

NOMAD KAYAK CLUB



NOMAD KAYAK CLUB AGM 2 March 2013 MINUTES

Attendees:

Tony Becker	Sonja Hatton	Chris Paterson
Andy Boxall	Catherine Hirst	Michael Quinn
Kerry Bromley	David Hirst	Tom Richie
Alison Burnett	Richard Hirst	Andrew Spurr and guest
Paul Childerhouse	Simon Irving	Katherine Stagg
Andrew Eden	Beth James	Malcolm Stagg
Martin Edwards	Robert Marsden	Luke Theobald
James Fletcher	James KcKelvey	Mark Turner (arrived at buffet)
Jonathan Grout	Nick Moore	Ian Walker
Paul Gwinnel	Ayo Ogundimu	Tim Ward
George Gwinnel	Funmi Ogundimu	
Harry Gwinnel	Layole Ogundimu	
Chris Harper	Maria Ogundimu	

Apologies:

Chris Buss	Rob Edmunds	Alex Parsons
Jason Brooker	Sanjay Gohel	Darrell Parsons
Jackie Brown	Lesley Harper	Jake Redfern
Rich Clabon	Jade Hatton	Richard Wright

Ref	Minute	Action
1.	<p>Minutes to the previous meeting The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. Proposed by: Nick Moore Seconded by: David Hirst</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of updated Constitution. The following areas have been updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership brackets have been introduced. • Kit usage payment has been removed. • A reference to Canoe England has been added. • There is a reference to the 15 months renewal of membership for 2013-14 only. • There is an added reference to the late payment fee of £25. • No under 18 participation on the committee has been removed. <p>It was also mentioned at the meeting that any member under 18 has equal voting rights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an added reference to “The clubhouse and associated facilities”. • It has been added that future AGMs will be held in April. • There is an added reference to 2 votes per family. <p>The update was approved by the meeting. Proposed by: Andrew Spurr. Seconded by: Catherine Hirst.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the meeting was Quorate.</p>	

3.	<p>Member motions. The possibility of membership cards was discussed. The committee will look into what can be done and whether it is possible with an email confirming membership. The Café in the park requires a card stating 10% discount for the member.</p>	
4.	<p>Committee Section Reports</p>	
4.1	<p>Chairman Malcolm Stagg summarised the previous year as a good year with a lot of hard work having been done behind the scenes. The club is improving and the benefits will show. There has been work on the brand image and the website has been improved. The club is now advertising. Membership levels are up. The Polo is doing well and the club is running more events for BCU at Bury Lake. During 2013 the club will be going on line and there are big plans for the redevelopment and Grant applications which are part of Paul Childerhouse's report below. Malcolm Stagg and Paul Childerhouse have been taking part in meetings with the trustees of BLYM to keep up the links for the redevelopment. The membership renewal date is changing to the 1st April 2014 onwards. The club will continue having an end of season party as a social event for the members. Rickmansworth Festival 2013: The club is advertising for this event. Hopefully this will bring people to the club. The Chairman highlighted the importance of current members' support and help during this event.</p>	
4.2	<p>Secretary Maria Ogundimu introduced herself and stated that as she has only been secretary of the club since 7th January 2013 she had nothing to report yet.</p>	
4.3	<p>Treasurer Robert Marsden stated that the club is financially sound after last year. There is approximately £10,000.00 in the bank at the moment. The financial report is attached – please see for details. Membership is up. The Treasurer's report explains the lease situation with the council. The move to BLYM is also included in the report and it is explained that this will incur a cost which cannot be covered by the current bank balance. The last move to current location was expensive enough to leave the bank balance too low. This should not reoccur. The expenditure account is at a deficit due to kit bought during the year. This is as it should be in an expenditure account. The club earns £250 per day in rent for the polo pitch. The report was approved by the meeting Proposed: Tony Becker Seconded: Paul Childerhouse Robert Marsden added that he will be stepping down as Chairman at next year's AGM. If there is anybody who is willing and interested in taking over they should speak to him now so that they can get involved in the work before he leaves his post.</p>	
4.4	<p>Membership officer The club has 144 members in 2012. There have been a lot of new people trying the sessions during the past year. 82 members have renewed so far for 2013-2014. 31 adults, 6 youths, 5 f/t education and the remaining families. Members were informed that the club has got a database with their details and the importance of ensuring correct details are given was highlighted. If a member is also a member of BCU it is important to inform the club of that number to avoid the extra fee BCU charges when a number is not disclosed at an event. If a person joins the club in the middle of the year they will pay a membership fee based on a pro-rata</p>	

