



Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting
held on 27 January 2020 at Brecon Leisure Centre

Attendance

The following Members were in attendance:

Steve Rayner (Chair)
Eleanor Bolt
Mike Bolt
Olly Cayless

Apologies were received from:

Nancy Cavill
John Dunne
Dave Jones
Andrew May

1. Presentation

Steve gave a brief presentation on 'The Exciting World of Paddlesport', which he agreed to upload in due course to the Club's website.

2. Summary of activities past, present and future

Steve summarised the last 12 months' activities:

- Pool training during Autumn/ Winter 2018/19 & 2019/20: introducing beginners and developing 'wet skills' for intermediate paddlers; and polo training for "the team" and developing young players.
- Outdoor training: Summer 2019, Monday evenings at Brecon Promenade, beginner & intermediate skills and polo training; Autumn / Winter 2019/20, river trips with low attendance, Devon white water training weekend.
- Personal achievements: Olly Cayless returned as Paddlesport Instructor; Jess Rayner 'retired' as 6th UK Junior Female Slalom Kayak and Caz & Iwan Lavis transferred their slalom allegiance to Llandysul Paddlers, we won SW Region Youth Polo league (but most of our team then moved on) and competed in SW Region Div 3, National Div 4 & Welsh Development Polo Leagues.
- Administration: new online membership system, new website, blog and weekly newsletters were enabling Steve to concentrate more on running activities and (a little) less on administration – with limited support from the committee.

He suggested that over the 12 months the Club might progress with its site at Brecon Promenade; upgrade equipment with a development grant; recruit more committee members; and offer more and better paddling opportunities.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 5 November 2018

No minutes were available from the previous AGM.

4. Receipt of the Trustees' Annual Report (5 Nov 2018-26 Jan 2020) and Accounts (1 May 2018-30 Apr 2019)

Steve presented the formal report and accounts and a summary of the Club's finances as at end January 2020:

- Current Account: £820.54, Reserve Account: £1,000.28
- Insurance due in March: approx. £1,000
- Pool hire & fees for March should break-even
- We are just about managing to keep going with our current membership and activity fees
- A few more members would help to increase income and review fees
- We do have some old boats to sell – but could do with some new ones to replace them

5. Election of Trustees, Confirmation of Officers and Advisers

Steve explained that Brecon Canoe Club is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with a 'management committee' including Trustees (3-7 Trustees, aged 16+, responsible for the proper management of the Club) and Advisers (who assist the committee but don't want to be Trustees); that 1/3 of the Trustees must 'retire' each year but may be re-elected; and at the AGM we can only appoint Trustees & Advisers who have been nominated in advance - but can co-opt others afterwards if required.

Steve Rayner, Eleanor Bolt, Mike Bolt and Jenny Anderson all 'retired' from the committee; Steve and Eleanor were re-elected as Trustees. John Dunne and Gary Williams remained as Trustees and Andrew May as an Adviser.

Steve thanked the retiring and remaining committee members for their support; and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.