**Minutes of the Liverpool Canoe Club**

**Annual General Meeting held at Liverpool Marina 12/10/2016**

**Welcome from the chair & review of the year**

Brian Green (BG)on behalf of Fiona Barry (FB) welcomed those present to the AGM and summarised the activities and successes of the club over the past 12months.Thanks to all volunteers and coaches who help run the club .

**1.Apologies for Absence** received prior to the meeting from:

Fiona Barry

Frankie Annan

Steve Gille

**2.Minutes of the previous AGM** – [Click here](http://liverpoolcanoeclub.co.uk/members/Club%20Documents/Minutes/)

Signed as a true record by the Chair FB

**2a. Matters Arising** - none

**3.Treasurers report Year End Accounts** – [Click here](http://liverpoolcanoeclub.co.uk/members/Accounts/)

Full details of the club’s financial position and all transactions can be viewed on the website by members.

Keith Steer (KS) gave a summary report of the club’s financial position. End of year balance is 2K greater than 2015, reflects Liverpool triathlon income. Investment has been made during the year for the training of new coaches.

Monies allocated for the cost of the new compound to be located on the beach area during Nov.

Proposed as accepted by Dom Buckley

Seconded by Pete Thomas

**4.Brief reports from each discipline (2 minutes each)**

***Sea Kayaking*** summary presented by Pete Thomas: Activity included trips to Croatia and Alaska.

***White Water*** summary presented by Joe Shepherd: Activity included trips to Nepal and the Alps.

***Open Boats*** summary presented by Mike Alter: Saw increased activity with trips including the Spey and Wye.

***Surf*** summary presented by Brian Green: Activity seen at Crosby, Anglesey, Hells Mouth, Pembroke.

***Canoe Polo*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Scott Gibson: Teams playing well, Senior, Ladies, under 18, and junior teams.

***Safety Cover*** summary presented by KS on behalf of John Worswick: Liverpool Tri £2400 to club funds.

***Marathon & Racing*** summary presented by Colin Smith: Encouraged members to try this discipline in events such as the Burrs.

***Stand up Paddleboard*** summary presented by Paul Harwood: Club has 3 SUPs which are used regularly especially at the kids sessions.

***Coaching*** summary presented by Dave Reynolds: Thanks to John Fay and Colin Muse for Rolling sessions. Congratulations to 10 new L1 coaches. If keen to have a go talk to Dave at the pool.

***Sit on Tops.*** Dermot Miller: no report

***Slalom.*** Michal Giezgala: no report

***Freestyle.*** Sam Preston & Kieran Sinnott: no report

***Juniors.*** Chris Murphy: no report

**5. Members Motions**

**Proposal 1** - *To increase the current membership fee to cover future costs associated with storing our fleet of boats on the beach.  Fees have never been raised since the club was formed and a doubling of current fees would still mean that the club is one of the best value top clubs in the UK.   Family membership £30, Over 18 £20, Junior £10*

Proposed Ian Bell, seconded by Peter Thomas.

Motion unanimously passed by those present at the AGM

**Proposal 2** – *To allow for automatic renewal of membership fees with full reimbursement for any member who does not cancel their membership in time. Currently many members fail to renew and then seek help checking or asking for it to be done.  This should streamline the membership process.*

Proposed Keith Steer, seconded by Peter Thomas.

Some discussion ensured re the timings and details of proposal. Exact details and timings to be discussed and confirmed.

Motion unanimously passed by those present at the AGM

**6. Chair thanks all volunteers that have coordinated and guided the club over the past year.**

Special thanks to those who are moving on:

Frankie Annan - Secretary, John Cooke – Monday pool, Joe Sheppard & Roy McHale – white water, John Pegram (Docks Equipment Officer), Peter Thomas – Sea, Scott Gibson – Polo.

**7. Election of Officers** – Proposed list of those willing to stand for 2016 -17

***Chair*** – Fiona Barry;

***Secretary*** – Carole Thomas

***Treasurer*** – Craig Ford

***Membership Secretary & Volunteers*** – Keith Steer

***Welfare Officers*** – John Fay & Jeanette Bond

***Publicity*** – Pete Thomas

***Social Events*** – Fiona Barry& Jeanette Bond

***Grants*** - Nicky Corbett

***Junior / Youth Coordinator*** – Chris Murphy;

***Notice boards*** - Peter Massey

***Kingsway pool on Thursday*** – Robin Emley

***Kingsway pool on Monday*** – Dominic Fahey

***“Discipline Representatives***” to advise members / act as a point of contact:

***Coaching Coordinator*** – Dave Reynolds

***Technical Coaching Advisor*** – Ian Bell

***Polo*** – Theo Gaussen

***Sea*** – Gareth Jones

***White Water*** – John Allerton

***Freestyle*** – Sam Preston and Kieran Sinnott

***Open Boat*** –Mike Alter and Ruth Edwards

***Kayak Safety Cover*** – John Worswick

***Slalom*** – Michal Giezgala

***Racing*** – Colin Smith

***Surf*** – Brian Green and Karl Tatum

***SOT*** – Dermot Miller

***SUP*** – Paul Harwood

***Equipment Officers*** – Craig Ellingham and Alex Peacock (Docks); Steve Bond (Broadgreen); Dave Brown(Halewood); Dominic Fahey (Kingsway)

S***tewardship group members without specific responsibilities***- John Pegram, Chris Fletcher and Dave Collins.

Proposed by Kathy Morton and seconded by Anthony Brockway

**8. Paddler of the Year / Young paddler of the Year / Volunteer of the Year / Swimmer of the Year Award** – Awards presented by Brian Green, summary of all the nominees available on the club website.

***Paddler of the Year*** - Carole Thomas

***Young Paddler of the Year*** – Callum Cook

***Volunteer of the Year*** – Steve Bond

***Swimmer of the Year*** – Karl Tatum

Thanks to Mike Bell for making the trophies.

**8:45 to 9:30pm - Club expeditions video/stills presentation**

(The best photos and World Premiere of – French Alps 2016 by “Never again Productions”

**a**ndPaddling in Nepal 2016 by John Cooke.

**Date and time of next meeting: to be arranged.**