

# Taunton Canoe Club AGM Minutes 01 03 2011

## Apologies:

Dave Cooke, Dave Flynn, Richard Hunter,

## Present:

Colin Sands, Kay Southway, Mike Southway, Russell Blackmore, Steve Webber, Steve Brown, Clive Merrifield, John Sedgbeer, Ian Sedgbeer, Craig Chandler, Emily Saunders, James Soutar, Nicola Gwyer, Rebecca Tanner, Ed Bailey, Seb Toon, Ashley Winterbottom, Carina Brown, Leonie Merrifield, Gary Williams, Sean Preston, Steve Toon.

## Minutes of Last AGM:

Read, agreed and signed.

Proposed as a true record by Steve Webber; seconded by Steve Toon

## Matters arising:

None

## Reports:

### Chairman:

Once again we have had a really good year, financially we are secure as a club against a few years ago when we were struggling - see Colins notes

519 places taken on Thursday nights over the summer

Burnham sea swim as safety boats - donation to come in yet

Sea kayaking trip to Scotland organised by Clive

Pete Collins race in November

Many white water trips organised by James and Russell.

Social evenings organised by James and Richard, including Christmas party.

Help for Heroes event by helping behind the bar in Somerton. Colin Craig Russell and Steve W helped,

We had a donation of £100 for this.

Project Taunton - Ian and John Sedgbeer have attended meetings and kept committee up to date.

Thanks to Steve for keeping kit up together, please help him wherever you can by keeping club and kit tidy.

James Soutar has secured a grant for over £8000 - many thanks

Lastly thanks to committee members for their support over the last year.

### Treasurer:

Swimming pool - charge increased for non-members, however, still made a loss as pool charges have increased. Going forwards £5 charge, £7 for non-members.

Increased memberships x 10. Temporary memberships (6 months) increased by 10. Thursday nights

Raised over £2000 (£180 more than last year)

Total income £7911.86. Total running cost £1785.89, very similar to last year. Made £2125.97 over the year. Purchased boats and other equipment over the year, and started a building fund in the event of us having to move, which now stands at £1000.

Trustees account now stands at £1500 which covers 6 month running costs.

Finally many thanks to Steve Contreras for auditing the accounts.

### Equipment:

Inventory done

75 boats

51 spray decks (missing 11)

68 buoyancy aids, those missing from last year have been returned

85 paddles (1 missing) 1 missing from last year returned

33 helmets (1 missing from last year)  
25 cags (9 in very poor state)

Purchases: 2 white water boats, 3 small BA, set of hatch covers for sea kayak, 3 junior paddles, 3 paddles donated along with a K1 marathon boat.

Thanks to everyone who donated any equipment last year, and let Steve know if there is any one who wishes to donate any more.

Please leave any donated or returned missing equipment in the committee room.

## **Re-election of officers:**

*Chair: Richard Hunter, proposed Ian Sedgbeer, seconded Seb Toon*

*Treasurer: Russell Blackmore proposed John Sedgbeer, seconded Mike Southway*

*Equipment: Steve Webber proposed John Sedgbeer, seconded Mike Southway*

*Secretary: John Sedgbeer Steve Webber, seconded Mike Southway*

### **Committee members:**

*Child Protection: Leonie Merrifield proposed John Sedgbeer, seconded Mike Southway*

*Club Mark Lead: Richard Hunter*

*Youth Rep: Little Ash*

*Coaching Coordinator James Soutar*

*Website: Kay Southway*

*Redevelopment coordinator: Colin Sands*

### **General:**

Ian Sedgbeer

Gary Williams

Ed Bailey

Seb Toon

Steve Toon

Proposed: Steve Webber Seconded John Sedgbeer

## **Election of Trustees:**

Currently are as follows with date of session end:

Colin Sands until 2011, Simon Dawes until 2012, Russell Blackmore until 2013, Mike Southway until 2014

A new Trustee is required to replace Colin Sands. Colin is happy to be voted on again.

Proposed: Leonie Merrifield Seconded: Ian Sedgbeer

Will leave the voting date for Trustees as February as otherwise legal documents need to be changed, but it will be proposed and voted on in October for the coming February.

## **Proposed Change of AGM date to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Oct (4<sup>th</sup> 2011):**

Reason for change is to try to keep hold of active paddlers who have been coming along during the summer, and boost the membership.

The proposal is to change to first Tuesday in October. Proposed: Seb Toon, seconded John Sedgbeer. Vote: unanimous in favour.

## **Club Mark and proposed changes to Club Constitution:**

Constitution not completed so not able to present. Will take it forward as first item for AGM in October or call an extra-ordinary meeting to agree.

## **Project Taunton/Redevelopment:**

Colin displayed a computer generated picture of the new Virador building, who have signed a contract for the first building on this site. Tender process is going out now, start in June, finish May 2012.

Where our club is based fell outside the outline planning permission, so it sounds like we will be staying where we are.

We have been assured there will be no problems with access during this building period, and that adequate parking will be available (although "adequate" has not been quantified).

We will be kept updated and involved throughout the process.

### **Thursday Nights:**

Leonie handed out a rota for coaches and helpers, and there will be some roles for helpers, e.g. last on, last off, kit check etc. 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 25<sup>th</sup> August. Can people please put their names down when they can make it.

Helpers dropped off last year, so we need to make sure that we have enough helpers (1 competent paddler to help each coach, for every 10 paddlers).

Leonie will carry out an induction session during May.

Leonie will organise rota etc., Ed will be running practicalities on each evening.

### **Presentation:**

Russell presented the most competitive paddler 2010 Award to: Ashley Winterbottom - Congratulations!

Club clear up days - there will be a couple of clean up days prior to summer sessions, both cleaning and redecorations.

Membership forms will run until October 2011, subs are now due £30 each.

Meeting finished at 9:00pm.

**\*\*FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 8.00PM.**

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