

MATLOCK CANOE CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2011

THE DUKE WILLIAM, STARKHOLMES, MATLOCK.

Apologies: Alan Hartley, Rob Cummins, Sarah Gardner, Fran Humpherson, Chris Plastow, Lynda Du-Roe, Geoff Cooper.

Present: Sarah Timperley, Donna Hawkins, Andrew Hadfield, Alastair Hadfield, Clare Hawkins, Rob Du-Roe, Andy Thomas, Steve Hawkins, Mark Merrick, Mark Greatorex, Sally Vetta, Douglas Porter, Tracy Arnold, Andy Arnold, Andrew Wilson-Hunt, Bradley Wilson-Hunt, Callum Lovatt, Julie Lovatt, Ian Lovatt, Tanya Gibbons, Zara Young, Simon Waterhill, Neil Du-Roe, Helena Du-Roe, Peter Ross, Alex Ross, Janet Ross, Rosie Timperley, Chris Martin, Andy Hitchen.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Correct: Proposed: Alastair Hadfield Seconded: Mark Merrick

Annual Reports.

Chair Person: Chris Martin.

First of all I would like to apologize for not being around a great deal of late, but I have managed to keep in touch with things through the internet and the clubs facebook page.

The club still seems to be moving forward though it may be slowly at times, we have moved to the new swimming pool complex in Matlock which is brilliant.

We are still working on gaining access to the water down by the Pavilion in Matlock Bath, but things are moving very slowly with the council which is quite disappointing.

Thanks to all the coaches, paddlers and parent we could not do without any of you, big than you to Donna for sorting out the move to the new pool and organizing all the pool session and to Sally for all the time and effort she as put into coaching at the pool.

Thanks to Andy for all his hard work over the years as club secretary he will be stepping down after this meeting.

Also thanks to Dave Radmore for all the work he has put into the club over the years, Dave as recently left the club.

I would like to see the club continue moving forward and keep chasing that club house.

Vice Chair: Steve Briggs

No report.

Treasurers report: Alastair Hadfield.

Income:

Overall income for the year was £6750 which was a reduction of £515 when compared with 2010.

The decrease in income was mainly due to a reduction in slalom event income (-£740) partially offset by an increase in membership fees (+£171).

The building society reserve funds remain unchanged and require interest to be added for the year.

Expenditure:

The overall expenditure for the year was £5824, which was a reduction of £993 when compared to 2010.

The reduction was due in part to less expenditure on coaching (-£478), equipment (-£861) and slalom (-£115) and was partially offset by increases in the pool hire (+£422) with other costs remaining comparable with 2010.

The charge for electricity has been subject to a meter reading in the summer which resulted in the club being credited and remaining so at the year end (+£46).

Summary:

Overall, in the year we have seen an increase of £926 in the clubs funding balance.

The clubs main income continues to come from membership, slalom and pool sessions.

The increase in club funds over the year leaves the club with a healthy financial balance of £8808.

If any body would like a more detailed report then please contact Alastair.

Slalom Organizers report: Donna Hawkins

This years slalom went well. The weather was fine, there were no tutti problems and everything went smoothly, despite the organizer escaping on Sunday!

The number were down on last year, but similar to normal (305 in 2011, 350 in 2010, 279 in 2009, 337 in 2008 and 248 in 2007). The event clashed with a couple of other events- Fairmilee and Junior /U23 selection at HPP. I'd expected this

to have devastating effects on our numbers but in fact it proved that several families who were at HPP on Saturday came to Matlock on Sunday.

The river was low again, but Andy Thomas managed to design a good challenging course each day.

Everything went smoothly both days, with the event running pretty well to time.

The Chair of the Jury gave us a good report each day.

The only negative element is that the caterers did not give us any money, as they claimed to have made a loss. This is unfortunate as their food is great, but we do need them to make a contribution to the event costs.

Thanks to everyone who was there to help over the weekend.

Division 4 Slalom- 11th July 2011

This was a great success this year. We ran it on a Monday evening. We had 27 Div 4 competitors plus 16 official entrants. We had paddlers attending from as far away as Leicester. We started the event at 7.00pm and didn't finish until just before dark! **We made £110.50 profit.**

Slalom Officers report: Steve Briggs

Firstly, I'd like to apologize for being out of the loop for most of this season. This was mainly due to work and family commitments.

I haven't paddled on a Thursday club night for ages but from what I hear the numbers getting down are still less than a couple of years ago. We appear to be still in the dip of a cyclic issue which the club suffers from where a group of paddlers get into the top divisions and reach an age when they start driving they tend to migrate over to HPP to gain the benefit of training on bigger water. In the past a new group of youngsters has come through and filled the gap created but it does take time to rebuild the core group of paddlers again.

