**Minutes of the Liverpool Canoe Club**

**Annual General Meeting held at Liverpool Marina 11/10/2017**

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

Fiona Barry (FB) welcomed those present to the AGM and summarised the activities and successes of the club over the past 12months. Including trips to Scotland, the Alps, Teesdale, success at Polo, The Hilbre Island race and regular club meets at Anglesey and Pembroke, plus the weekly dock sessions including Halloween, Christmas and Easter themed paddles. A big thank you to all involved in the very successful build and opening of the new compound, especially to Keith Steer who managed the whole project. Finally thanks to all volunteers and coaches who help run the club.

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

Frankie Annan Stuart Conway

Chris Murphy John Fay

Kathy Morton Mike Bell

John Pegram John Allerton

**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.

**Accounts 2017 Summary**

Balance at Sept 16 £14,774.05 Part Invested in the building of the new compound. Subscriptions invested in the purchase of a new kayaks, BAs and spray decks, refreshing the older kit.

Balance at Sept 17 £3,940.13.

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

***Sea Kayaking*** summary presented by Gareth Jones: Activity included Intro to Sea Kayaking Course held at the marina with a sea trip to the windy Dee. Club trips to Anglesey, North Wales, Pembroke, Scotland and the successful Hilbre island race, to mention just a few.

***White Water*** summary presented by KS on behalf of John Allerton: Activities included trips to the Alps, Scotland at Easter plus more local visits to the Dee, Tryweryn, Burrs and Tees. Many Improvers sessions on local water throughout the year.

***Open Boats*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Mike Alter and Ruth Edwards: Activities held on the Dee, Eden and other locations. Attendance at the Open Canoe Symposium at Bala, some members have done their Canoe Leader Award. Attend the talk Canoe across Scotland in November.

***Surf*** summary presented by Brian Green: Lots of activity seen at Crosby, also Anglesey including Cable Bay, and Pembroke with more and more club members having proper surf kayaks.

***Canoe Polo*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Theo Gaussen: Four teams - Ladies, U16/18 and 2 senior teams, secured place in Div3 and success with the juniors in North West League. Successful Polo taster sessions. In talks with University re a new Tournament. Took part in International Tournaments at Hull and Liverpool. Polo sessions at Halewood pool every Tuesday.

 ***Safety Cover*** summary presented by John Worswick: Liverpool Tri has been moved to Leeds. London swim had to evacuate 2000 swimmers in 6 minutes due to lightning. John is standing down as representative for Kayak Safety. Many Thanks John. Club is now looking for a new helper in this area.

***Marathon & Racing*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Colin Smith: Activity at Burrs and Hilbre Race but more participation needed in this area.

***Stand up Paddleboard*** summary presented by Paul Harwood: Club now has 3 SUPs which are used regularly especially at the kids sessions. Easy to use come and try.

***Coaching*** summary presented by Dave Reynolds: the number of coaches is decreasing in the club; if any members are interested in coaching speak to Dave or Ian Bell.

***Sit on Tops.*** Dermot Miller: The club now has an additional SOT.

***Slalom.*** Michal Giezgala: Any Member interested in Slalom contact Michal.

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

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

**5. Members Motions**

**None received**

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

Special thanks to those who are moving on:

* **Stuart Toulson** from Kingsway pool on Monday
* **Brian Green** from Surf
* **Theo Gaussen** from Polo
* **Chris Murphy** from Youth Coordinator
* **John Worswick** from Kayak Safety Cover

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**7. Election of Officers** – Proposed list of those willing to stand for 2017 -18

***Chair*** – Fiona Barry

***Secretary*** – Carole Thomas

***Treasurer*** – Craig Ford

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

***Welfare Officers*** – John Fay

***Publicity*** – Pete Thomas

***Grants*** - Nicky Corbett

***Junior / Youth Coordinator*** – Ian Colwyn

***Notice boards*** - Peter Massey

***Kingsway pool on Monday*** – Dominic Fahey; Robin Emery; Stuart Conway; Nick Coughlin; Dave Reynolds & Keith Steer;

Proposed by Wendy Forshaw and seconded by Brian Green.

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

***Coaching Coordinator*** – Dave Reynolds

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

***Polo*** – Josh Cook

***Sea*** – Gareth Jones

***White Water*** – John Allerton & Stuart Toulson

***Freestyle*** – - Graham Devaney

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

***Kayak Safety Cover*** – Vacant

***Slalom*** – Michal Giezgala

***Racing*** – Colin Smith

***Surf*** –Karl Tatum

***SOT*** – Dermot Miller

***SUP*** – Paul Harwood

***Equipment Officers*** – Steve Bond & Don Brookes (Docks & Broadgreen); Dominic Fahey (Kingsway)

Proposed by Sarah Gille and seconded by Mark Pawley

 ***Stewardship group members without specific responsibilities***- John Pegram, Chris Fletcher, Julie Brookes and Dave Collins.

Proposed by Ian Bell and seconded by Steve Gille

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

***Paddler of the Year*** – Hannah Bellamy

***Young Paddler of the Year*** – John Smullen

***Volunteer of the Year*** – Dominic Fahey

***Swimmer of the Year*** – Helen Siertsema

With 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 2017 by “Gille Productions”

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