

MATLOCK CANOE CLUBS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2008 AT
THE DUKE WILLIAM, STARKHOLMES, MATLOCK.

PRESENT: Dave Radmore, Donna Hawkins, Steve Briggs, Colin Radmore, Mark Merrick, Geoff Cooper, Ifor Tear, James Cannon, Ian Lovatt, Julie Lovatt, Callum Lovatt, Connor Lovatt, Sarah Emmerson, Ralph Emmerson, Oliver Emmerson, Mark Greatorex, David Thomas, Andrew Thomas, Stephen Hawkins, Robert Du-Roe, Jenny Langdon, John Green, Becky Bishop, Tim Foster, Neil Du-Roe, Linda Du-Roe, Helena Du-Roe, Sarah Plumb, Julie Plumb, Annie Plumb, Kevin Plumb, Alastair Hadfield, Andrew Hadfield, Andy Hitchen, Chris Marti

APOLOGIES: Alan Hartley, Greg Hitchen, Rosie Timperley, Sarah Timperley, Clare Hawkins, George Rogers, Chris Maltby.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Proposed: Steve Briggs. Seconded: Neil Du-Roe.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Chair person – Chris Martin

A large number of club members have put in a lot of work at the club this year I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. Membership is down to 114 from 138 last year but I feel that membership has stabilized this year and the numbers are still very good, the drop in numbers could be due to the fact that Matlock lido is closed and has forced the club to seek an alternative venue, we are now using the outdoor pool at The New Bath Hotel but this has taken a while to sort out and didn't start till 3 November, thanks to all that have put the work into organising this facility.

Good winters training by all club paddlers has paid dividends both slalom and recreational. We have appointed a new Community Sports Coach, Colin Radmore thank you to him for joining us and hope we have at the club for a few more years.

Congratulations to Andrew Hadfield on just missing out on an Olympic place, but he still qualified to represent Great Britain in the European Championships in Poland and the World Cup Races.

Thanks to Andy Hitchen for the time and effort he puts in as secretary and sorting out Top Club status (club marks).

And finally thanks to everybody at the club for all their time and effort.

Treasurers report – Alastair Hadfield

Overall, despite a reduction in the clubs overall funding, the club made significant investment in course facilities and coaching which for the long term will ultimately be for the benefit of club members. The club continues to have a health bank balance.

Should the three main sources of income be continued (membership, slalom and pool) into 2009, with no significant repair programme envisaged and savings on garage rental the forecast for next year is a positive one that should see the club improve and consolidate its financial position.

A full copy of this report can be obtained from Alastair.

Senior Members: Mark Merrick

Mark reported that the club has had enquiries from some parents about Open Canadian boats and does the club have them and do any coaching for this type of paddling. We don't have any at the moment but we shall be looking into purchasing some in the near future.

Junior Members – Robert Du-Roe

It's nice to see a few new junior paddlers on the river.

Parent Representatives –

No report

Ladies Representatives –

No report

Publicity Officers – Report – Linda Du-Roe & Alan Hartley

Alan has moved away from the area but as still managed to keep the web site up to date, so if there is anything that you would like published on our web site then please contact Alan and he will be more than happy to help.

Linda unfortunately as not been around recently so has not been able to submit many articles' to the local paper Matlock Mercury, but if people would like her to submit any results then could she please have them by Monday after the weekend race so that she can submit them on Tuesday as this is the last day for the paper before it goes to press.

Coaching – Report – Mark Merrick

Geoff Cooper , Steve Hawkins and Mark Merrick completed their Level 1 coaching qualification, well done to all of them , they are now looking at moving onto their level 2.Club funding and local grants helped with the cost of the coaching courses, this type of funding from the club is open to all club members. We have a First Aid course coming up shortly, but we could do with more people taking the new Safety and rescue award, if we can get enough people we may be able to hold one at Matlock.

We have regular coaching on a Thursday night which is not just for slalom paddlers but any one wishing to improve their paddling skills (technique).

Slalom Officers – Report – Steve Briggs

A full report can be obtained from Steve but here is a brief outline, there now appears to be a good group of paddlers training on a Thursday night that includes several females which is encouraging.

Div 1 paddlers have benefitted from this competitive training environment as all have shown significant improvement in the division this year with Steve Hawkins, Robert Du-Roe and Andy Thomas all finishing in the top 15.

Andy Hadfield, Greg Hitchen, and Colin Radmore continue to fly the Matlock flag at the top of the sport, all finishing in the top 10 of their respective disciplines this year. Congratulation also goes to Dave Radmore on winning the Veterans Div2/3 title

Unfortunately, the Inter Clubs was cancelled this year due to the river being flooded and the country park water logged. On behalf of all the paddlers I would like to thank all the coaches, Chris, Donna, Neil, Andy and now Colin for all the hard work they have put in and also to all the parents who have supported from the bank.

Steve also brought up the issue of HPP being closed this was discussed later in the meeting.

Slalom Organiser – report – Donna Hawkins

This year's event ran well and we had good feed back from paddlers on the chat forums, no major hiccups apart from the usual Tutti. Next years event will hopefully take place on the weekend of April 5/6.