There remains an issue with getting people that start canoeing with us at the pool on to the river and then into slalom boats. It is hoped this will improve if the access to a section of river in Matlock Bath itself is ever sorted as water is a little more beginner friendly.

The Inter Club Championships was again a good event again this year. There was a good atmosphere within the team, with everyone giving and receiving support during the weekend. The camaraderie around the club's campsite was excellent. Although we did not have paddlers at the top of their divisions we did have strength in depth, particularly in areas we've struggled with previously such as ladies divisions and the Canadian classes. The club finished 9th overall which was a creditable result.

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

Quartermasters report: Donna Hawkins.

Our present lock up is looking the worse for wear, and we could really do with some more storage, as our club membership grows, extra kit is needed, but at the moment there is no extra storage available in the area.

We also have issues with storage at the new pool; kit is outside at the moment though we are looking into this matter.

Ladies representative Slalom: Clare Hawkins.

The number of female slalom paddlers has decreased this year and we have only one new paddler into slalom this season.

Recreational: Mark Merrick.

Wednesday night's sessions are still running, but at the moment Mark is the only coach down, and it does mean that some time is lost whilst he sorts out paddlers and kit from the store. It would be nice if someone could give some time and help out even if it's only sorting out kit and locking up the storage container. Two paddlers that started quite a while ago as beginners are still coming down, which is good, but he has not had any of the paddlers from last season's pool group, which is a shame.

Geoff Cooper and Mark Merrick have both taken their 4* Leader coaching course and passed, (well done to both of them), so are hoping to organize more river trips.

Water levels down on the river have not been that good but it has allowed some of our paddlers to work on their paddling techniques using the slalom course (who would have thought it).

All of the plastic river canoes have now been moved to the pool so we only have plastic slalom boats left which is not always suitable for our paddlers, it would be nice if we could sort out some more general plastic boats as we have now got a bit of space in the container. The club to look into purchasing a few more boats possibly some second hand ones or look into some funding for new ones.

Congratulations go to Steve Hawkins on representing the Great Britain Junior Rafting Team at the World Championships in Costa Rica.

Any body interested in rafting if you contact Steve I am sure he will be glad to help, if you haven't got Steve's contact number then get in touch with Donna.

Coaching: Geoff Cooper

No report.

Mark, Sally and the coaches are doing some excellent coaching at the pool and they had a good transition onto the river over the summer months but this doesn't seem to have transferred onto either Wednesday or Thursday night's sessions. Quite a few coaches have just upgraded their First Aid. Congratulations to them.

Just a reminder to all potential coaches that funding is available through the club and grants should you wish to use it, ask any of the coaches for further information.

Senior members: Sally Vetta.

Busy sessions in the new pool, thanks to all the people that have helped with kit and boats etc.

Keep an eye on our web site for information about Open Canoe trips coming up?

Congratulation goes to Sally for gaining her 5* in Open Canadian, I think she is the first club member to gain any kind of 5*.

Andy Thomas.

Slalom numbers are down on a Thursday night but they seem to be picking up a bit of late.

Andy is starting to do more coaching on a Thursday night so if you want to have a go at slalom please come down and speak to Andy.

Parent representative: Ian Lovatt.

Nice to see plenty of juniors in the pool it would be great if we could keep them when they move onto the river.

Junior representatives: Callum Lovatt.

Would be nice to see more of our junior paddlers coming down to slalom training nights.

Helena Du-Roe.

Good number of junior in the pool.

Douglas Porter.

Doug is now helping out at the pool with coaching.

Publicity Officers report: Lynda Du-Roe

Could any body with information about slalom events, or people wanting to publish information about river trips please contact me so that I can forward this to the press, or we can have linked to some other web sites.

Web site: Alan Hartley.

Alan is happy to continue running the site but at the moment he is not competing so is out of touch with events and he lives in Shap quite some distance away. So if any body else would like to have a go please contact Alan.

Bradley showed an interest so he will be getting in touch with Alan shortly.

Any Other Business:

Andy and Tracy Arnold have both gained their 3* award in Sea Kayaking congratulations to both of them.

If any of you out there are interested in joining them in Sea Kayaking I am sure they will be glad to speak to you

The club secretary would like to apologize to Tracy Arnold for not receiving any information about meetings or minutes, he had sent information to her but obviously I had the wrong email information, sorry Tracy.

It `s been suggested to the club would it be possible to run a slalom event for Open Canadians, the club to look into it and see if they can attach it to one of their events.

Awards:

Club Handicap Winner..... [Mark Merrick](#)

Encouragement / Club Contribution Award..... [Donna Hawkins](#)

Swimmer of the Year:

Slalom [Glen Cropper](#)

Recreational..... [Mark Merrick](#)

Clear Runs Winner..... [Andrew Hadfield](#)

Junior Paddler of the Year Tim Hastead Trophy..... [Bradley Wilson-Hunt](#)