	<p>calculation. However if a current member delays membership payment there will be an extra fee of £25.</p>	
4.5	<p>Kit/Facilities officer Please see detailed report attached.</p> <p>Paul Childerhouse reported that the Club kit has been checked. For the recreational side there are just a few replacements needed. The polo side is ok apart from spraydecks which are in need of replacement. Therefore a few purchases are required. Inventory: please see attached report. Rob Marsden (Treasurer) commented that he thought the asset inventory was slightly underestimated. There was a break in at the club ground during February however none of the locks to the club kit containers were broken. It does however show the importance of security of the kit. If any member sees anything suspicious they are to inform Malcolm or Chilly.</p> <p>The use of club equipment is still free during club sessions. When taking a boat out of the club for competition or other a charge of £5 is payable. This is a difficult task to control and an on-line payment system is being looked into. This would then have to be paid before taking the boat.</p> <p>There have been no reports of damage to any kit during 2012. Chilly should be informed if any damage is noticed. Currently storage is small but when moving to the BLYM there will be bigger facilities and the club can then purchase more boats.</p> <p>With regards to access to club facilities there are no current plans to change anything. There are 18 club keys in circulation. No changes planned.</p> <p><u>The Nomad development project: (Detailed report attached)</u> When the club moves to the BLYM facilities, there will be certain changes. Club members will be able to use their facilities including changing rooms and social activities.</p> <p>The move is planned for Sep / Oct 2013 if everything works out.</p> <p>A question was asked re: access for cars to the BLYM area when taking boats to and from the club, since it is further into the Aquadrome. There are plans for a road to be built behind the car park along the canal to the BLYM for access.</p>	
4.6	<p>Webmaster Chris Paterson reported that the club has got a new website with the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News • Disciplines • Calendar • Membership • Governance • Club history • For sale/wanted • On line membership • On line coursed booking <p>Boat borrowing is to go on in the future Since October 2012 there have been 4500 page views, 1800 visits and 650 people. If members wish anything to go on the website give it to Chris Paterson and he will organise this.</p>	
4.7	<p>Youth officer Beth James reported that the youth members of the club unfortunately have gone down in numbers. In 2012 there were 15 youth members and in 2013 so far there are 6 youth and 5 F/T study members. She is hoping to attract more members with the Ricky week and Youth polo.</p>	
4.8	<p>Recreational Canoe officer Jennifer Kelly used to be the Recreational Canoe officer but since leaving this post is vacant. The Chairman urged members to consider getting involved and taking on this position. The responsibilities are to make sure that Sunday and Wednesday sessions happen. However the person is</p>	

