

PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 November 2008 at Ulbster Arms Hotel, Halkirk.

Present: K Nicol; I Stronach; E Stronach; G Stronach;; I Muir; E Rowan; A Ford; N Speirs; E Stronach; B MacGregor; S Copsey; A Squier; K Wilson

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: C Stronach; D Borland; I Borland; J Speirs; The Parkers; C Macleod; C Lowther; M Grain; F Watson; C Cragg; J Speirs

2. Minutes of the 2007 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 I Stronach and seconded by A Squier.

3. Chairman's Report

The main highlights from the Chairman's report are given in Appendix 1.

4. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented her report (copy attached). As of 1 April 2008 the Cub had £6458.97 in funds.

Following a question, I Stronach agreed to look into insurance cover for the container.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary stated all the main topics had been covered by the Chairman. Additionally, the following items were mentioned

- The Scottish Sea Kayak Symposium in May 2009
- A SCA Club Coaches weekend in April 09
- 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.

6. Election of Committee

A number of individuals had been nominated for the Committee As detailed below.

POST	NAME	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairman	S Copsey	Dave Auld Ken Nicol Ivor Muir	
	A Squier	S Copsey G Stronach I Stronach	
Treasurer	I Stronach	Gary Stronach Ken Nicol Simon Copsey Ivor Muir	
Secretary	K Nicol	Isobel Stronach Ivor Muir Gary Stronach Simon Copsey	
Youth Rep	E Stronach	Gary Stronach Isobel Stronach Elaine Rowan Simon Copsey	
Member	N Spiers	Ivor Muir Ken Nicol Simon Copsey	
Member	A Ford	Ken Nicol Simon Copsey Elaine Rowan I Stronach	
Member	A Squires	Elaine Rowan Ivor Muir	
Member	E Rowan	Ivor Muir Ken Nicol Simon Copsey I Stronach	
Member	I Muir	Ken Nicol Simon Copsey I Stronach	
Member	I Smith	I Stronach	
Member	Cailean Macleod	I Stronach	

The members agreed to the following Committee:

- **Chair:** A Squier
- **Secretary:** K Nicol
- **Treasurer:** I Stronach
- **Youth Rep:** E Stronach
- **Child Protection Officer:** S Copsey
- **Members:** E Rowan; N Speirs; I Muir; A Ford; I Ford

7. **Membership Fees**

The Committee proposed that there should be no change in the membership fees for 2009:

- Adult £25
- Family £35 (limited to 2 adults and 2 youths under 18)
- Youth £18
- Associate £10

8. **Awards**

a) **Broken Paddle**

This was awarded to Nancy Speirs for her exploits at surfing in a cave near Duncansby Head and disappearing into the dark unknown.

b) **Improver**

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

c) **Sea Voyager**

This award to Elaine for her co-ordination and support in organising the trip to Croatia.

9. **AOCB**

- There was a discussion on 25 year activities. It was agreed to take this at the next committee meeting.

Appendix 1: Chairman's Report (2007 to 2008)

Welcome and Thank you

- Welcome to the 24th 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 had a very busy summer season and regularly had sessions where all available kit was out for the evening.
- Total membership this year was about 50 members.
- Slow start to the winter sessions, pool sessions not as busy as last year

Equipment

- Equipment
- New equipment this year includes:
 - Open canoe
 - Sea Boat
 - Donated sea boat
- A lot of money has had to be spent on maintenance / damage repairs
- Trailer serviced and brakes repaired

Club Store

- Club store still standing (just) and Andy continues to do a good job of maintaining things
- Notable for this summer was Gary doing a good job of securing a fresh water supply from a local household which allows kit to be cleaned off. I would like to thank the Mair family and propose to the club that we give to them a token of our thanks.
- We were kindly donated an ISO Container by Richies. They painted it and delivered it to the swimming pool. This will be used to store pool boats and other boats so they can be used in the swimming pool
- The box trailer has now been freed up and will be available for easier use.
- Andy continues to represent the club with CSF with regards to the new Harbour Centre

Winter Sessions 2007/8

- There were several Sunday river sessions during the winter including runs at Dirlot and the Halkirk section.
- Some surfing was to be had
- Sea trip around Eilean nan ron

Summer Sessions 2008

- Another great summer season – very well attended, with all kit out for several of the sessions!
- Again the 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
- Caithness Cruise attended by the club but lacked attendance from elsewhere.

Trips and events

- River trip to the Roy – lots of carnage
- Croatia trip
- Nancy and John made it St Kilda for a week

- Round Britain sea kayakers Roland Woolven and Kathryn Turner stopped by at Scrabster. Ken met up with them and advice on local conditions.
- Group went to the club coaches weekend at Glenmore lodge with a number of individuals doing their BCU foundation safety and rescue course.
- Ken attended and contributed at the Shetland Sea Symposium where he presented his trip to Greenland.
- Trip to Loch Eriboll
- Trip around Duncansby Head
- Weekend trip to Achmelvich in May.

Assessments:

- Level 1 coach training and assessments (2 x weekends): Angela, Nancy, Ivor, Elaine, Callum, Gary, Isobel, Ishbel. As part of the assessment all got the new BCU 2 star (including Andy and Ken)
- Other Star tests – Ivor, Elaine and Angela did the new BCU three star. John did his one star.
- Ken maintains coaching and involvement with coach training and assessment. Ken also renewed his assessors status for the BCU foundation safety and rescue test.
- Ken did his first aid refresher
- If anyone intends to do training then come to the club first as you may get discounts through grants and funding.

Training

- John and Nancy did their Marine VHF radio training and assessment

Appendix 2: Accounts



Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2008

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Balance c/f	10,583.43	CDSC	20.00
Subscriptions	572.00	SCA	93.17
Pool	411.60	Equipment Purchase	7,917.83
Boat Storage	10.00	Maintenance	225.18
Equipment Hire	844.00	Coaching	276.00
Grants Training	174.00	Child Protection	30.00
Equipment	2,528.00	Personal Equipment	3,125.29
Personal Equipment	2,818.16	Cash	431.60
Book Orders	12.75	Bank	6,027.37
Interest	192.50		
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Isabel Storaach