

PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27 November 2005 at Ulbster Arms Hotel, Halkirk.

Present: K Nicol; I Stronach; E Stronach; G Stronach; C Stronach; D Borland; I Muir; E Rowan; A Comrie; I Borland; A Ford; P Garbe; J Garbe; S Ross; D Mowat; J Mackay; F Silverwood; R Silverwood; B Silverwood; S Copsey

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Paul Stewart

2. Minutes of the 2004 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 A Ford and seconded by S Copsey.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had presented his apologies for not being present. He submitted the following report which was read out:

Thank you for all coming, and I am sorry that I cannot be with you all tonight. The last year has been successful for the club, even though personally I have not managed as much kayaking as I would have wished.

The pool sessions last winter were well attended and saw particularly the younger members of the club developing their skills in preparation for a summer on the sea; and if anything the early sessions this year are even more popular long may this continue.

The summer sessions went well with many individuals achieving skill awards. This was combined with several of the club members taking a short excursion to the icy wastes of Greenland for some serious touring in sea kayaks. From this tour congratulations must be given to Ken for coming second in a photographic competition with of all things a photo of Simon! I think it must have been the scenery that impressed the judges rather than Simons good looks.

The club also had success in the Thurso Cup for Caithness Competitors of the Scottish Open Surf Kayak Championships with Dave Middlemas winning, second Jamie Slevin and third Calum Stronach.

With the high numbers attending the pool sessions so far this season the club can only prosper, and looking towards the further development of individuals kayaking skills it is hoped to organise a trip away to Speyside in March for some river paddling,

which the younger members will be able to attend, if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Lastly I would just like to thank all the coaches and officers of the club who keep everything going, in particular Andy for the work put in making boat racks for the club hut in amongst pulling down a Barn stone by stone, all your efforts are very much appreciated.

I hope you all continue to have a great night.

Regards

Paul

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented her report (copy attached). As of 1 April 2005 the Cub had £4744.65 in the bank

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary presented his report. In his report he highlighted

- Winter Events: There had been some trips had taken place on the R Thurso during the Winter of 2004/05.
- Summer Events: The weather influenced the sea trips and evening sessions. Evening sessions had taken place on the majority of the nights. By the end of the Summer, a number of Junior members gained their 2 star award and S Copsey gained his 4 star sea. As with previous years 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 – Wick/Lybster & Gills to N Stroma)
 - A couple of trips on the East coast
 - A trip round Dunnet Head
 - Simon Copsey, Shona Comrie and Ken Nicol undertook an expedition to Greenland
- Grants had been received from the Caithness Sports Council to support various training courses.
- A number of Club members attended First aid courses and a SCA Coaching Processes Course.
- At the end of the season there was a SCA Surf Competition and S Middlemas won the local paddlers event.
- The pool sessions for 2005/06 have started very well. This could be due to the Club no-longer needing to hire the pool. Attendees now just pay the normal pool entry fee.

6. Election of Committee

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	S Copsey	G Stronach	A Ford
Treasurer	I Stronach	S Copsey	G Stronach
Secretary	K Nicol	S Copsey	G Stronach
Youth Rep	T Garbe	C Stronach	D Borland
Member	P Stewart	I Stronach	S Copsey
Member	I Muir	E Rowan	I Stronach
Member	A Ford	S Copsey	I Stronach
Member	E Rowan	K Nicol	I Stronach
Member	A Comrie	S Copsey	K Nicol

7. Membership Fees

The Committee proposed that there should be no change in the membership fees for 2006:

- Adult £17.50
- Family £25.00
- Youth £12.00
- Associate £ 8.00

However, these should be reviewed for 2007, but it was suggested that the Adult membership be increased to £20.00

8. Awards

a) Broken Paddle

The Broken paddle Award nominations

- Shona Comrie, injuring her knee on the Greenland Trip before even getting in the water!

b) Improver

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

c) Sea Voyager

The nominations for this award were

- Voyager: Ken Nicol for Greenland trip
- Voyager: Simon Copsey / K Nicol / S Comrie for their Greenland trip

The Award was given to K Nicol

d) Pool Awards were distributed

9. AOCB

- On behalf of the parents, G Stronach thanked the Coaching Team for their efforts during the year



Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2005

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Balance b/f	5,269.07	CDSC	10.00
Subscriptions	205.00	SCA	35.00
Pool	661.00	Pool Hire	570.00
Boat Storage	10.00	Equipment - Club	596.02
		Trailer	1079.00
Equipment - Hire	301.00	Generator	325.00
Grants - Training	575.00		
Equipment	438.00	Training	684.00
Pool	285.00		
Trailer Donations			
Forss Eng	50.00	Insurance Beach Hut	266.34
UKAEA	300.00		
RWE Nukem	100.00		
Course Fees	50.00	Misc - Awards	16.00
Interest	81.94	Cheques - in hand	0.00
		Bank	4744.65
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