

# PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2007 at Ulbster Arms Hotel, Halkirk.

**Present:** K Nicol; I Stronach; E Stronach; G Stronach; C Stronach; I Muir; E Rowan; I Borland; A Ford; N Speirs; J Speirs; S Copsey;; K Wilson; I Smith; M Grain: A Squier; N Huyg

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: B MacGregor; C Lowther

## 2. Minutes of the 2006 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. It was noted that under item 5, the following should be added:

- Evening sessions had been held for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurso Scouts; Thurso Round Table and Halkirk Brownies.

With this addition, the minutes were then approved by E Rowan and seconded by N Speirs.

## 3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman report is attached.

The Chairman paid special thanks to Andy Ford for his work on the Club Store and his support to the Surf / Watersports Centre Project.

## 4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented her report (copy attached). As of 1 April 2007 the Cub had £10549.43 in the bank.

## 5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary stated that most items had been covered in the Chairman's Report. presented his report. In his report he highlighted

- The changes to the BCU Coaching Scheme
- The Possibility of a ladies only course).

- He suggested that more club members should volunteer to be mock clients on SCA assessment courses. This was a good way to get free coaching.
- There was a possibility of a BCU / UKCC Coach L1 course

## 6. Election of Committee

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	S Copsey	Elaine Rowan Gary Stronach Ken Nicol	A Ford
	A Ford <sup>1</sup>	S Copsey	
Treasurer	I Stronach	Elaine Rowan Gary Stronach Ken Nicol Simon Copsey	E Rowan
Secretary	K Nicol	Elaine Rowan Gary Stronach Simon Copsey	I Stronach
1. Youth Rep	C Stronach	Gary Stronach	A Squier
	N Spiers	Elaine Rowan Simon Copsey	
	A Ford	Gary Stronach Ken Nicol Simon Copsey	
	A Squires	Elaine Rowan Ken Nicol Nancy Speirs Simon Copsey	
	E Rowan	Gary Stronach Ken Nicol Simon Copsey	
	I Muir	Gary Stronach Ken Nicol Simon Copsey	
	I Smith	Elaine Rowan Gary Stronach Simon Copsey	
	I Borland	Nancy Speirs Simon Copsey	
	C Lowther	Simon Copsey	

All the nominations for members were accepted with 4 being co-opted posts to assist with social events and publicity.

## 7. Membership Fees

The Committee proposed that there should be no change in the membership fees for 2008:

- Adult £20

<sup>1</sup> A Ford stated that he was not willing to stand as Chairman and withdrew his nomination.

- Family           £30
- Youth           £15
- Associate       £10

## 8. Awards

### a) **Broken Paddle**

The Broken paddle Award nomination

- Ivor Muir for his 2 surfing mishaps.
  - getting stuck in a rip and needing rescued
  - dislocating his shoulder whilst surfing

### b) **Improver**

The recipient for the award had previously been agreed by the Coaching Scheme Members and was presented to Beth O,Connell

### c) **Sea Voyager**

The nomination for this award were

Andy Ford for his active leadership over the last 12 months including organising a successful Talmine weekend

The Award was given to Andy Ford

## 9. AOCB

- GS suggested that the AGM should be moved to April /May in order that it was closer to the end of the financial year. KN replied that the financial year and the time of the AGM was similar to the SCA. Those present agreed to continue with the current arrangements.
- K Nicol proposed the following sea paddling trips for Summer 2008
  - Loch Braccadale (Skye)
  - Sound of Luing
  - Scourie
  - Summer Isles

## **Chairman's Speech for 2006 to 2007**

### **Welcome and Thank you**

- Welcome to the 23rd PCC AGM
- Another great year
- Thanks to the secretary, treasurer and club store manager, committee members and everybody else who has supported the club

### **Club performance and membership**

- Club increased in size with many new members arriving throughout last year
- Total membership is 38 with potential 8 adults 10 youths starting this winter and I would like to welcome all of those people to the club
- Great start to the winter sessions, pool full

