

## **Hinckley canoe club**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Date** - 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time** - 7.30pm

**Place** - Red Lion Pub, Burbage

#### **Agenda**

**1. Introduction by Chairman**

Dan – welcomed everyone

**2. Apologies** – Paula Clarke and Taryn Smith

**3. Confirm minutes of 2012 AGM**

**4. Chairman's annual report**

The club has reached its 25 years. Unfortunately it has seen the sad death of a founding member Frank Hopkins. The Lakes have been wet and muddy and despite this, we have been well supported by the teenagers. Special thanks to the helpers – Dale and Penny. The club has also run - BCU first aid course, FSRT, WWSRC, Fun day, Sea kayaking weekend, Lymm Kilns charity event, monthly flat water trips and white water trips. Unfortunately a number of trips have had to be cancelled due to the rain. We have had quite a few members but unfortunately quite a few have dropped off, which we want to avoid next year. We have a grant from the canoe foundation for 3 junior boats and paddles.

**5. Treasurers report**

We have £3,900.56 in the bank which has been audited.

**6. Club development plan**

2012 – Said we would offer 1-3\* course and we to continue this.

Lake – Dave is building a marina and his adverts say it is the home of Hinckley Canoe club so we think this will continue.

Due to weather and mud we have looked at alternative venues but so far this has been not successful.

Arrange safety and first aid – this was successful and we will do this again

Develop flat water and white water trips and other trips – this will continue

Coaches – no new coaches have been trained. Richard and Dale have started L1 and L2 but we need more people to come forward.

Club Mark – Hayley is continue to do this

## 2013

We need a team of trip leaders

Increase use of the web page and future of newsletter

Better storage for new kit

Trips – create an events calendar

Create a canoe trail on the Ashby Canal on the BCU web site – need to write a trail up for the BCU.

Fun day – possibility of advertised event.

## 7. Review club constitution

Typographical error on page 19 from ECU to the BCU – **agreed**

Newsletter – paragraph - intension was to stop the newsletter and move the newsletter to the web page – this created a lot of debates with the idea of an email bulletin each month was suggested.

7b. Will be advertised through the committee meeting minutes - **agreed**

8dii – nominations forms will be sent out to all members in November and reminder a month later - **agreed**

8i – minutes will be posted each month on the web site with an email- **agreed**

Subscription changes – rather than pro-rata it will be a fixed rate to join the club.

### **Committee structure – proposed changes**

Chairperson – to chair meetings and over see club policies

Vice chair/ equipment officer – stand in and assist chair and look after equipment

Treasurer – manage and monitor club funds

Membership/welfare officer – oversee recruitment of new members, keep records, collect membership, responsible for child protection

Secretary/clubmark – take minutes, contact for BCU, maintain club mark

Programme secretary – arrange and organise trips and events with help from designated trip leaders. Advertise local and national events.

Paddlesport development officer – in charge of in house coaching and other training, with assistance of club coaches and helpers, keep a record of qualification of members and coaches and trip leaders.

Communications officer – maintain web site and facebook, update with info, trips reports, photos etc (members page on website instead of newsletter) send out information to members if needed.

Why change it? Need some bits for club mark, equipment is too ad-hoc, paddlesport development officer it has been talked about before – in charge of in house training, merging trips people – no nominations and the person to oversee all of it with using trip leaders.

It was suggested that there was no need to change it – as you have a working structure for the trips as there is too much work for one person and it should stay the way it is.

Vote to accept changes - 16 for, 1 against.

It was accepted to change the changes of the constitutions.

## **8. Committee election**

Chairman – Dave Clark

Vice Chair – Martin Walker

Secretary – vacant (Hayley and Penny will share this)

Treasurer – Lesley March

Programme secretary – Richard Matthews

Communications officer – Stuart Richie

Paddlesport development officer – Penny Spooner

## **9. Correspondence (including club awards)**

### **Awards –**

Most the swims – Stuart Richie

People who like to leave their keys in their cars – Dave M

Best fancy dress award – Stuart Richie

The most annoying paddler – Dale Clarke

Biggest smile award – Stuart Richie

Roof Rack failure award – Martin Walker

Most appreciate paddler award – Dale Clarke

### **Most improved paddler –**

Junior – Sam Stretton

Female – Jemma Wormlington

Most improved male – Stuart Richie

The golden paddle – most improved paddler over all – David Walker

The Mick Smith Award for endeavour – Frank Hopkins for setting up the club.

Honary – life member – Lesley March,

## **10. AOB and Date of next club meeting**

Chris suggested a poster available on the web site to promote the club

Next committee meeting set for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 Lyme Kilns provisionally booked.

Meeting closed 9pm.