

HCC AGM 2014

Minutes

7th February 2014

1. Welcome

Welcome to the Hinckley Canoe Club 2014 AGM here at our new home waters; it's great to see so many members here this evening. Some new faces as well as some old, and great to see Matt Taylor back to join us after his illness. Congratulations to Dan and Lisa on their recent news that Lisa is pregnant. Congratulations on Dave and Taz who have got engaged (about time to).

2. Apologies

Roy Wheatcroft, Dave McGeachie and Taryn Smith

3. Confirm minutes from 2013 AGM

Everyone happy with them – all agreed.

4. Chairman's report

During 2013 and start of 2014 there has been quite a few changes, the biggest being the change of home waters, to here at Stanton lake.

We are in the process of sitting 2 containers and getting everything set up and sorted for the new season. Stanton is a big jump forward for the club, we have 18 acres of lake to use, better parking, use of the toilets and changing facilities (which will be improving in the near future with a toilet/shower block for the campsite that we will be able to use), and of course we have the bar, restaurant and this meeting room, and hopefully this will help the club grow in the future.

The new committee structure is working really well, and the new website and calendar is a big asset to us as a communication tool and also for new members to find us and see what we get up to, I'd actually go as far as to say the best canoe club website I have seen.

We have had a really full calendar this year and Richard is going to chat to us about that soon.

We recently achieved Sport England 'Clubmark' accreditation; this is a great achievement and shows that HCC are doing everything correctly and to a high standard. This award should help us grow as a club and hopefully help us obtain funding in the future.

These are a few other things that have been going on during the year.

Chris Moore has written an Ashby Canal Canoe Trail for Canoe England on behalf of HCC which is on their website and ours.

We obtained a grant for £1200 for kids equipment from the canoe foundation, with this money we brought 3 dagger Dynamos and paddles.

A lot of members have achieved various qualifications during the year, including FSRT, BCU level 2 first aid and 1,2 and 3 star awards so a big well done to them. There have been some UKCC coaching qualifications going on as well, Richard passed his level 1, Dan and Dale there level 2 and Penny her level 3 which are all great achievements.

Lastly I would like to thank the coaches, trip leaders and committee for all the help and time you have put in over the year, without you guys the club would not be able to run. A bit thank you to Mick and Helen for having us here at Stanton Lake and of course all the members who without your support would not be a club at all.

5. Treasurers report

We are in the black. The pool sessions have made a good profit this year thanks to Hayley and Richard. We have spent quite a bit on equipment. Most of the rest will be taken in lake fees which need to be paid in advance (£1200). We have coaching fees and equipment already spoken for.

Expenditure – £5386

Income - £5948

Surplus for the year £562

6. Programme coordinators report

Numerous trips were run on local rivers as well as North Wales and Lee Valley Olympic course. We have managed to put a fairly full programme together.

7. Constitution changes

There are two items that as a committee we would like to change on the constitution.

a. **8C committee change** – we want to remove the welfare officer role off the committee structure. Hayley will still be welfare officer and do exactly the same job. As a different person is becoming membership secretary we need to remove the welfare officer off the committee as the welfare officer role involves a lot of work and courses from the Canoe England. – This was unanimously agreed.

b. **13A Boat hire** We would like to introduce a charge for £5 to members for using club boats and kit on club trips, not for the use of the pool or lake. River trips involve a lot of wear and tear on the kit. In the past this charge was in place but due to an old lottery grant we could not hire the kit. This was unanimously agreed.

8. Committee election

Chairman Dave Clarke (2 year post)

Vice Chair Martin Stretton

Paddlesport Development officer	Hayley Clarke
Club secretary	Richard Matthews
Treasurer	Lesley March
Membership secretary and volunteer coordinator	Dave Garland
Programme coordinator	Penny Spooner
Communications officer	Stuart Ritchie

9. Awards

- Most improved Junior female Row Bashforth
- Most improved Junior Male Joe Cooksey
- Most improved adult Martin Cattell
- Most enthusiastic Family The Bashforths
- Golden Paddle Penny Spooner
- Mick Smith award for endeavour Hayley Clarke
- HCC rubber duck award Rob Harrison
- Runner up rubber duck award Dave Garland
- For consistent swimming Martin Walker
- For leaving buoyancy in the car on the car shuttle – Chris Moore
- Super snorer Rob Harrison
- Dry boat award Johnny Bennett
- Most acrobatic entry into an open boat Dale Clark
- For losing 2 paddles in one trip Dave Walker
- Supermodel award Stuart Richie

10. Development plan

2013

1. Plan was to develop a team of trip leaders but we need more.
2. We would increase the use of web site and the future of the newsletter which still goes out.
3. Try to get new storage for new kit which was done by kitting out the shed.
4. Events calendar – on the web site.
5. Canoe trail – Chris Moore has done this on the Ashby Canal.
6. Fun Day – was organised but was cancelled due to bad weather and the facilities.

2014

1. Improved equipment and facilities – this is in the process.
2. In house coaching for 1, 2 and 3 star. And arrange external coaching as required.
3. Develop coaching by providing a level 1 coaching course.
4. Encourage and help experienced members become trip leaders.
5. Continue to provide club events suitable for all levels of paddlers.
6. Attract new members by promoting the club within the region.

11. AOB

- a. Training – about £1000 a year is allocated for training
- b. Regional trips network with 6 other clubs so that members can go on other trips.
There is one on the 1st March on Rudyard Lake.
- c. Rob passed his gratitude to all the help he has been
- d. Penny suggested that anyone can run a trip but just needs a trip leader to come with them. Just let Penny know.
- e. There are pool sessions still pool sessions available.
- f. Two day river Wye trip – planned 28th and 29th June. Open to anyone.
- g. Lakes start again Thursday 6.30 to 8.30 17th April

12. Date of the next committee meeting 7th March, 2014 at Dave's house – all welcome.