Recreational officers – Report – Becky Bishop

We have had some really good trips to Wales this year, we have another one coming up very shortly, 22 paddlers are staying in a bunkhouse which is full and we could have taken another 10 as the interest was very keen (turning people away) .

The club picnic day out at Chatsworth was a huge success; hope to run it again next year possibly two if we can find the right dates for every one.

Community Sports Coach – Report – Colin Radmore

Colin joined us in July, as our new CSC, he had a good start taking some of our slalom paddlers, had to change all his plan for the pool sessions as the pool at Matlock was closed for major repairs till February. Managed to locate an alternative venue at The New Bath Hotel it is an outdoor pool but its 40m long so we can take more paddlers. We are running two sessions 7 – 8 pm and 8- 9 pm on a Monday nights uptake so far is very good but we can still accommodate more paddler on the later session.

Play Boating – No Report

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The main issue this year was the closure of HPP till March next year for improvements and the effect it will have on the site at Matlock, there is a strong possibility of a large number of paddlers wanting to use the site over the coming months.

We have received an email from World Class asking if they could use the site, and could they have some exclusive paddling time, unfortunately we cant give them that guarantee as there is free access to the river day and night, the only time that the club as some control over who uses the river is when the floodlights are on as they are our responsibility. When using the floodlight they must be switched by 9.00 pm as part of the local councils consent to use them. We would like it if other paddlers would respect our club nights which are Wednesdays and Thursdays but we are prepared to sort something out as regards the floodlights if other paddlers contact us about using them. Chris to contact our affiliated club members who have a flood light key to inform them of the situation and see if we can fit them in to our training nights plus reply to World Class , Andy Hadfield did point out that it would be most unlikely that World Class would want to use the site in the evening just the day time if this is the case then we cant see them being interrupted by too many paddlers in the day time as the river gets very little usage at this time of day only at the weekends. Chris will

contact World Class and ask them if they could contribute towards they cost of the river upkeep gates etc and also the time they are likely to be using the river so that we can let other river users know and coordinate some times.
 The committee to discus this further and look into possible charges for using the floodlights once this as been finalised then all information to be put on the web site.
 There could also be an issue with regards to car parking extra car around on an evening.

The committee put a proposal to the member's presents that they would like to offer free club membership to anybody that looked after the clubs web site. This was passed by all those present.

Club Coaches - a motion was put forward to allow club coaches to claim car parking and travel expenses, this is already in existence so any coach wanting to claim their expenses can obtain a form from Andy Hitchen.

Next year the club will be presenting a trophy to the recreational paddler that they feel as made the most improvement over the year plus a swimmers award as we have in slalom, (this year we did present an award for the recreational paddler with the most swims).

The committee to look into the possibility of offering a discount to students in full time education, or adjusting the Family membership.

Annual Awards

Tim Hasteed Junior Paddler of the Year – Callum Lovatt
 Encouragement / Club Contribution – Mark Merrick
 Clear Runs – Greg Hitchen
 Swimmer of the Year Slalom – Donna Hawkins
 Swimmer of the Year Recreational – Mark Greatorex
 Royal Bank of Scotland Cup – Greg Hitchen

Chris made an award on behalf of Derbyshire Dales for there sports person of the year and this went to Andrew Hadfield
 Congratulations go to Andrew for this achievement.

Election of the Club Committee Members

Most of the committee were re-elected on block, new members were proposed and seconded.

	Prop	Sec
Chair Person.....	CHRIS MARTIN	
Vice Chair Person.....	STEVE BRIGGS	Andy Hadfield.....Donna Hawkins
Treasurer.....	ALASTAIR HADFIELD	
Secretary / Club Membership.....	ANDY HITCHEN	
Senior Members.....	MARK MERRICK ANDREW HADFIELD GEOF COOPER	
Parent Representatives.....	SARAH EMMERSON JOHN GREEN	
Junior Representatives.....	STEVE HAWKINS	Neil Du-Roe.....Alastair Hadfield
Rec / ww.....	JENNY LANGDON	
Slalom.....	ROBERT DU-ROE	
Ladies Representatives.....		
Slalom.....	ANNIE PLUMB	Julie Plumb.....Donna Hawkins
Rec / ww.....	BECKY BISHOP	
Publicity Officers.....	LINDA DU-ROE ALAN HARTLEY	
Web Master.....	ALAN HARTLEY	
Coaching Officers.....	CHRIS MARTIN NEIL DU-ROE MARK MERRICK	
Quarter Masters.....	DONNA HAWKINS IFOR TEARE	Mark Merrick.....Geoff Cooper
Slalom Representative.....	CHRIS MARTIN STEVE BRIGGS	

Slalom Organiser.....DONNA HAWKINS
Recreational Representative.....BECKY BISHOP
Play Boating Representative.....TIM FOSTER
Community Sports Coach.....COLIN RADMORE.

Next years Annual General Meeting to be held in November 2009 date and venue to be confirmed later.