



## **MINUTES FOR 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017, THE DEBEN WATERSPORTS CENTRE AT 7.30PM**

1. Apologies

Adrian, Katherine, Leslie & Andy

2. We approved the AGM Minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

Nominee Malcom                      Seconded Steve

3. Chairman's Report (Malcom)

A verbal report was provided by Malcolm, he highlighted the number of organised trips there had been during the year such as to the River Wye, Lee Valley, Tryweryn, to Scotland and the Dart with BC Suffolk. Malcolm was pleased to see that we had run over 20 pool sessions and the ones he'd attended were well run and attended. It was great to see new Club boats in the pool and coaches wearing the new shirts. Malcolm was pleased to see the activity in the Summer where we had run public courses for 1, 2 and 3 Star activities. It was also highlighted that the Club had successfully organised and run closed courses for Scouts. The Wednesday evenings were also provided with an emphasis on families and Malcolm thanked all the coaches and Club members that had assisted. It was noted that membership is vibrant and we were able to keep to our part of the financial arrangements with the Deben Watersports Centre who we assist with maintenance work.

4. Treasurers Report (Helen)

A headline report including full accounts was presented by Helen. It was highlighted that the pool activity is in deficit by approximately £100 over the year. It was also noted that the Club has almost £13,000 in the bank account and that the Club and Committee should meet again to propose next year's expenditure plans.

The treasurer's report was approved;

Nominee Malcolm

Seconded Steve

5. Membership Report (Susan)

A verbal report was provided by Susan highlighting around 60 adult and 40 child members. Work has been undertaken with great help from Tim to implement a new way of collecting membership data and also communicating to members. Susan hoped to further develop activities to remove as much of the written element as possible removing errors such as email addresses. Work was also under way to capture the data required for the annual affiliation renewal to British Canoeing. Susan was pleased to report that although membership numbers are broadly similar to last year the level of engagement seems much higher.

6. Pool Organisers Report

The administration of the money is now being kindly managed by Susan and Leslie who unfortunately could not attend. Tim is liaising with the pool themselves to book sessions at least six months ahead. It was noted that the refurbishment of the pool may start in September 2017 for a duration of 10 months. The attendees were asked to suggest alternative temporary facilities. Tim reported that the relationship with the pool team was working well and that they hoped we would continue to use the facility.

7. River Session Organisers Report

Tim provided a verbal report of activities undertaken on the river this year

Wednesday evening sessions were run with an attempt to move from "youth" to "family" orientation. It was noted that we need to attract paddlers that are keen to continue learning for the duration of the season. Thursdays evenings were run with both courses and Club paddling sessions with over 30 people sometimes attending. 1 and 2 star courses had been run over the Spring and Summer. During the Autumn and Winter groups have continued to paddle. The Sunday paddles have been well attended also. On New Year's Eve several Club members journeyed on the Little Ouse with the Sudbury Club.

Tim explained that he found it best to plan activities only a few weeks or months in advance, when the Club tried to fix dates for the whole year it was difficult to gain commitment.

8. Appointment of committee

		Nominee	Seconded
Chairman	Malcolm	Tim	Steve
Vice Chairman	Tim	Malcolm	Steve
Secretary	Peter	Helen	Mike
Treasurer	Helen	Tim	Susan
Membership Secretary	Susan	Malcolm	Steve
Club Welfare Officer	Frank	Helen	Rob
Pool Session Organiser	Leslie (not present)	Tim	Steve
River Session organiser	Tim	Steve	Rob
Youth representative	Lorry	Susan	Tim
Web master	Tim	Helen	Susan

Meeting closed at 20.26 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and an informal meeting followed.