



Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting

held on 7 December 2022 via 'Zoom'

1. Attendance

The following Members were in attendance:

Steve Rayner (Chair)
Sam Critchley
Mark Critchley
Vicky Critchley
Dave Jones
Anne Morgan
Gary Williams

Apologies were received from:

Olly Cayless
Mike Smith
Nairi Wilde

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 30 November 2021

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.

3. Summary of activities past, present and future

Steve summarised the last 12 months' activities:

- Pool training at the start of the year had seen numbers growing, subsidised by a Sport Wales grant, supporting intermediate paddlers with 'wet skills' as well as polo training (and two Canoe Wales polo tournaments). Since September, we had attracted more beginners, with junior numbers increasing; and a full polo squad which was now gradually declining.
- Summer weekly training at Brecon Promenade had covered beginner & intermediate skills and the Discover & Paddle Safer Awards.
- Summer also saw canal, reservoir, river & sea trips; a day's training at Symonds Yat; visits to CIWW; our first sea paddle for several years, in Pembrokeshire; a River Wye expedition; and North Wales white water weekend. A grant-funded 'taster day' had attracted 40 participants but sadly only one had continued as a club member.
- Autumn and winter saw the return of white-water trips, which were again well attended.
- £1555 grant funding from Canoe Wales and The Outdoor Partnership had supported coach development courses for Dave, Pete, Phil, Sam and Tanya; covering the Paddlesport Instructor Award, Coach Award training and canoe skills training (jointly with Teifi Valley Paddlers).
- Our 'administration' focus had been on 'routine' membership & finance, with member communications via our blog, events listing and weekly e-mailshots; and we had eventually transferred to a new bank account (due to Lloyds having opened the 'wrong one' for us initially).

He hoped that over the 12 months the Club would be able to do more of the same; take opportunities to grow & develop; and to review and update our policies, procedures, online systems & website.

4. Receipt of the Trustees' Annual Report (1 Dec-30 Nov 2022) and Accounts (1 May 2021-30 Apr 2022)

Steve presented the formal report and accounts and a summary of the Club's finances as at end Nov 22:

- Current Account: £1187.56 (with £900 pool hire to pay), Reserve Account: £1279.04 (including £279 grant for coach development).
- Insurance due in March: approx. £1,000
- We do (still) have some old boats to sell – but could do with some new ones to replace them – and are hoping to apply for a Sport Wales equipment grant next year.
- We should be able to make ends meet with our current membership and activity fees...
- ...but do need to replace old kit (including buoyancy aids and airbags – some having been replaced this year).

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.

Eleanor Bolt and John Dunne 'retired' from the committee and Eleanor was re-elected as a Trustee.

6. Any Other Business

Anne, Sam and Vicky thanked Steve for all he did to enable the Club to provide its services; and Steve thanked all the club coaches for their amazing support.

Steve thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

7. Annual Awards

The following awards were presented:

- Novice Award 2022 awarded to Anne Morgan for enthusiastic participation in training and trips (including the Wye expedition and introductory white water); and to Fleur Jones for infectious enthusiasm in junior training sessions, both indoors and out.
- Achievement Award 2022 awarded to Péter Morvai for paddling on almost every club trip this year; participating in polo tournaments; achieving the White Water, Progressive White Water, Canoe and Paddlesport Instructor Awards; and working towards Coach and White Water Leader Awards
- Swimmer of the Year 2021 awarded to Nairi Wilde for persistence in developing white water skills and a roll, despite a few swims along the way.
- Paddler of the Year 2022 awarded to Sam Critchley for persevering in developing white water skills; competing in canoe polo; developing as an instructor and coach; and swimming less-and-less as the year progressed.