	<p>not required to be at every session themselves. The Chairman highlighted the point that without the training sessions there will be no club and asked members to think about it.</p>	
4.9	<p>Polo officer Katherine's report summarised the results of 2011/2012 polo tournaments. Results as follows: League:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team A = Div. 2 South, 6th. • Team B = Div. 3 Central, 5th • Team C = Div. 3 South East 5th • Team D = Div. 3 South East 9th • Ladies = National Div. 1 Demoted • Youth = Div. 2 3rd (Injuries in last tournament) <p>Summer Internationals: Hull: Team A =Div. 1 7th. Team C = Div. 2 8th Welsh: Team A=Div. 1 5th Team C=Div. 2 11th Team E=Div. 3 1st London: Team mixed = Div. 2 5th Team E = Div. 4 2nd Dikkebus: Team A = Div. 2 17th Team C = Div. 2 15th</p> <p>2012/2013 league results so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team A = Div 2 South 4th (Highest place ever achieved) • Team B =Div. 3 South West Currently 3rd • Team C = Div.3 South East Possible 4th. • Team D = Div. 3 South East Currently bottom of league (Probably demoted) • Ladies = Div. 2 Top • Youth = Struggling with players this year and has not played all tournaments. <p>Other news from Katherine was that the beginners polo sessions went well, and this coming year the club will be hosting National league tournaments.</p>	
4.10	<p>Trips Officer Tony Becker is the new trips officer and he reported that he is working on structuring the calendar and are planning one river trip per month. They will be starting at a lower skill level and work their way up as the season goes on. He is also planning coaching sessions at the Neme and Lee Valley white water Centres. Symond's Yat and The River Dart are popular trips. Trips will be planned so as not to clash with polo events. Occasionally there may be shorter trips to Hurley or Lee Valley when water levels are right. Tony told members to make sure to inform him if they are interested in going on a trip so as to make sure bookings were correct.</p>	
4.11	<p>Coaching Officer Michael Quinn the new Coaching Officer informed the meeting that he is developing the coaching side of the club. He would like experienced paddlers to be trained to do supervision during sessions. He will also co-ordinate 2 and 3 star coaching courses. Information will be sent out. Talk to Mike if interested in becoming a coach. Courses get booked up quickly. Existing coaches should talk to Mike.</p>	
5.	<p>Election of Officers The floor was handed over to Nick Moore, the Life President, for the election of committee officers. He thanked the committee standing down for a great job over the past year.</p>	

	<p>The outgoing committee members were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Malcolm Stagg • Treasurer Robert Marsden • Secretary Maria Ogundimu • Membership Officer Alison Burnett • Kit/facilities Officer Paul Childerhouse • Trips Organiser Tony Becker • Polo Officer Katherine Stagg • Youth Officer Beth James • Coaching officer Michael Quinn • Recreational officer Vacant • Pool Officer Closed • Webmaster Chris Paterson <p>It was proposed that the new committee should be voted for on block and this was agreed unanimously.</p> <p>The following new committee was voted in unanimously:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Malcolm Stagg • Treasurer Robert Marsden • Secretary Maria Ogundimu • Membership Officer Alison Burnett • Kit/facilities Officer Paul Childerhouse • Trips Organiser Tony Becker • Polo Officer Katherine Stagg • Youth Officer Beth James • Coaching officer Michael Quinn • Recreational officer Vacant • Pool Officer Closed • Webmaster Chris Paterson <p>Proposer: Catherine Hirst Second: Richard Hirst</p>	
6.	Any Other Business	
6.1	James Fletcher introduced himself as the new Welfare Officer of the club, and asked members to turn to him in case they had any welfare issues, safety or other.	
6.2	Tom Richie asked if anybody has looked into the winter pool issue. The chairman's reply was that there are not many around that are practical. The old pools are normally cooler, larger and better for the clubs purpose. David Hirst suggested RAF Holton may have one available, including possible storage as well. The chairman suggested that anyone with any pool suggestions or ideas contact the secretary with the details. Any information then available will go out with the minutes.	
6.3	Tim Ward the founder and first member of the club informed the meeting that he is also the Chairman of the BCU freestyle committee. They have different events available for anybody who is interested in freestyle kayaking.. There is a 3 star freestyle award and a youth award which are one day fun based events for under 18s. In September there is a club championship with lots of events. Tim agreed to get involved in leading any possible sessions when he feels better if the club decided to get involved.	
	Formal part of meeting concluded at 8.30 pm	
7.	Buffet was served for the members to enjoy.	
8.	2012 Video Premiere. A film created by Luke Theobald was screened with moving and still photos taken over the year by different members of the club.	
9.	Award Ceremony. The following Awards were given to outstanding members of the club during 2012: Most improved paddler : John Grout Best new member Vivianne sharkey Commitment to the club Rob Edmunds	

	Best Swim Best Injury Dedication to competition Most improved competitive paddler	Derek Jones Kerry Bromley Richard Hirst Johnny Turner	
10.	Quiz. There were 6 teams competing in the quiz with the winners being “The founding fathers” with 17/20 points		
11.	Social.		
	End of meeting 9.30 pm		
	The next committee meeting to be held on 18 March 2013 at 8 pm.		