**Minutes of the Liverpool Canoe Club**

**Annual General Meeting held via ZOOM 19/10/2020**

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

Fiona Barry (FB) was unable to attend and her welcome speech and review of the year was given on her behalf by Club Secretary Carole Thomas. Fiona was wished a speedy recovery.

With Covid restrictions from March onwards, club activities were cancelled and curtailed, but when possible activities took place, including Zoom Meetings and Talks. Covid restrictions and regulations were fully observed and adhered too. The organised dock sessions were extremely popular and were full as soon as posted, this would not have been possible without the many enthusiastic volunteers and the club says a big Thank you.

With sorrow this year we lost two valued club members, John Pegram and Alastair Randall.

The LCC Promotional video, was shown and can be viewed at any time on the club website.

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

Craig Ellingham, Julie Brookes, Dorin Wang, John Fay, Josh Cook and Alex Peacock.

**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.

New boats and equipment have been purchased, and some income was also generated by the sale of older boats.

Membership is still very healthy LCC being one of the largest multidiscipline clubs in the country.

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

***Sea Kayaking*** summary by Ian Bell: Started well but then many trips had to be cancelled due to the Covid pandemic, including the Anglesey weekends, which were missed as transition paddles from Docks to Sea. Alaska was replaced with a successful trip to Skye. Small group Local paddles on the Mersey and Hilbre Island were carried out when regulations allowed .

***White Water*** summary by John Cooke: Majority of trips had to be cancelled, but a successful Annual trip to the Alps went ahead in a window of relaxed restrictions. Chester Weir became a popular local venue to visit when allowed. Hoping for some day trips when regulations allow. Volunteers always needed to help with WW trips.

***Open Boats*** summary presented by KS for Mike Alter: There are now 9 open boats in the club and it is becoming a very popular discipline. A successful trip on the River Tweed was fitted into the summer lift of restrictions, as was paddling the Great Glen Scotland.

***Surf*** summary presented by KS for Paul Harwood: Surfing at Crosby as popular as ever, with an increase of activity at New Brighton on the Wirral, these are good locations for learning skills to take to North Wales Surf when we can return. Sessions posted and all welcome, onshore winds only.

***Canoe Polo*** summary presented by KS for Josh Cook: A Good season, Coburg team were 1st in NW division 2, securing a place in National div3/2 play offs. We also fielded 2 more teams in Div3. The youth team is also showing excellent improvement and promise finishing mid table. A big increase in numbers to the training sessions, and Intro Canoe Polo. No contact was adhered to when restrictions in place.

 ***Safety Cover*** summary presented by Jim Duffy: LCC Kayak support given to only 3 main events this year due to cancellations. 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.

***Stand up Paddleboard*** summary presented by KS on behalf of Brian Green A growing activity and very popular in the summer months in the docks.

***Coaching*** summary presented by KS for Dave Reynolds: Encouragement of members to gain and increase coaching qualification to support coaching in the club, speak to Dave Reynolds.

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

***Freestyle.*** Graham Devaney: Despite restrictions some good Freestyle activity took place, with two members joining the GB squad.

***Juniors.*** Steve Alcock: The Junior Club is constantly growing and is going from strength to strength, sessions are fully booked within minutes of being posted. A visit to Chester weir was well received.

***SOT*** Julie Brookes: Boats are kept mainly at the pool for disabled paddlers; some have been brought to the docks where Julie is available at dock sessions to give advice.

**5. Members Motions**

**Jim Duffy – Defibrillator**: requests LCC to conduct a feasibility study to assess whether the club could purchase a defibrillator. Before any decision, Jim was asked to obtain more facts and details to present to the stewardship group.

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

Special thanks to those who are moving on:

* **John Fay - Safeguarding**
* **Brian Green - SUP**
* **Steve Gille - Notice Boards**

**7. Election of Officers** – Proposed list of those willing to stand for 2018 -19

***Chair*** – Fiona Barry

***Secretary*** – Carole Thomas

***Treasurer*** ***and Grants***– Craig Ford

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

***Lead Safeguarding Officer*** – Sharon Walters

**Assistant Safeguarding Officer -** Lindsay Devine

***Publicity*** – Pete Thomas

***Junior / Youth Coordinator*** –Steve Alcock

***Notice boards*** –Carl Leungs

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

***Broadgreen pool*** - Steve Bond and Dave Reynolds

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

***Polo*** – Josh Cook

***Sea*** – Ian Bell assisted by Roger Coleman

***White Water*** – John Allerton, John Cooke, Dave and Fiona Gentle

***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 and Paul Harwood

***SOT*** – Julie Brookes

***SUP*** – Adya Misra

***Inland Touring*** ***Flat Water***– John Fay

***Compound and Boat Maintenance -*** Craig Ellingham & Alex Peacock Maintenance Coordinator (Docks). Steve Alcock(Docks & Broadgreen). Dominic Fahey (Kingsway)

 ***Stewardship group members without specific responsibilities***- Martin Sinnott, Josie Moss, Brian Green, Mark Benson, Steve Bond and Richard Clews.

**8. Paddler of the Year / Young paddler of the Year / Volunteer of the Year Award** – Awards presented via video, summary of all the nominees available on the club website.

***Paddler of the Year*** – Victor Leather

***Young Paddler of the Year*** – Ella Clews

***Volunteer of the Year*** – Julie Brookes

 **Club expeditions video/stills presentation**

**Slide Presentation by Ian Bell Team Alaska go on Skye Staycation.**

**Video by Chris Murphy LCC French Alps 2020**

**AGM 2020** [**Zoom meeting can be viewed in full on You Tube**](https://youtu.be/T0SzZBAsmjk)**.**

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