducted basic rate of tax to increase the value of a donation..
- Expenditure: Significant expenditure lines
 - Capital & Equipment
 - We continue to purchase equipment and boats. This is reflected in the increased Asset value represented on the Balance Sheet. These asset purchases are agreed by the Committee and are funded through grants received and Clubs funds.
 - We spent £10,722 on the following equipment:
 - Flatwater:
 - 3 TOR K1's £2,250
 - 1 Mirage K2 £1,695
 - 1 Trainer £250
 - Following also partly funded by the HIOW Grassroots grant (£5k)

- 2 Launce K1's full carbon Kevlar £2,788
- 1 Mirage K2 £1,685
- Canadians
 - 1 Mad River Legend £750
 - 1 Ontario Venture £450
- Whitewater
 - 1 Topo Duo £854
- The Pool remained a subsidized activity to the value of £904. The committee is looking to restructuring these activities so that the expenditure is reduced in future years.
- Insurance for our boats has increased as we continue to purchase new boats. This year's premium was £637.

6. Proposal for consideration: Increase in subscriptions and costs 2009 – 2010.

- Katie Truesdale explained that due to a reduction in investment income and increased actual and anticipated costs (boat storage; insurance; swimming pool costs and costs associated with development of the shower/changing block), it is proposed that subscriptions and boat storage fees be increased as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Membership fees (annual subscription):		
Affiliated Membership	£60	£75
Family Membership	£50	£60
Adult and Junior Family Membership	£25	£30
Associate Membership (non paddling)	£15	£18
Boat Storage Fees:		
GP 's / K1 'S	£25	£28
K2 's/Sea Kayaks	£35	£39
Canadians/Sit-on canoes	£45	£50

- Joining fees will remain at their current amount.
- The additional income will equate to approximately £1200 per annum.
- The proposal was accepted with no objections.
- There was general agreement that the Club's fees represented very good value. Brian Gandy suggested that the boat storage fees should be increased further.

7. Election of Committee:

- Nominations had been received from the following members:
 - Alan Ebbage for Chairman.
 - Liz Murnaghan for Club Secretary.
 - Katie Truesdale for Treasurer.
 - Committee members: Alan Taylor; Tracey Rees-Clark; Brian Biffin; Harvey Wade.
- Liz M emphasised the need for continuity in the committee given the plans to develop the Mytchett site.
- The meeting attendees elected the nominees. There were no objectors.
- Mark Dyer volunteered for the 5th committee position and he was elected by the meeting attendees. There were no objectors.
- The Membership Secretary position will be taken on by Karen Dyer as James Freemantle wishes to stand down due to work commitments. Alan Ebbage thanked James for his hard work and dedication to a role that is often taken for granted by other members.
- Charles Hicks is standing down from the committee this year. Liz thanked him for his many years contribution to the running of the club.

8. Training at the Odiham Pool:

- Brian Biffin reported on recent events at the Odiham Pool:
 - Attendance has been very poor over the last 12 months.
 - The poor attendance is costing the club in excess of £900 per annum.
 - Changes are planned to improve the situation:
 - In future there will be focused sessions on required activities;
 - In 2010 the Sunday session will be reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour;
 - There will be no summer sessions (attendance during the summer of 2009 was particularly poor).
 - A fun event has been organised for Sunday 13th December – all members are invited.

9. Youth Committee Presentation:

- The new Youth Committee is:
 - Chairman: Jason Dyer
 - Vice Chair: Wendy Fox
 - Treasurer: Sammy Rees-Clark
 - Youth Representative: Mike Truesdale; Mike Rees-Clark
 - Activities Officers: Nick Boreham; Andrew Jeffs; Sarah Murnaghan
 - Co-Opted As Discipline Representative: James Taylor
- Nick Boreham presented some of the year's highlights:
 - Ten polo (Revenge) boats have been purchased using a grant for which the youth group were responsible for application.
 - A trip to the River Barle was organised. Despite low-water conditions leading to the need to find alternative rivers, the trip was successful. A return trip in early 2010 is in the planning stage.
 - There is now a new Youth Website and is accessible via the BCCC main website.
 - Club clothing will be reconsidered this year.

10. Presentation of Trophies:

- Liz presented the following awards:
 - Youth Marathon –Dan Evans
 - Youth Polo- Katy Fox
 - Youth White Water- Jason Dyer
 - Youth Open Boat - Mike Rees Clark
 - Adult open Boat- Phil Howell
 - Simpson Trophy- Newcomer to slalom -Mark and Olivia Fothergill
 - Jarman trophy Ranked slalom paddler- not awarded
 - Wills Trophy “Fastest” man in Club marathon- Chris Branch
 - Matthews trophy “fastest” lady in Club marathon- Katy Lambert
 - Hicks trophy- Best performance by a K2 Club Marathon- Steve Rees Clark and Jason Ashwell
 - Fastest single H&H – James Freemantle
 - Davey trophy – Fastest Double H&H- James Taylor and Jason Dyer
 - Aprils Cup Fastest Lady H&H- Naomi Smith
 - Under 16 Cup Fastest Junior H&H -Jason Dyer
 - Canadian Challenge H&H- Liz Murnaghan
 - Hicks trophy Top single H&H -Liz Murnaghan (C1)
 - Runner Up H&H- Ben Hansell /Neil Matthews
 - Millet Cup Highest points in a double H&H- Pete Absolom & Chris Branch
 - 4 mile H&H Challenge Cup –Sarah Murnaghan
 - James Bilson Memorial Trophy – Not awarded
 - Ted Ledger Trophy Non paddling contribution to the Club- Karen Dyer
 - Chairmans Award- Howard Smith
 - Neptune Award- Paul Jeffs.

11. AoB

- Alan Ebbage thanked Brian Gandy for his hard work and devotion in producing the Club's Waterfront newsletter.
- Richard Somerset suggested that as the new Chairman was effectively a flatwater paddler, he would like to challenge him to try some of the other aspects of canoeing, e.g. canadians and whitewater. Alan was happy to accept the challenge.