

CARRICK CANOE CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Place Carrick Speakers Club, Maybole.
Date 24th October 2018
Time 7 pm

Present:

Alastair Bruce, David Wilbraham, Stephen Ball, Caroline Gallagher, John Haston

Apologies:

Taff Ashman, Malcolm Downie, Pamela De Mey, Agi Crowe

Introduction

Alastair Bruce welcomed everyone to the annual general meeting of Carrick Canoe Club.

Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were circulated were shortly after the meeting, and were accepted as correct, proposed by David Wilbraham and seconded by Alastair Bruce.

Chairman's Report

Alastair Bruce presented a report for the past year:

Isn't it funny how circumstances change? In the summer of 2017 we had a particular shortage of small kayaks so obtained more t the beginning of the year, now one of our teenagers is too tall to fit into any of our adult boats! Back to the drawing board...

Last autumn we were informed that for safety reasons we were no longer allowed to store kayaks poolside, resulting in considerable extra effort moving boats to and from the pool. Following a constructive meeting David and I had with a representative from South Ayrshire Council, agreement was reached that the council would attached bars to the pool wall, allowing us to securely strap the boats in place – problem solved.

The shed roof has been damaged (again) presumably by children attempting to reach apple trees in the adjacent garden. We have not yet worked out how best to patch the hole but hope to have the roof repaired in the near future.

Despite club membership remaining rather on the low side we had some good turnouts over the summer, with members making the most of the unexpected heat-wave. Paddling trips included around Croy, Culzean, Maidens and Girvan, although we had little in the way of surf. This year was the only occasion I can recall having worn sunglasses on the sea.

In April John attended the Club Volunteers Conference 2018 at Glenmore Lodge near Aviemore, where he participated in various workshops over the weekend, refreshing skills and techniques.

I would like to say a big thank you to all paddlers and parents who have contributed to the successful running of the club over the year.

Secretary's Report

John Haston gave this report:

Pool session attendance increased gradually throughout last season. Summer sea kayaking numbers were good for May and June, but naturally reduced during the holiday period.

We bought four new junior kayaks and equipment with the aid of a grant from "Carrick Decides", a PAR event funded by Scottish Government and North Carrick Community Benefit Co. We still have to submit a closing report showing how the funds were spent. It would be good to get a photo of the junior club members with the new kayaks.

The larger junior kayaks (Dagger GTS) are particularly useful and fill a gap between the smaller Dynamo and the adult kayak. It would be useful to have some new adult kayaks, particularly for those with longer legs like Liam who can't fit into any of our kayaks.

I attended the SCA Club Development weekend at Glenmore Lodge last April, and did sea kayak sessions with my "new" (to me) sea kayak. There were also evening drop-in sessions on kayak welding, canoe sailing and outfitting, coaching young paddlers, weather forecasting, and rolling an OC1 in the lodge pool. All in a very worthwhile weekend.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephen Ball supplied a financial summary report.

The Club income over the year was £3588.61, and expenditure was £3793.59. The available funds are currently £596.61. The swimming pool rent is now £36 per hour.

We moved our bank account from RBS (Girvan Canoe Club) to TSB (Carrick Canoe Club). Funds are now mostly in TSB.

This year we received a grant of £2000 from Carrick Decides but spent £2125 on new equipment. The sale of 2 canoes added £93 to the club funds. However reserves fell overall because pool fees plus SCA membership exceeded subs by £72.

There is no need to increase subs or weekly pool use charges as reserves are approx. £600.

Meets Secretary's Report

David Wilbraham gave a verbal report on the year's paddling trips.

Sea trips were popular earlier in the summer, when weather permitted. River trips have not been organised recently due to personal circumstances. A river trip is planned for 4th November on the River Doon.

Election of Office Bearers

Current office bearers were all nominated for re-election, and with no other nominations were all re-elected.

Chairman: Alastair Bruce

Secretary: John Haston, also Data Protection Officer

Treasurer: Stephen Ball

Meets Secretary: David Wilbraham, also Events Safety Officer

Child Protection Officer: John Haston

Pamela De Mey was elected as an additional **Child Protection Officer**.

Membership Fees

Weekly pool session subscription is kept at £4, with a free trial session. Also continue to give a free week for each block of 10 or 12 sessions paid up front. Summer sea trips can also be paid for as a block payment of £10 all instead of £2 a week. Annual membership fee is kept at £18.

Pool subscriptions: £4 per session

Annual membership: £18 per year

Annual Night Out

David Wilbraham agreed to organise a club annual night out, possibly ten-pin bowling again.

Any Other Business

River Trip

David proposed a trip down the river Spey and Avon (A'an) on the bank holiday weekend at the end of May 2019. Accommodation would preferably be in B&B or youth hostel.

What if the club folds?

The question was asked due to the lack of new club coaches or committee members, as the current ones are of an age when it is possible that physical ability could be reduced. According to our constitution the club equipment would be passed to a similar non-profit organisation.

Sweatshirts

Thanks to Pamela and family for designing and ordering club hoodies with the new club name. Much appreciated.

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm.