

Carlisle Canoe Club AGM

8TH October 2013

Present: Kenny P, Rob E, Antony PB, Jim W, Lizzie Mc, Tony C, Scott T, John Mc, Ray P, Mike, Zoe S, Ian C, Alan, Faith C, Dave L, Jen, Mark, Callum, Mike H, Nathan L, Mike P, Walter Mc, John S, Susan R, Chris, Jamie, Alex C. Marc J

Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Matters Arising From Last AGM

- The committee decided not to go ahead with the purchase of more slalom boats as it was not felt this area had enough commitment from the membership. A particular need was noted in that parents would need to get involved taking children to events
- An attempt was made to attract scouts and guides offering tasters with limited success.
- Our club safety kayaking activity has been co-ordinated by John McAllister and the feedback has been good. Whilst not a prerequisite for joining the team, it would be really good if a few more people took the SESA course.

Chairman's Report

Another year has passed and overall I think it has been a good one for the club, following the member survey last year progress has been made in terms of our focus with clearly defined sessions being offered throughout the summer, the introduction of the Tarn and a teaching plan into our beginners sessions has worked well – with no sessions cancelled. In addition the rebuilding the rapid took place over a few evenings of hard work during the summer.

As with evolution, change a continuous process some things work better than others and these will be addressed over the coming year.

In terms of trips & events a number have taken place throughout the year and I would like to thank all the coaches, leaders and volunteers who have made these happen. As we move into winter we will hopefully be able to offer a range of river trips based on ability.

3 Year Development Plan

Looking at the 3 year development plan good progress has been made:

- Against our target of achieving a minimum of 1 new Level 1 coach per year giving us 3 - 6 have qualified which is great.
 - What we are still missing is women volunteers, come on ladies!
- Dave Lawton gained his Level 2, hopefully to be followed by Faith later this month.
 - Please speak to Jim if you are interested in moving forward – otherwise he will probably speak to you!
- A number of people have undergone 4* training & WWSR

- Following the comments made re boat storage and changing rooms at the last AGM work was carried out by a number volunteers to improve them. Let's try to keep them clean and tidy, the boat racks have a list of the boats that should go in each slot, and all the kit has a peg. Please put them back where they belong as it's a bit soul destroying for the people who did the work to see it slipping back into a mess.

Treasury Report

This year's expenditure has been £5042.67 more than the club's income. This is because the club has invested heavily in equipment and training as well as refitting the changing rooms and equipment store. Hopefully the club will now be eligible to apply for more grants.

Business Account: £3208.41

Current Account: £1235.04

Cash: £112.58

Please see statement of account for more details and graphs which display the clubs income and expenditure.

The sponsored roll raised £293.50 which was split between the RNLI and Air Ambulance charities.

Finally, an account auditor is needed so if anyone with financial knowledge is interested, or knows anyone who may be suitable; please contact the committee/treasurer.

A.O.B.

Jim Wilson

- Membership at the club is increasing, however there have been no shows and last minute cancellations at beginner sessions, with some months being more popular than others. Jim suggested asking beginners to pay when they book their slot and also increasing the number of places on the more popular months of April and May. Tony suggested running women's only taster sessions now there are more female coaches.
- There are 20 active coaches in 2013, an increase on last year. Jim encouraged more people to come forward to complete training to become coaches for 2014. Jim highlighted how well the coaches have done and said they should all be proud of themselves!
- There have been problems with the BCU 2* award, which does not include moving water skills. This will be addressed with the introduction of moving water skills into the 2* syllabus.

Mike

Thanked all of the coaches for their hard work.

John Mc

Thanked everyone who has contributed to safety kayaking at the open water swimming events.

Zoe S

Thanks to everyone for making me feel a part of the club and for all of the excellent coaching I have received. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone better and progressing my paddling.

Ian C

Thanked everyone who has supported him with his 3* award.

Faith C

There are so many coaches and the club website has proven problematic. Faith suggested that the coaches use a Facebook group as a way to share ideas. Faith will go ahead and set this up

Dave L

Mentioned there are some outstanding paddlers in the club, highlighted by 3 guys doing the Morsiton River Race this year. Would like everyone to identify young paddlers with promise/skill and then run sessions and trips accordingly to support their development. Tony mentioned it would be good if one person took ownership of the sports development role.

Nathan

Feels there is a positive energy in the club and some good ideas, with the club being a nice place to come back to and thanked everyone for this.

Walter Mc

Feels that support for the slalom has gone down over the years, where there used to be many clubs attending the event only Copeland came this year. This may have been due to another BCU event being held elsewhere on the same day. Walter also feels that as young paddlers can't get to events there is no progression. This can be rectified by involving parents more and will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting where a solution will be discussed.

