

Minutes - ROKER CANOE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

28th March 2017 - BIDDICK INN, FATFIELD, WASHINGTON

1. Welcome & introductions – attendees – Arthur Cornell, Chris Parker, Martin Meling, Mike Jenkins, Fiona Herbert, Andrew Herbert.
2. Apologies – received from Rebecca Hamilton
3. Review of actions from previous annual general meeting –minutes from previous meeting were made available
4. Acceptance of minutes from previous annual general meeting - accepted
5. Chairperson's report – 39 members during year (down from 48), 13 members paid for 2017-18. Ran successful pool and lake sessions, WWS&R, AWWWS&R. Members have achieved 4 Star WW Kayak, 4 Star WW Canoe, Paddleability module. Brief discussion took place over why membership numbers had dropped but no obvious reason was apparent. It was suggested that e-mailing all members to remind them of renewal might be a good idea. Mike to act on this.
6. Treasurer's report – Chris gave report on finances that showed balances to be healthy – report at end of this document
7. Questions to committee – No questions were forthcoming.
8. Proposed resolutions: - no resolutions were proposed.
9. Acceptance of financial report – financial report was accepted
10. Acceptance of annual report – annual (chairperson's) report was accepted.
11. Appointment of and questions to the auditor – it was agreed that the auditor should remain as Naomi and that she would be contacted asap to look at the accounts.
12. Election of officers:
 - a. Chairperson: Arthur Cornell
 - b. Treasurer: Chris Parker
 - c. Welfare Officer: Rebecca Hamilton (in absentia – to be confirmed)
 - d. Kit Officer: Pete King
 - e. Secretary: Mike Jenkins
13. Meeting closed
14. Meeting re-opened to discuss other business:
 - a) Farringdon sessions – 30th March & 6th April – only 2 more sessions this season.
 - b) Lake Sessions – start 11th April
 - c) Lake Sessions > river – plan – Beccy working on a series of session plans to get newcomers to 1 Star in x weeks. Changing and the state of the yard at Hetton was also discussed – Arthur to visit to discuss possibility of using Hetton facilities as well as storage and Hetton Canoe Club issues.
 - d) More focus on BC awards – Mike proposed that there is more focus on getting members up to standard to be able to achieve awards such as 3 Star WW Kayak in particular. Chris pointed out that several members aren't bothered about awards and just want to paddle. Mike countered that it is good as a personal marker but conceded that previous examples have shown that possession of an award shouldn't be definitely taken as proof that someone is at that standard. Mike to establish what is required to become a 3 Star WW Kayak Assessor.
 - e) Paddleability:

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- a. Sport England agreed okay to use funding for training. £170 still available.
- b. Training completed 26th March – 5 members. (£180)
- c. Equipment – extra-large helmets, ba's etc? Discussed the purchase of equipment that might be useful at paddleability events but decided to wait until club representatives had attended actual events before deciding on what the club should purchase.
- d. Roker Event: 10th June – preparation plans? Agreed that we need to attend other events before we can effectively start planning our own.
- e. Wansbeck 9th April etc. – attend for experience prior to 10th June. Club members Arthur and Mike intend to attend this event and there may be others also.
- f) Go Canoeing event: 29th May – it was agreed that the committee are still positive about running this event but it will be carried forward to the next meeting for further discussion.
- g) Review of Sport England Grant – what are we going to do? Mike to try and push members who are part of the way through 4 Star WW Kayak training to get it completed – possibility of co-operation with Wansbeck.
- h) Contribution to training/assessment etc. RDT bursary etc. The contribution of members to training was discussed in light of recent experiences with two members starting but not completing training which has cost the club £400+ No decisions were finalised but further thought is to be given to this issue.
- i) Facebook <> website. Thoughts? Communication between members but also with non-members needs to be considered. It was agreed that for the moments events can be listed on Facebook and that these will be linked on to the club website. Use of the club forums for paddling trips will continue.
- j) Revamp of front page (in particular) of website – simplify, show upcoming events – as above Mike to implement.

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Treasurers Report 2016/2017 for AGM 28th March 2017						
Current Balance						£ 11,610.00
Income						
Membership 2016/17						£ 335.00
Membership 2017/18						£ 145.00
Course Fees						£ 865.00
		Pool income	Pool cost		Lake income	
Sessions		£ 1,282.00	£ 735.00		£ 824.00	£ 1,371.00
RDT subsidy						£ 400.00
				Total Income		£ 3,116.00
Expenditure						
Pool Hire						£ 735.00
Fees and Certs						£ 1,071.00
Equipment						£ 49.93
Misc						£ 147.78
				Total Expenditure		£ 2,003.71
Courses and fees						£ 3,155.00
Restricted Equip						£ 906.91
					balance	
Grant		£ 10,000.00				£ 5,938.09
RCC finances (unrestricted)						£ 5,671.91
Need to discuss balance prior to take over and which fees can go as grant fees						