

Baldock & District Canoe Club AGM 2016 – Minutes

Meeting held on Sunday 20th March 4.00pm

Location- The Orange Tree PH, Norton Rd. Baldock

Present- Committee:-

Alistair Riches-Chairman, Jon Malins-Treasurer, Chris Price-Secretary, Darren Fergus- Promotions Officer, Deb Taylor- Social Secretary, Craig Taylor- Health and Safety Officer.

Apologies from:-Dave Jones- Welfare Officer and Graham Davies- Development Officer.

Present :-

7 members:-

Terry, Martin, Neil, Andrew R, Fi, Pete and Lyndsy.

Apologies from - Noel and Brian

Detail Minutes

- 1) The Minutes from the previous year's AGM were not available for review, but will be included with this year's report.
- 2) The Agenda was accepted and presented as followed in order.
- 3) Chairman's report
- 4) Secretary's report
- 5) No report available from Welfare officer, but Chairman spoke on his behalf.
- 6) Social Secretary's report
- 7) Promotion's officers report
- 8) No report as such from Development officer, but apologies sent through email.
- 9) Health and safety officers report
- 10) Treasurers report

There was a study of the financial report and all accepted.

The membership numbers are up, but pool attendance is down.

There will be more expenditure expected this year, with the need to licence boats for river use, the insurance costs have increased and the pool hiring rates are to be increased too.

The membership were asked for possible ideas for raising funds.

The period of grace given to renew membership will be reduced from 3 months to 2 months.

The need to get more members using the pool is obvious, so ways of making pool sessions more enjoyable will be planned and introduced.

The proposal to increase pool fees was rejected ,with 3 for and 7 against.

The proposal to increase membership by £5 was agreed and carried forward with 6 for and 4 against.

Jon is to closely monitor the clubs financial position over the next 6 months.

11) The possible amendment to the constitution to replace Social secretary with a Fund Raising secretary was discussed and agreed, with a unanimous vote, that this would be more beneficial to the club at this time.

12) Members were asked for ideas for the future of the club.

The question of whether to remain predominately an adult club was discussed and although it would be easier to obtain grants and funding, the whole core of the club would have to change to comply with child protection and coaching facilities, which we agreed our club is not about.

The need for more organised trips away is very apparent, as this seems to be a big draw for members old and new.

It was agreed that the trip organiser does not need to be the river lead.

However we were reminded by Martin that trip leaders should always take care of safety and research the intended stretch of water to be paddled for potential hazards and be aware of getouts in case a problem should arise.

13) The new committee were nominated, seconded and elected as follows:-

Chairman.....	Alistair Riches	nominated by....	Chris,	seconded by....	Jon
Secretary.....	Lyndsy Ellis	“	....Chris,	“	.....Alistair
Treasurer.....	Jon Malins	“	....Deb	“	.....Craig
Welfare Officer	Fiona Mcusker	“	....Alistair	“	.....Deb
Development Officer....	Chris Price	“	....Lyndsy	“	.....Jon
Publicity Officer.....	Max Schoonrad	“	....Chris	“	.....Lyndsy
Health & Safety Officer..	Deb Taylor	“	...Craig	“	.....Lyndsy

14) Final remarks and suggestions.

It was decided that one of the first jobs for the new committee is to compile a trips calendar for the year.

It was suggested that the onelist be consulted for ideas.

The meeting ended at 5.40pm, with a date set of 4th April for the new committee's first meeting.

Trophies were awarded at the end of the AGM. Recipients were:-

Most improved paddler of the year... Dan Ellis

Canadian paddler of the year.....Chris Price

Competitor of the year.....Terry Griffiths

Club member of the year.....Jon Malins

Endeavour.....Jason Dryden

Most regular attendee.....Pete Day

Disaster of the year..Joint recipients..Noel Frary, for headbutting a goose and Paul Stevens for losing the polo boats on the M25.

Congratulations to all.