Lizzie Mc

The situation for criminal records checks has changed with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) replacing the CRB. The DBS can be updated regularly and there is no need to keep reapplying. John will make a list of key bullet points and put this on the coaches Facebook page.

Susan R

Response to queries raised on statement of accounts.

Questions asked:

Jim - who had refunded the club for the training they have received,:

There are a number of people who have received training but not followed up trying

to obtain grant money from Carlisle City Council and/or Cumbria sports despite numerous reminders. Jim, please can you chase?

Date	Detailed Description	Expenditure	Income	
		Training	Training	
14/11/2012	Wildriver 5 star Traing Walter McPhee	220		Grant only available with passing leadership assesment
14/11/2012	Wildriver 5 star course Dave Lawton	220		Grant only available with passing leadership assesment
17/01/2013	Wildriver water safety - 4 Candidates	500		Grant only available with passing leadership assesment
27/02/2013	Wildriver -Level 1 coaching Alan Whitfield	235		Didn't complete course due to injury
27/02/2013	Wildriver -Level 1 coaching John McAlister	235	187.5	No further action required
27/02/2013	Wildriver -Level 1 coaching Ben Johnstone	235		£ 187.50 in grants should have been claimed & club reimbursed
27/02/2013	Wildriver -Level 1 coaching Mathew Davidson	235		£ 187.50 in grants should have been claimed & club reimbursed
27/02/2013	Wildriver -Level 1 coaching Chis Hewitt	235	100	Further >£ 130 grant could be claimed from Carlisle Council
14/05/2013	Wildriver - Level 2 assessment D Lawton	135		In process of pursuing grants
19/09/2013	Wildriver Level 2 Assess Faith Cook	135		In process of pursuing grants

Chris Hewitt - Why have we spent more on the sponsored roll money than we received in 2011-12 accounts?

This was due to timings of cheques being banked, this years expenditure also included our contributions from 2010-11 sponsored roll as the cheques where not banked until the new financial year.

Carlisle Canoe Club Accounts 2011-2012		Collected	Donated
	Sponsored Roll	10.00	
	Sponsored Roll RNLI Chq No 100339		278.72
	Sponsored Roll GNAA Chq No 100340		299.33
17/04/2012	Sponsored Roll	72.00	
	Sponsored Roll 100194 371.00	133.00	
	Sponsored Roll	50.00	
03/08/2012	Sponsored Roll Rachael's money	96.00	
27/08/2012	Sponsored Roll Donation to air ambulance		175.50
27/08/2012	Sponsored Roll Donation to community projects carlisle		175.50
		361.00	929.05

Ray - why is expenditure so high on Events

This was a new column I added this year so that we could see how much events cost/made. I should have maybe put the walkie talkies under equipment but they were brought specifically for the event so I will leave it in this column unless anyone has any major objections as it doesn't alter the accounts in anyway.

Date	Expenditure		£
28/04/2013	Wavehopper raffle books	Receipt	7.00
09/04/2013	Wavehopper tuckshop	Receipt	26.12
08/04/2013	Wavehopper Medals - Shoecare - Ray	Receipt	40.00
26/04/2013	Maplin Walkie Talkies	Cash	69.99
26/04/2013	Wave Hopper kids entry prudhoe	Cash	12.00
17/08/2013	Slalom Medals - Ray	Cash	16.00
		TOTAL	171.11

Election of Committee

Role	Name	Nominated	Seconded
Chairman	Tony Colla	Jim Wilson	Ray Petrie
Secretary	Zoe Southern	Jim Wilson	Lizzie McGaffin
Child Protection Officers	Lizzie McGaffin	Tony Colla	Antony Pike Bowyer
	John McGaffin		
Fundraising Officer	Becky Short	Tony Colla	Ian Carmichael
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Faith Cook	John McAllister	Tony Colla
Junior Coaching Co-ordinator	Walter McPhee	Tony Colla	Mike Pinske
Coach/ Leadership Development Co-ordinator	Jim Wilson	Tony Colla	Lizzie McGaffin
Treasurer	Susan Rutherford	Jim Wilson	Mike Pinske
General Members -	All Coaches & Leaders	Tony Colla	Mike Hewitt
Junior Members	Ben Johnson Ben McAllister	Marc Johnston	John McAllister

Awards

Alex Campbell received the award for ‘Young Paddler of the Year’.

John McAllister received the ‘Innovator of the Year’ award.

Dave Lawton received ‘Swimmer of the Year’.

Members of the committee, coaches and those involved in improving the clubhouse all received certificates to recognise and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Finally a big thank you to all the coaches, volunteers and members that contribute to the club, support coaching, organise events trips and expeditions