

PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2004 at Thurso Swimming Pool, Thurso.

Present: C Fyffe; M Sutherland; P Stewart; I Stronach; A Ford; A Comrie; D Borland; J Slevin; C Stronach; T Garbe; S Copsey; D Middlemas; G Stronach; I Borland; E Stronach; K Nicol

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: S Comrie; D Mowat; S Hicks

2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM

The minutes had previously been sent out to members prior to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary. These were then approved by P Stewart and seconded by I Stronach.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that it had been a good Summer with many juniors taking part. As well as this there had been a successful weekend trip to Scourie. He was pleased to see many new people attending the pool sessions. The Chairman concluded that he hoped the Winter would be successful

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented her report (copy attached). The Treasurer stated that the current account balance was £4747.00. The accounts were accepted by those present.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented his report. In his report he highlighted

- Winter Events: Some trips had taken place on the R Thurso in early 2004, though the dry winter meant that only a few trip took place.
- Summer Events: The weather influenced the sea trips and evening sessions. Evening sessions had taken place on the majority of the nights. Though there was a decrease in the numbers during the months of June and July. A number of sea trips had taken place including:
 - Caithness Cruise (East Coast – Helmsdale/Berriedale & Aukengill/Duncansby)
 - A couple of trips on the East coast in the early part of the year

- A trip from around Raasay and around Loch Torridon and a weekend to Scourie.
- Grants had been received from the Caithness Sports Council to support various training courses.
- A new trailer was purchased with support from Caithness Sports Council; Babbie, UKAEA, NDSL; Forss Engineering; RWE NUKEM
- A new generator was purchased as the old generators was uneconomic to repair
- The Secretary was also delighted to see some Club members attending the SCA Coaching Conference in October 2004

6. Election of Committee

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	P Stewart	S Copsey	I Stronach
Treasurer	I Stronach	P Stewart	A Comrie
Secretary	K Nicol	A Ford	P Stewart
Youth Rep	T Garbe	G Stronach	S Copsey
Member	S Copsey	A Ford	I Stronach
Member	A Ford	I Stronach	P Stewart
Member	M Sutherland	I Stronach	P Stewart
Member	C Fyffe	K Nicol	I Stronach
Member	A Comrie	K Nicol	I Stronach

Shona Comrie was nominated to remain as the Child Protection Officer

7. Membership Fees

The Committee proposed that there should be no change in the membership fees for 2005. This was accepted at the meeting

However, these should be reviewed for 2006.

8. Awards

a) Broken Paddle

The Broken paddle Award nominations

- Joint nomination for K Nicol and Andy Ford for the Broken Paddle award for the heroic rescue of a poor half drowned bunny rabbit!
- Mr Rabbit for his unsuccessful suicide mission.

Those present voted that the Award should go to A Ford for his rescue of the rabbit

b) Improver

The recipient for the award had previously been agreed by the Coaching Scheme Members and was presented to Niall Riddell

c) Sea Voyager

The nominations for this award were

- Voyager: Ken Nicol for the highly successful Scourie trip

There being no other nomination, K Nicol was award the Trophy.

9. AOCB

- **Change to the Constitution:** KN stated that the Club had received a letter from the Highland Council about the rate relief on the Club Store. If the Club wished to continue to receive 100% discretionary relief, we need to amend the Club's Constitution to include the following:

Income

The income of the Club shall be solely used for the furthering the objectives of the Club and no other purpose.

K Nicol stated that he believed that this statement does not cause us any issues. Do you agree to the change in the Constitution? The change had been circulated to the Committee who agreed to the change. This had to be approved at the AGM.

Scourie Trip: Those present suggested that there should be a regular Scourie Trip during the last weekend of the Summer Scholl Holidays.

River Trips: S Copey agreed to produce a list of river trips.

Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium: K Nicol informed members that the Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium would take place at the end of may 2005.

Finally, those present thanked A Ford for his work on modifying the Club Store.