

MATLOCK CANOE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2010

THE DUKE WILLIAM, STARKHOLMES, MATLOCK

Apologies: Andrew Hadfield, Linda Du-Roe, Chris Plastow, The Ross family.

Present: Donna Hawkins, Dave Radmore, Steve Briggs, Rosie Timperley, Sarah Timperley, Clare Hawkins, Geoff Cooper, Mark Merrick, Andy Arnold, Tracy Arnold, Sally Vetta, Kelvin Horner, Nathan Rees, Kevin Plumb, Julie Plumb, Helena Du-Roe, Robert Du-Roe, Neil Du-Roe, Alex Jury, David Thomas, Andrew Thomas, Ian Lovatt, Julie Lovatt, Alastair Hadfield, Chris Martin, Andy Hitchen, Steve Hawkins, Sarah Gardner, Mark Greatarix.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Correct: Proposed: Neil Du-Roe. Seconded: Dave Radmore.

Annual Reports.

Chair Person: Chris Martin.

The club keeps on moving forward, well done to all members. Club membership is up this year we now have 136, junior members up by 3 but female members have had a jump from 40 to 54.

Slalom has had some success this season and the number of recreational trips have been on the increase. Thanks to all parents for their bank and travel support it is really appreciated.

Once again thanks to you all.

Vice Chair: No Report

Treasurers report: Alastair Hadfield.

The overall income for the year was £7265 this was an increase of £2340 on 2009 figures, this is mainly attributed to membership fees, slalom and pool income. The Building Society Reserve Funds remain unchanged and require interest to be added for the year.

Expenditure for the year was £6817 this was an increase of £909 compared with 2009, the increase is partly due to an increase in the pool hire and slalom costs, other wise everything else remains the same as 2009.

Overall we have seen an increase of £448 in the clubs funding balance

The clubs bank account is with Nat West as we have a Club account Nat West have never charged us on it but now they have introduced a levy this is costing us £104 a year

Any body wishing to have a copy of the clubs accounts please contact the club secretary or treasurer.

Slalom organizer report: Donna Hawkins

We had good weather and things ran smoothly entries were up on previous years in fact our largest entries for quite some time 355 in total and Div 2 had the largest number of entries of any ranking Div 2 event this year.

The Div 4 event in August was not such a success in fact we had no entries on Saturday and only 3 women entries on Sunday, so next year we have withdrawn our event from the calendar.

Thanks to all the volunteers who put their time and effort in over both weekends.

Slalom Officers report: Steve Briggs

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for being out of the loop for most of the year, this has mainly been down to work commitment and family matters.

I have missed quite a few Thursday night sessions this season but I understand that numbers are dwindling; this appears to be a cyclic issue the club suffers from. As a group of paddlers get into the top divisions and reach an age when they start to drive they tend to migrate to HPP to gain from the bigger water

However we do seem to have a range of paddlers in all divisions, especially the ladies.

I do hope to get down more on a Thursday this winter so hope to be able to train with a few of you.

We still seem to have an issue with getting people from the pool onto the river and then, rather selfishly into slalom boats. It's hoped that this may change if we can gain access to the stretch of water by the Pavilion in Matlock Bath, where the water is more beginner friendly.

The Inter Club Championships was once again a good event we had a strong team although not our strongest, but we did have strength in depth especially in the Ladies and Canadian classes. It was great to see such a large turn out, particularly parents and supporters and the atmosphere around the campsite was excellent.

The club finished 8th overall which was a creditable result.

On behalf of all the paddlers I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches and parents who've coached and supported us all throughout the year. Although it may not always be expressed it's always appreciated.

Quartermasters report: Donna Hawkins

It's been a busy year in the store, thanks to Neil for all his help. Lots of new members have meant lots of people borrowing kit. Money raised from MCC Kids was used to purchase new cags, helmets and buoyancy aids. Andy also bought new neoprene decks for the C1 and slalom boats.

We had a big tidy up one day in August and John took away some old boats and sold them on Ebay, the money raised went towards the clubs funds. Thanks John.

Storage is still a problem the container is very damp and we are short of room to hang all the new kit, this needs some action.

At the May committee meeting we reviewed the scale of charges for hire of club equipment and this has been distributed to new members and amended on the website.

Ladies representative Slalom: Clare Hawkins

12 women are ranked in K1 (this includes 2 in div4) plus 3 in C1.

Prem K1... Sarah Plumb (J) – 40/43 Div1 K1...Sarah Timperley – 20/58..... Annie Plumb – 33/58
Clare Hawkins – 50/58

Div2 K1...Donna Hawkins – 16/179Sally Creswell-Cast (J) – 40/179

Div3 K1 ... Helena Du-Roe (J) – 9/114Beth Isle (J) – 53/114 Laura Wardle (J) – 54/114.....
Rebecca Wardle (J) – 112/114

Div4 K1 ... Katie Ross (J) – 17/124 Emily Ross (J) – 84/124

Div 2/3 C1 ... Clare Hawkins – 6/41 Donna Hawkins – 22/41 Sally Vetta – 40/41

54 Female club members out of a total of 136 this represents over a 1/3 of the clubs membership.

Ladies representative Recreational: No Report

Recreational representative report: Mark Merrick

We have had a better transition from pool to river thanks to Donna and Sally, the number of paddlers that are staying with us is quite high and some of those that have dropped off will be coming back in the spring once the weather improves, especially those families with youngsters.

