

Maidstone Canoe Club AGM Minutes 18 March 2022

Item

Chairman's Report:

Thank you everyone for coming and supporting the Club for the last couple of years. The Club has gone from strength to strength with lots of paddles at the club and further afield. There have been trips on the Spey, Sea trip to Bute, Thames, Bedfordshire Ouse ,Exe and Barle, Dart, Wales, Lake District and Medway Estuary.

This wouldn't have been possible without the input of all our Coaches, Leaders, PaddleSport Instructors and PAA's.

Thanks goes to Lee Horton and Jacob Baisley for running the PAA assessments, which have enabled the growth of paddles on our own section of the Medway.

Special thanks to those who regularly put paddles on the website for newer members, Geoff Licence, Steve Chinn, Norman Brooks, Geoff Orford, Mike Lambourne, Alan Nevard, Trish Cadman, Ang Hill, Catherine Ayling, Annie Newport Davis, Kathy Syplywczak, James Copeland, to name a few. There are of course others, so thank you all.

Thanks also to Catherine Ayling and Bryn Price for encouraging members to try Racing (linear) boats and encouraging more people to enter competitions.

Thanks also to Mark Corti, who has many roles at the club although not a committee member. His roles include, Scheduling beginners courses and all the associated admin, scheduling the pool sessions and associated admin, CDG chairman, coach, white water leader, Newsletter editor and website guru.

Thanks go to Jon Lock and Clair Bennett who have put their hands up to be our social secretaries, they have run a very successful Christmas party, Santa paddle and organised the pizzas tonight. They have lots of ideas so we look forward to a social year.

The Junior Club in the spring and summer was a great success and as soon as the nights get lighter we will continue this. Thanks to Mark Harris and the other coaches who gave their support to this There were lots of fun sessions held, thanks to Lee Horton for keeping these updated.

Others who the club would not be the same without are Geoff Orford, treasurer and Membership secretary, Catherine A and Catherine D for their tireless work as welfare officers.

Thanks finally to Darren for all his work on both club building and boat maintenance.

Treasurers Report:

A very successful year financially. This year we have a surplus of £11000, however the rent has come in at zero, and this may change.

Main source of income aside from memberships are the beginners courses, more than ever were run last year. On the success of this more PI's have been trained and their training fees refunded after running beginner courses.

The insurance of the club has been reviewed by Geoff Licence and more appropriate cover has been purchased. It was agreed by the committee that this essential element was updated and although the premium has gone up it is felt this is money well spent.

Equipment purchases this year included 6 SUP's, a dagger GTS and repairs equipment, rudders and skegs.

Financial Report attached.

Thanks to Paul Curtis and Keith Dacey for auditing the accounts.

Vote to adopt accounts, proposed by Bryn Price, Seconded by Jacob Baisley, voted as agreed by majority show of hands.

Fees for 2022/3

The committee propose that the fess stay at the current level for this year, so propose no change.



Proposed by martin Hall, seconded by Trish Cadman, majority show of hands Carried.

Fess will be

Full membership £84

Junior membership £36

Family membership £84 + £30 second person + £15 for each additional person.

Storage £65.00 per boat.

Membership begins in April, reminder emails will be sent with all the payment information.

Membership Report:

Membership this year stands at 280 a record for the club, in the last year we gained twice as many members as we lost. The retention of members appears to be linked to the variety and volume of paddles being advertised both as Club paddles on the website and social media.

The 2022 Watts App group has been a great asset. Beginners course participants now have more options to paddle once they join the club and this has lead to the increase in membership.

Voting in of the Committee for 2022/23

Positions were proposed and seconded as shown below and elected by show of hands. New members proposed and seconded as shown. Existing members voted on bloc.

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded	Carried
Chairman	John Simmonds	Jon Lock	Keith Dacey	yes
Secretary	Catherine Dacey	Catherine Ayling	Geoff Licence	yes
Treasurer	Geoff Orford	Jacob Baisley	Jeff Skipper	Yes
Membership Sec	Geoff Orford	Martin Hall	Steve Chinn	yes
Welfare Officers	Catherine Ayling Catherine Dacey	Mark Corti	Kathy Syplywczak	yes
Other Members	Paul Fife Charlotte Fife Jon Lock Claire Bennett Reece Nelmes Richard Clarke Geoff Licence Leanne Jordan Jacob Baisley	J Simmonds G Orford	C. Dacey C Ayling	
	James Copeland	T Cadman	K. Syplywczac	

Vote for Vice Chairman

Paul Fife proposed by Paul Newman, seconded by James Copeland.

New Build Update

Plans are at Building Control with MBC. 60% of the building will be storage.

Start developing the storage side, work parties will be advertised to get the area prepared for boat racking. Plan to prototype racking in April.

Other plans should be through Building Control by June.

JS to follow up Royal Engineers offer of help with the building.

Option to contract a company to carry out the facilities build.

Presentation of Awards

Young Paddler of the Year: Samuel Hill

Recreational paddler of the Year: James Copeland

Racer of the year: Catherine Ayling

New Comer of the year: Jon Lock and Claire Bennett

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Chairman's Award: Kathy . Syplywczac

President's Award: Ange Hill Geoff Parson's Trophy

This is a new award in memory of a paddler who passed away last year. His Widow presented the club with two turned wooden bowls as the award and £100 which is to be used to enhance the Kids Club paddles.

Geoff Orford presented the bowls to Norman Brooks, and named it the Old Age paddlers Award.

A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Keith Dacey and seconded by Bryn Price.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm followed by refreshments.