

Cuckmere Valley Canoe Club - AGM Minutes

Date: 21st November 2015

Location: Seven Sisters Pub, Seaford

Present: Andy Macpherson, Colin Beard, Paul Voss, Piers-Rex Murray, Michelle Martin Dufaur, Vicki Ashley, Darren Ashley, Richard Hooker, Sophie Howard, Alan Filtness, Lynn Filtness, Pat Oakley, Tony Lamberth, Ian Powis, Howard Minto, Carol Lamberth, Liz Beard, Ali Larkin, Justin Lawrence, Chris Brocklebank, Steve Douch, Jake Hilton, Nick Baldwin-Charles, John Rennie, Justin Early, Stephen Wright, Ian Paterson, Helen Powell, Alice Snellgrove, Emily Cooke, Amy Sharp, Jodie Nicholson, Andy Nicholson, Sue Nicholson, Nick Clutton (35 members).

Apologies: Rosemary Holland, Luke Tarrant

1. Chairman's Report (Colin B):

Colin B ran through all the trips and events that made up a great season, particularly thanking the organisers and coaches.

2. Treasurer's Report (Andy M):

Andy M reported that the club has finished the season with a healthy bank balance of £4442.62 in the current account and £330.74 in the development fund account, recording a profit of £1391.53. The profit arose because there was no investment in equipment this year. See the attached CVCC Financial Report for more details.

Membership stands at 112 members with membership income of £5385.

3. Constitution Update (Andy M):

Andy M presented a slide summarising proposed changes to the constitution as follows:

- Update to CASC related clauses so they match recent changes on gov.uk website
- Remove half-yearly membership as we now do a rolling-year membership
- Increase single sign-off for club cheques to £500 and add statement of £500 limit for debit card payments and bank transfer

Acceptance of the revised constitution was put to a vote and unanimously accepted by the membership.

4. Awards (Andy M/Colin B):

Colin B reminded everyone of the Junior awards that had been presented on the last day of the season:

Junior U14 Improver of the Year: Megan Early and Imran Soltani-Page

Youth Improver of the Year: Joe Creasey and Thomas Jones

Andy M announced the Adult awards:

Adult Improver of the Year: Clive Chant

Best Contribution by a

Non-Committee Member: Dean Walker

Tony Dray Coaching Award: Justin Early

5. Committee Elections (Colin B):

Colin B thanked this year's committee.

He reminded everyone that for next year the committee has decided that the Club Editor role is to be changed to one called Communication Officer, now that there is more of a need for someone to both administer our Facebook page and handle our Newsletters, as well as contacting organisations to try and get funding.

Andy M is standing down as Treasurer after 6 years and Steve D has volunteered to take over this role. When asked for nominations for the Communication Officer role, Dean Walker was suggested by many members and he accepted.

The Committee for 2016 was therefore put to a vote and accepted by the membership as follows:

Chairman:	Colin Beard
Vice Chairman:	Nick Baldwin-Charles
Secretary:	Luke Tarrant
Treasurer:	Steve Douch
Welfare Officer:	Catarina Granville
Events Coordinator:	Michelle Martin-Dufaur
Coaching Coordinator:	Justin Early
Equipment Officer:	Paul Voss
Communications Officer:	Dean Walker
Junior Rep:	Jake Hilton

6. Barn Management (Colin B):

Colin B gave an update on the management of the Barn by the ESCC now rebranded as Buzz Cuckmere, part of Buzz Active. Members were concerned about the status of the Barn given the recent take-over of the Ada Centre in West Sussex which has effectively closed down the club there. Colin B said that he had attended a meeting with Julian Patmore who confirmed that ESCC were retaining the Barn for the foreseeable future.

He also reported that we should expect to see changes afoot – for example, improvements to the entry area, changing rooms and the training/club room.

7. Action Plan (Colin B):

Colin B ran through the Action Plan that is being used by the Committee for long term planning.

8. Questions from Members / Any Other Business:

- Pat O asked if our current Sunday sessions and Go-Canoeing sessions are still protected. Colin confirmed all OK, though we will need to review the timings of Go-Canoeing sessions with Buzz Active.
- Paul V asked if there were concerns about finances related to the future of Buzz Active. Colin B said he didn't think so. Iain P said that they aimed to break even financially. The main issues to be raised with them are regarding shared resources.
- Liz B asked if there was any planned rent increase. Colin B said that rent is calculated on the same basis as before (according to Retail Price Index every 3 years)
- Ali L mentioned that there would be some almost-new buoyancy aids and cagoules purchased via a school package by Buzz Active
- Steve D said that a lottery grant application worth £3k was in progress
- Chris B asked about the provision of new bibs and Steve D replied this was also in progress and should be in place by next season
- Nick Cl. said that we needed a small 12t open canoe for Juniors and some Junior paddles
- Paul V asked if there were more First Aid Courses planned and Colin B said the committee would be sorting this out. Ben Statton no longer provides the courses but it was suggested Craig Coupe at Buzz Active could help.

9. CVCC Season Video (Dean W / Piers-Rex M) :

A great deal of work was put into this year's highlights of the season video, and there was some great camerawork and editing, taking in many trips, and was as inclusive of as many members as possible.

Dean W intends to sell the DVD to members rather than putting it on Facebook to raise money for a club GoPro camera. It may be ready in time for the Xmas dinner in 2 weeks.

Many thanks go to Dean and Piers for all their creativity and hard work.

MEETING CONCLUDED: 10:00 PM