River trips are on the increase, but we are starting to only take small groups, we have forged links with paddlers in the Preston area and have done a few trips with them.

Coaching report: Geoff Cooper

I would just like to thank Donna and Sally for organizing the transition of paddlers from pool to river, plus apologies to Andy Thomas for not responding to him with regards to coaching work.

It's nice to see some young paddlers that started with me progressing into slalom and doing so well especially Alex, Hayden, Laura and Rebecca.

Apologies to all the other coaches in the pool as I have missed quite a few sessions and this has probably put extra work onto them. Sally has been able to bring some extra coaches in to help.

We have also had help from some paddlers from Sheffield on a few of our river trips.

And thanks to the club for all the help with funding.

Senior members: No reports

Parent reports: Ian Lovatt

It's nice to see quite a lot of new members in the pool.

Junior representative: Steve Hawkins

The Inter Club went well for the juniors and we have quite a few new ones in the pool.

Publicity Officers report: No report

Any Other Business:

Motion

Rule change to membership form regards swimming pool.

Existing wording reads.

Must be able to swim 50 metres clothed.

Change to.

Must be able to swim 50 metres clothed with a buoyancy aid.

Proposed: Donna Hawkins

Seconded: Rosie Timperley

Motion Passed.

Top Steps access.

Chris has been chasing the council about the state of the support walls both sides of the steps, stone is constantly falling down and is becoming a real dangers to paddlers and any body just walking on the picnic site.

He has not had much look with the council so approached the Environment Agency they came out and inspected the site and agreed with us that they are in a dangerous state, but it's not their responsibility it's Derbyshire Dales District Councils, it's up to them to see to repairs. We are still waiting for the council to take any action.

It as been suggested that club members email the council about this issue and hopefully if they receive enough emails they may take some action. A full survey needs to be carried out by the council and walls repaired.

Donna going to obtain the details of the councilor we need to forward our email to and coordinate with everyone

If this fails then the Environment Agency may repair it them self and bill the council.

Club House

The use of the Pavilion at Matlock Bath, unfortunately the Parish council missed placed our original contact emails so we didn't get included within their alteration for the Pavilion. Donna has spoken to the new person who is coordinating the Pavilion project and he said he was sorry that communication between us had been misplaced and that if they could help us with any storage they would and that they are more than happy for use to be involved with them.

The Parish council's proposals for the Pavilion have been accepted by DDDC and they are in the process of raising funds, perhaps the club could help with this.

The Meeting Hut at the top of the slalom site this is still being looked into with the local sports development officer and council officials, Chris is dealing with the drawings for this so that they can be put to the council before we apply for planning permission.

Application for access to the stretch of water down by the Pavilion in Matlock Bath, I have sent two letters over the last 6 months to DDDC about this but we are still waiting for any kind of response.

New Pool in Matlock, we have lodged our interest in using this new facility and made them aware of our needs but yet again we are still waiting for any news on our requests.

Floodlights, we are having some major problems with them, the main cause seem to be damp inside the electrical cabinet the old heater in there packed up some time ago and we forgot to replace it before winter set in and water has got into all the components causing all sorts of issues. Chris as ordered a new heater it should be here soon, hopefully this will help. Some of the lamps are not working think they are in need of some TLC. Work party needed to sort them out date to be fixed later.

Anew padlock is to be fitted to the electrical cupboard along with new keys; details on how to obtain a key will be going up on the website shortly along with detail on how to operate the floodlights once they are working correctly again.

Awards:

Junior Paddler of the Year Tim Hastesd Trophy Alex Ross

Encouragement / Club Contribution award Sally Vetta

Clear Runs Competition Dave Radmore

Swimmer of the Year..... Slalom.....Robert Du-Roe

RecreationNathan Rees

Club Handicap WinnerMark Merrick

Election of Committee Members:

Chair Person Chris Martin

Vice Chair PersonSteve Briggs

Secretary Andy Hitchen

Treasurer Alastair Hadfield

Club Membership Officer Donna Hawkins

Senior Members Sally Vetta Proposed: Donna Hawkins... Seconded: Steve Hawkins
 Andy Thomas Proposed: Chris Martin Seconded: Ian Lovatt
 Mark Greatarix Proposed: Donna Hawkins ... Seconded: Mark Merrick

Parent Representatives Ian Lovatt
 Neil Du-Roe ... Proposed: Rosie Timperley... Seconded: Mark Merrick

Junior Representatives Helena Du-Roe ... Proposed: Steve Hawkins... Seconded: Geoff Cooper
 Slalom Callum Lovatt
 Recreational.... Douglas Porter ... Proposed: Sally Vetta ... Seconded: Mark Merrick

Ladies Representatives:
 Slalom Clare Hawkins
 Recreational.... Tracy Arnold Proposed: Mark Merrick ... Seconded: Geoff Cooper

Publicity Officer Linda Du-Roe

Coaching Chris Martin
 Geoff Cooper

Slalom Representative Steve Briggs

Slalom Organizer Donna Hawkins

Recreational & Social Representative ... Mark Merrick

Play Boating Representative Chris Plastow

Quarter Masters Donna Hawkins
 Geoff Copper
 Chris Martin

Web Site Alan Hartley (not on committee)

Next Years Annual General Meeting November 2011 Date to be confirmed