**Minutes of the Liverpool Canoe Club**

**Annual General Meeting held at Liverpool Marina 17/10/2018**

**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.

(FB) Introduced Chloe Baker, Operations Manager for Liverpool Marina Yacht Club Bar and Restaurant to LCC. A fresh relationship with LCC was proposed with renewed use of the facilities and an access discount card becoming available soon. Details to be forwarded to all club members when available.

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

Frankie Annan, Ian Bell, Josh Cook, Keith Peek, Graham Devaney, Ian Colwyn, John Pegram, Kirk Williams, Kathy Morton,

**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.

A small Sports fund grant was received from Liverpool Council.

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

***Compound and Boat Maintenance;*** equipment@liverpoolcanoeclub.co.uk. Craig Ellingham and Alex Peacock (Maintenance docks) Dominic Fahey (Kingsway) Steve Bond (Broadgreen) do an excellent job maintaining equipment and the compound, which is now in its second year and is well used. It was requested that equipment be treated respectfully and problems reported to the team, and the dock and compound area be kept clear of litter and rubbish.

***Sea Kayaking*** summary presented by Gareth Jones: Another successful Intro to Sea Kayaking Course held at the marina. Well attended Anglesey weekends, popular trips to Scotland and Pembrokeshire, paddles to Bardsey and Skerries as part of many North Wales outings and a very successful Hilbre Island race. LCC expedition in August to Prince William Sound. Members also looked to increase skills and qualifications. Liaison with Gareth for coordination of possible developmental paths and support for running the introduction course.

***White Water*** summary presented by John Allerton: Activities included trips to the Alps, Scotland plus more local visits to the Dee, Tryweryn, Burrs Goyt, Rothay, Irwell and Tees. Plus a very successful trip to Sun Khosi River in Nepal. Many Improvers sessions on local water throughout the year. Request for more experienced paddlers to volunteer help enabling larger groups to be organised safely on the water.

***Open Boats*** summary presented by Mike Alter: Activities held on the Dee, Severn, and other localities with weekend trips organised by Carl Yung Leungsangnam being well attended throughout the year. The Open Canoe Symposium 2019 to be held in North Wales.

***Surf*** summary presented by Karl Tatum: With less surf at Crosby due to lack of westerly winds, other locations and disciplines further afield were attended including Rhosneigr, overfalls at Hilbre, White water waves at Llangollen and Stanley.

***Canoe Polo*** summary presented by Josh Cook: A busy year with great successes, the senior team securing a place in Div3 nationals and success with the juniors in North West League, and they are now playing in division 2 North. Also great success for our teams in the summer tournaments in Liverpool and Hull. Congratulations to 3 members selected for the Great Britain under 21 squad. Polo sessions at Halewood pool every Tuesday, for polo development or just a taster.

***Safety Cover*** summary presented by Jim Duffy and Dave Rider: Club Kayak support given for many events throughout the year, including European Championships in Glasgow and Loch Lomond, Leeds World Series triathlon, Castle Howard Tri, Bolton Ironman, Yorkshire Tough Mudder, London Tri, Coniston swim, Windermere one way Swim and others. SESA award run by the club qualifies kayakers to participate as safety cover, contact safety cover representative if interested.

***Marathon & Racing*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Colin Smith: Please contact Colin if interested in this activity. He will be taking part in such events as the Conwy Ascent, Hilbre Race and the 60th Liffy Descent, and is regularly training on the Dee .

***Stand up Paddleboard*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Jayne Rigby: LCC has 5 SUPs and Jayne has been running very successful SUP sessions. Fun to use come and try at one of Jaynes sessions.

***Coaching*** summary presented by Dave Reynolds: Volunteers needed to support the coaches, if any members are interested in supporting the coaches or in coaching, speak to Dave or Ian Bell. LCC has run fewer in house courses this year with assessments, courses and symposiums being delivered by other agencies.

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

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

***Freestyle.*** Graham Devaney reports: Freestyle sessions took place on Wednesday evenings at Chester weir throughout the summer, and some on the Dee late summer. Short boats also attended surf sessions at Crosby.

***Juniors.*** Ian Colwyn reports that the junior Club is constantly growing with many families joining in and enjoying learning together. A visit to Chester has resulted in requests for more trips outside the docks.

**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:

* **Robin Emery** from Kingsway pool on Monday
* **Paul Harwood** from SUP
* **Steve Bond & Don Brookes** from Equipment Docks and Broadgreen
* **Chris Fletcher** from Stewardship Group

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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

**Assistant Safeguarding Officer** Karl Tatum

***Publicity*** – Pete Thomas

***Grants*** - Nicky Corbett

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

***Notice boards*** - Peter Massey

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

Proposed by Paul Harwood and seconded by Anthony Brockway.

***“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

***Freestyle*** – - Graham Devaney

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

***Kayak Safety Cover*** – Jim Duffy assisted by Dave Rider

***Slalom*** – Michal Giezgala

***Racing*** – Colin Smith

***Surf*** –Karl Tatum

***SOT*** – Dermot Miller

***SUP*** – Jayne Rigby.

***Equipment Officers-*** Craig Ellingham & Alex Peacock Maintenance Coordinator (Docks). Steve Alcock(Docks & Broadgreen). Dominic Fahey (Kingsway)

Proposed by Eleanor Jackson and seconded by Alex Peacock.

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

Proposed by Chris Murphy and seconded by Pete Thomas

**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*** – Aaron Jackson

***Young Paddler of the Year*** – Harvey Harwood

***Volunteer of the Year*** – Colin Muse

***Swimmer of the Year*** – Graham Devaney

With Thanks to Mike Bell for making the trophies.

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

(Photos of Sun Khosi Nepal 2018 , Alaska Prince William Sound 2018 and World Premiere of – French Alps 2018 by Chris Murphy.

**Forthcoming event**. Paddling Film festival 2018 Wed 21st November.

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