### **Equipment:**

- Thanks to Ken for hard work in applying for grants for various training courses and equipment.
- New equipment this year includes:
- 5 new sea boats with paddles
- 4 new river boats with paddles (thanks to awards for all for the money – club featured in local papers and national magazines)
- 12 new helmets (thanks to sports council for money – thanks to ken for representing kayaking on the sports council – anyone interested in becoming a member of the council should have a word with ken)
- 7 new wetsuits
- 1 VHF radio
- All of this kit is well needed.
- Sold the pedarka
- Andy brought the open canoe back to life
- Thanks to everyone for helping improve the store, especially Andy who has put a lot of effort in.
- Good to see many of the members buying their own kit which allows the new club members to be able to use club equipment.
- Thanks to Ben for donating money to the club which has been put to good use
- We managed to get a box trailer donated to the club which is being used as a store at the pool. Hope to have something more robust in place soon.

### **Winter Sessions 2006:**

- River trips
- Pool sessions were very well attended
- Sunday river trips

### **Summer Sessions 2006**

- Another great summer season – very well attended, with all kit out for several of the sessions!
- Summer season started with an evening of presentations in the ERI to brief new club members on several things like the club history, canoeing in general, safety and what to expect for the outdoor sessions
- The first summer session was on Loch Watten. All club boats out. Joint with the wick club, some fun and games, hope to see event next year.
- One serious injury during the summer which involved Ivor dislocating his shoulder.
- Great improvement in paddling skills

- Pleased to see Isobel and Eiligh after spending considerable time flat on their backs in the summer after bumping the car. Wish a speedy full recovery.

### **Trips and events :**

- Lots of social events being organized including BBQs, bowling and pub meets
- Lots of trips over the summer, Sunday paddles very popular. Included was a trip around duncansby head, well done to all of those who made it round and back
- River Spey weekend trip
- Paddle Olympics – a success. Looking for some feedback if we should make an annual event.
- Scottish Sea Kayak symposium – Ken is one of the organizers and attracts paddlers from all over the country. Several club members attended, many of which are now growing beards, drinking real ale and smoking a pipe (that's just the women!)
- Caz and Nancy went to boater x and took part
- Caithness cruise – trip to stroma and down the east coast, some joining the flotilla
- Under 14s event organized however no one attended
- Attempt at Swona
- Talmine trip and BBQ
- Iain and family trip coast to coast along loch ness
- Ken trip to St Kilda
- Scottish surf kayak competition – Calum in the final, member of Wick Club got silver
- Iain attended a child protection presentation in Thurso run by HC

### **Assessments:**

- Ken maintains coaching and involvement with coach training and assessment
- Angela and David passed their 3 star
- Elaine passed her 2 star
- Sabine passed her one star

### **Training:**

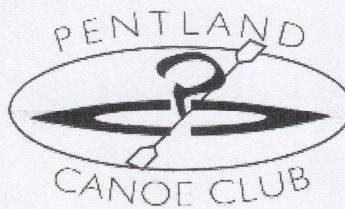
- Several people have attended training events and been guinea pigs including at the sea kayak symposium
- Andy and Simon did Marine VHF training and have now got their licence
- Ken keeping up to date with the changes in the coaching structure and will talk about that.

### **Outlook for the next year**

- Hope for another great year
- Committee to keep on top and with the times, new blood needed
- Would like someone to take on a publicity role which will involve looking after the website and the notice board at the pool
- Encourage more independent paddling
- More coaches needed
- Christmas night out 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **The rest of the evening**

- Dinner
- Club awards
- Display of some photographs taken from over this year
- Tomorrow Paddle



**Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2007**

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Balance b/f	4,799.31	CDSC	20.00
Subscriptions	629.00	SCA	50.00
Pool	394.00	Pool Hire	0.00
Boat Storage	40.00	Equipment - New	3131.38
		Maintenance	308.49
Equipment - Hire	581.26	Insurance Beach Hut	335.56
Grants - Training	461.00	Coaching	368.00
Equipment			
CDSC	560.00		
Round Table	400.00		
Awards for All	5,680.00	PCC Clothing	630.98
DAF	600.00	Book Orders	50.97
RR&A	44.00		
PCC Clothing	656.00		
Book Orders	38.22		
Personal Equipment	500.00	Engraving	13.50
Refund SCA Fees	15.00	Website	27.95
Interest	122.47		
		Cheques - in hand	34.00
		Bank	10549.43
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*Isobel Stronach*

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Treasurer**