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## PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the first AGM of the Pentland Canoe Club held on 20 March 1984  
in Ormlie House Hotel.

1. Present: R Stuart, S Foster, P Dixon, K Cameron, K Robertson, B Jones,  
A Rodgers, D Rodgers, C Dowling, J Stillwell, I Buchan, K Nicol  
T Jones (late), R Shallcross (late).

2. Apologies: F Faulds, J Speirs.

### 3. Opening Remarks

R Stuart welcomed people to the meeting, and pointed out that a canoeist in Thurso was not obliged to join the PCC, they could join the CKC which is based in Wick.

R Stuart ran over the history leading to the formation of the new club in Thurso. Briefly, an EGM was requested by members in Thurso of the CKC in November 1983. A reply was not received until February 1984. R Stuart pointed out that this along with other comments that it was a Club in name only. They are a group of canoeists that go canoeing when they feel like it. They are not organised as a club.

At the AGM of the CKC held on 15 March 1984 a vote was taken for another club to be formed in Thurso and the Club based in Wick to remain as the CKC. At the first inaugural meeting of this new club it was agreed by the canoeists present that it should be called the Pentland Canoe Club. R Stuart pointed out that at present there was no constitution for this new Club and very little in the way of Club funds.

### 4. Plans for the New Club

The Club has to start from afresh. The aim of the Club is to further the sport of canoeing and to keep canoeists informed of what is happening in the area.

R Stuart thanked the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurso Scouts for the use of their equipment.

It was recommended that the new Club should join the SCA for the following reasons:

1. Insurance
2. So that we keep up to date with canoeing standards
3. So that in the future we may form a COLG.

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## 5. Club Training Programme

K Nicol pointed out that we are coming to the end of our winter canoeing programme, and that a formal programme for the summer had not been drawn up yet. However the summer canoeing is likely to start sometime in May and the programme to include the following:-

1. meetings to be held on one evening per week for surfing and short trips.
2. Some members going to Orkney for a TI course.
3. Trip to Speyside
4. Trips on Sundays.

## 6. Discussion

### 6.1 Beach Hut

At present we are using Tawse as a store for canoes, but this is not satisfactory. The CKC got a grant for a hut at Ackergill with out reference to any of their then members in Thurso.

The PCC is therefore looking for a store over here. The local Council has said that we can have the old changing rooms at the beach, since it will cost them approximately £3500 to demolish the building. We have the right to go for planning permission. The Council will not give us an idea of the rent, but it is expected to be a pepper-corn rent.

Mrs. Lecht (architect) has had somebody up to inspect the roof and it was found to be very sound.

To go for a grant we should go for one large grant, since most of the grant bodies only give one large grant. Therefore we should go for a grant that covers us for conversion of the premises and equipment.

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The disadvantages of having such premises are

1. security
2. expense

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The bodies that we could approach for grants are:-

1. Sports Council
2. Community Council
3. Town Improvements
4. Playing Fields Association
5. District Council
6. H.I.D.B.

#### 6.2 Trailer

The CKC have agreed to let us hold onto their trailer until April. For the PCC to function we need our own trailer. It was proposed that we should build one in April. K Nicol has sent off for the Indespension brochure. P Dixon to have a look for wheel hubs.

#### 6.3 Bath Sessions

These are to end at the end of March. Next year the cost of hiring the pool will be £10.00. At present we are losing about £3.00 per night, so the cost of people going will have to rise to 75p or £1.00.

#### 7. New Committee

It was suggested that there be 6 committee members. The three committee members selected at the last meeting were only to get things started. A committee was elected formily as follows:-  
Chairperson R Stuart proposed by J Stillwell seconded by S Foster  
Secretary K Nicol proposed by I Buchan seconded by T Jones  
Treasurer R Shallcross proposed by K Nicol seconded by T Jones  
Other members elected were T Jones, I Buchan, S Foster, C Dowling, & B Jones. Although more than 6 members were proposed it was decided that they could all be on the committee.

#### 8. Finance

The General Fund: £38.00 from the CKC  
£11.50 memberships from last year  
Beach Hut Fund: £354.00

A new Club is entitled to £50.00 from the Sports Council, R Stuart has sent for the form and K Nicol to fill in the form when it is received.

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9. Fund Raising

Beach Clean of Thurso, Reay, & Dunnet beaches with a donation to the RNLI

10. Main Objectives

1. promote canoeing
2. purchase of equipment
3. Conversion of the Thurso Beach Hut

11. Constitution

R Stuart proposed that we accept the CKC constitution in principle but change the name to Pentland Canoe Club. Alterations to this constitution could be made at the first committee meeting. This was generally agreed by the people present and was seconded by K Nicol.

It was suggested that an affiliated membership be introduced for youth organisations. This would give them the right to use the BAT canoes in the swimming pool if a member of the Club is present. Also the Club would organise courses for them.

12. Membership Fees

These were agreed to as proposed at the last meeting except for the Family membership which was raised to £8.00.

13. Next Meeting

The first committee meeting will take place on Monday 26 March 1984 in Ormlie House Hotel at 7.30pm.

*R. A. Stuart*  
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