

Cherwell Canoe Club Annual General Meeting – 31st May 2020 at 7.30 pm

On-line via video conference

Welcome, Apologies & Quorum Check

Present: Mark Thomas, Pat Rynolds, David Kettell, John Ogle, Adrian Gregory, Martin Dean, Sam Smith, Katy Smith, Gerald Daniels, Marcus Nadel, Josh Charlwood, Tom Oakes, Ewan Shinton, Michael Punter, Liam Webb, Ben Ayre, Jennie Stanford, Rod Howells, Adrian Gregory, Mathew Rynolds, Abbi Taylor & Andy Dancer.

We have 93 paid up members, 64 adults and 29 children. The quorum for a General Meeting is 20% of the adult membership, so 13 adults. We have exceeded that.

Apologies: Brian Fuller, Jo & Ian Upton.

Minutes of last meeting

Proposed: Marcus Nadel, Seconded: Ewan Shinton

Chairperson's report

Thank you to everyone who has managed to attend this evenings Zoom AGM, when I took on the role of Chair I can certainly say I did not anticipate the way things have panned out over the last 12 months. I would like to thank all the members, volunteers, families, and anyone I've missed for their support throughout the last year.

As a committee this year we have made significant movements towards resolving the storage and access agreements with Woodgreen with special thanks to Ewan and Pat for their continued work on this.

2019 saw us take to the water in many ways both for relaxation, fun and competition. Michael has very kindly put together a reminder of some of the recreational paddles we have done as well as a few other events. With several trips to the Usk, Dart and of course the Annual Surfing trip. Special thanks go to Alana Pain for her organisation of many of these trips.

Fred Daniels deserves a special mention for his attendance at the Junior Freestyle development

Michael also hosted a fantastic treasure hunt in Banbury in February which was a great success.

I would like to make a special mention for Jim Maynard who sadly passed away last year, Jim was a huge part of the club and his work both organising the Dart Trips as well as looking after the welfare of all our club members, he is sorely missed.

This year our Polo teams have had a mixed season, however a few special mentions, Jessica Webb Received a Silver Medal at the European championships in Portugal last summer whilst her Brother Liam also represented Great Britain in the U21 Men's, Sam and Beckie Smith have also been involved with GB development over the year.

Cherwell Women finished the season in a respectable 8th Place in division 1, unfortunately the open season has not yet been concluded and looks unlikely it will. This is especially frustrating for Cherwell A who were unbeaten so far and looking good for a return to the top division.

Obviously 2020 has been majorly disrupted by Covid-19 and I would like to thank everyone for following the government guidelines, hopefully a safe and sensible return to paddling can continue and we can look forward to being back on the water together soon.

Notes from Michael Punter: Cherwell Canoe Club Recreational Paddle 2019 Paddling Activities

Special Mentions to Alana Pain, for organizing a number of the years trip this year

Not at least a mention to someone that has organized a number of trips over the past number of years, including the Dart, and Lee Valley trips plus more will be our sad loss of "Jim Maynard"

<i>Jan</i>	<i>First Aid Course</i>
<i>Feb</i>	<i>Lee Valley</i>
	<i>River Dart Weekend</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Upper Thames</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>River Wye</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>River Seven, Iron bridge</i>
	<i>North Devon, Annual Surfing Weekend</i>
	<i>Lee Valley</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Thames, Oxford</i>
	<i>River Tryweryn, Bala</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>River Wye</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>River Usk, South Wales (& Sea Kayaking in Cornwall)</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>River Dart Weekend</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>River Usk, South Wales</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>River Dart Weekend</i>

A couple of trip to Stratford Weirs and Cardiff White water course, plus Tuesday evening's over at the Nene WW Course, over the summer. We need help with running more activities.

Accounts

Firstly, we have had to alter the accounts for the 2018 year due to some complications, please see note 1 for explanation, with this alteration the accounts are now balanced.

And onto 2019 accounts, this past year we have invested some of the club funds into club kit, this has been in the way of SUP boards and additional BAs for the recreational side of the club and we have also invested in new BAs for the polo teams. With the investment in mind, this has led us to re-evaluate the depreciation value of the club kit, we have altered the depreciation value of the BAs to 20% of cost as this tend not to last as long as the boats and paddles at 10% per year of the value.

We have also started to update the club branding by investing in some unique designed club styled kit, which we now hold a small stock of, for sale to the club members.

This Year we have had a full year of very limited cash use, which has led to a much smoother running of the finances and accounts. Although we are not showing a profit we are in a strong position with the plans of our own storage, this is costing some money to gain the correct planning and sorting out the deals for the use of land.

A warning for the 2020 accounts. The Club normally builds up funds over the summer which help to pay for expensive pool hire in the winter. Because of the shutdown this will not happen this year. The Club is in a sound financial position to cope with this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Patrick Reynolds, for his continued support with the completing the CCC accounts, without his knowledge, experience, and time he has given to myself and the club we would not have such a clear picture as to where we stand today with the accounts. I could not have done it on my own. Thank you.

Let's hope we can get back to paddling as a club as soon as possible.

Regards - Marcus NADEL (Club Treasurer)

Approved (treasures report e-mailed to members prior to meeting).

Proposed: Mark Thomas, Seconded: Adrian Gregory

Election of committee officers

Chairperson

Mark Thomas

Proposed: Andy Dancer, Seconded: Michael Punter

Vice-Chairperson – job share

Josh Charlwood (Polo)

Proposed: Michael Punter, Seconded: Katy Smith

Ewan Shinton (Recreational)

Proposed: Marcus Nadel, Seconded: David Kettell

Treasurer

Marcus Nadal

Proposed: Michael Punter, Seconded: Ewan Shinton

Secretary

David Kettell

Proposed: Marcus Nadel, Seconded: Katy Smith

General Committee Members

Pat Reynolds

Michael Punter

Liam Webb

Katy Smith

Sam Smith (youth section)

Gerald Daniels (membership secretary)

Tom Oakes

Jennie Stanford

Election of Auditor

Katy Smith can no longer continue in role – position to advertised.

Club Welfare Officer(s)

Tom Oakes (Recreational) & Jennie Stanford (Polo)

Motion

To change the Club Constitution as follows:-

Replace

"3.4 Membership Fees shall be due on election and thereafter on or before 1st March in each year."

with

"3.4 Membership Fees shall be due on election and thereafter on or before the annual renewal date."

Approved (unanimous)

Prize Giving

Delayed until post lock-down paddling/social event – date/venue etc to be decided.

Open Discussion

Woodgreen Storage – plan to still proceed with project.

Sibford pool sessions – discuss options at next committee meeting on 9th June (8 pm).

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.