

Hereford Kayak Club

AGM

29th March 2023

Present: Ollie Burgoyne, Mark Burgoyne, Fred Lovegrove, Andrew Lovegrove, Arvydas Kiela, John Jackson, Theo Victor-Trott, Olly Main, Simon Lyddon, Alan Burgoyne, Dave Cianchi, Claude Bailey, John Cameron, Nathan Hoon, Sarah Deacon, Lee Champ, Andrew Wibmer, Sue Wibmer, Dave Goldsmith, Kay Spencer, Tony Spencer.

Apologies: Rob Balogh, Mark Bellamy, Tony Ore, Dave O'Brien, Bianca Jackson

Minutes read and agreed

Matters arising : These to be dealt with in Chairpersons report

Chairpersons report (given by Dave Goldsmith)

Thanks to Kay for tonight's curry and to Sarah for her help with the cooking.

Regular committee meetings have been held since last AGM which I have been acting chair of for the past 5.

In the summer of last year we agreed to work towards British Canoeing's "Quality Club" accreditation and by end of 2022 had made a great deal of progress. Regretfully, early this year BC announced that they were going to revise their accreditation process and details of new scheme would be available in April 2023. We were not far enough advanced to qualify under the old scheme at that time, so we are now waiting for the new scheme to be published.

As part of the process we have updated our club documents and these will be put forward for adoption later in the meeting.

FSRT training was completed as well as safeguarding training by the relevant people.

5 people have completed their paddle sport leader training, however due to the weather the assessment was cancelled and an alternative date not yet found. 6 will be doing their core coach training this weekend.

We managed to get financial support from BC for this. They will cover 75% of cost, but money will not be reimbursed until qualification complete.

Time Trials have been held regularly throughout the year and, after a gap of three years, the Hereford Hasler race was held. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all club members and friends who take on the workload to run these events. Thank you, they couldn't happen without you.

The work that was mentioned in the last AGM re deteriorating steel work is still ongoing. We still do not have a clear understanding of what the rowing club intend to do. We will keep the members advised when we are updated.

Any questions?

John asked for further feedback re training courses. Andrew said that the reasoning for this was that, coaching is falling on Kay and Tony and this is unsustainable. We need to train up other people.

Andrew explained there were 2 streams to this. We are going for paddle sport leader award, although it had been unclear whether it should have been this, or paddlesport instructor. Need a qualification to allow others to take beginners on the water.

Second qualification is the core coach. Once completed participants can add specialisms to this ie marathon racing coach.

Andrew says it may be necessary to repeat this process every 1 to 2 years. A call was put out early last year for those interested and a similar thing will be done in the future.

Dave asked Andrew to give further details re Hereford Race.

Andrew's race report. It was held last year after 3 years absence. A fine day with reasonable water. A good turnout with 106 in senior divisions and 8 in junior races (lightnings as were and now GS, A and B). Hereford came top of the Hasler points beating both Worcester and Wolverhampton by 5 points with 580. 3 of our paddlers were promoted, and we had entries for K1 in divs 2,4,7,and 8 and for K2 in div 4 and 7.This shows a wide spread of ability which is pleasing.

General feedback on race was positive – people like paddling here.

A big thankyou to all the hidden 'elves' working in the background to make sure the event ran without a hitch. A special thanks to those non-members/ infrequent paddlers who come and help run our event with no reward other than putting something back.

This years race will be on 18th June. All those willing to be involved please contact Rob Balogh, who is taking over the organisation, or any member of the committee.

Financial Report

Spreadsheet handed out re income and expenditure for 2022 and up to March 2023 and Kay explained various payments. RC rent was reduced last year and has increased by 5% to £7496. BC affiliation fees were £187 last year.

Mark and Kay needed to upgrade their qualifications as the club welfare officers.

Kay said that we try and keep at least 2 years rent in the account to cover any unforeseen circumstances so we know we have this covered for 2 years.

Membership fees. Kay said this was discussed at the last committee meeting. After much discussion a vote was taken and the committee decided to propose that there would be no change to this year to fees. Simon asked whether a small increase this year might be better than a potentially bigger one next year. Kay explained that this was what had been discussed at the meeting and it was still proposed to leave it the same. Andrew said that we will get be getting 75% of the money spent on training from the British Canoeing award (so far we have spent £1000+) once the qualifications were complete. Meeting agreed that fees should stay the same.

Accounts were adopted.

Adoption of revised Club documents

These have been on club website for members to access and carefully read through.

Club Constitution

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove.

Seconded Andrew Wibmer. Passed

Club Code of Contact

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded John Jackson. Passed

Club Safeguarding and Adults at Risk Policy

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded John Jackson.

Passed

Ollie queried no special mention of rules re showers. Dave said this was a matter for Rowing Club and it was them that had bought in the guidelines last year. Cathedral school do not use it at the moment.

Club Health and Safety Policy

Proposed Lee Champ

Seconded Theo Victor-Trott

Passed

Club Equality statement and Policy

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded Andrew Wibmer

Passed

Election of Club Officers

Kay proposed Dave Goldsmith as chair. Seconded Andrew. Agreed

All other officers happy to stand (finance - Kay, secretary – Sue and welfare officers- kay and Mark)

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove, seconded Ollie Main. Agreed

Other committee members are willing to stand again (Andrew W, Rob Balogh, John Jackson, Theo, Alan Burgoyne, Tony Spencer)

Proposed Andrew Lovegrove, seconded John Cameron. Agreed

No further nominations were received.

Dave – we have had no nominations for health and safety officer. We need someone ,with experience, to help us re this. Need not be a member of the committee but be willing to attend when necessary to advise committee.

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Dave – website in the process of being updated and made more user friendly

Kay. Hard copies of membership forms available or fill in online. Payment by BACS or cheque.

Meeting closed 8.35pm