

PENTLAND CANOE CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13 November 2018 at Community Education Offices, Miller Academy, Prince's Street, Thurso.

Present:

Ken Nicol	Sam Robinson	Nancy Speirs
John Speirs	Ian Borland	Neil Parkin
Gary Stronach	Diane Robinson	Emma Summers
Sue Rainbow	Gary Youngson	Anne Grain
Christine Deighan	Mike Grain	

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Ben MacGregor; Gerald Urquhart; Neil Uprichard

2. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

The draft minutes had previously been sent out to members prior to the meeting. A minor correction was noted on page 2, "6. Election of 2016 Committee" should read " 6 Election of 2018 Committee." With this correction the minutes were proposed Ian Borland and seconded by Mike Grain.

3. Chairperson's Report

The Chair (N Parkin) presented his report. A copy is given in Appendix 1. During the report the Chair thanked all those involved in the Club for their support. In particular he highlighted the work of Emma Sinclair (CPO); Ken Nicol (Secretary); Sam Robinson and Ian Borland.

The meeting also noted the pool sessions hosted by the Club for 2nd Thurso Scouts.

There were no questions.

4. Treasurers Report

A copy of the Annual Accounts was circulated to those present by the Treasurer. It was stated that these still required to be verified by an external person.

A copy is attached in Appendix 2 (copy attached). As of 31 March 2017 the Club had £14903.16 in funds. This was an increase of £1126.07 over the previous year.

The accounts were accepted by those present.

It was noted that at 16th October 2018 the accounts totalled £16451.91

5. Constitution Revision

The Secretary stated that there were no proposals to amend the Club Constitution.

The meeting noted that current version of the Constitution was Issue 12 dated 28 November 2017.

6. Election of 2019 Committee

A number nominations had been received by the Secretary prior to the meeting. These were: Neil Parkin (Chair); Sam Robinson; Gary Stronach (Treasurer); Emma Summers (CPO), Gary Youngson and Christine Deighan. All agreed to serve on the Committee.

The members agreed to the following serving on the Committee from 1 January 2019:

Post	Name
Chair	Neil Parkin
Secretary	Ken Nicol
Treasurer	Gary Stronach
Non - Executive (Child Protection)	Emma Summers

Post	Name
Non – Executive	Gary Youngson
Non – Executive	Sam Robinson
Non – Executive	Christine Deighan
Non – Executive	John Spiers
Non – Executive	Nancy Spiers
Auditor	To be agreed by the new committee

Sue Rainbow volunteered to be on the Committee and was co-opted on.

7. Membership Fees and Equipment Fees

Membership Fees

The meeting was informed that the 2018 Membership were

- Adult: £50 (SCA members: £45)
- Family: £75 (limited to 2 adults and 2 youths under 18) (SCA members: £65)
- Youth /Full Time Education /Unemployed: £25 (SCA members: £23)
- Associate: £13

Following a discussion, those present agreed the 2019 Membership Fees as:

- Adult: £50 (SCA members: £45)

- Family: £75 (limited to 2 adults and 2 youths under 18) (SCA members: £65)
- Youth /Full Time Education /Unemployed: £25 (SCA members: £23)
- Associate: £13

Equipment Fees

These are currently set at £5. The membership agreed that for 2019 this would be £5 and double rate for non-members (£10).

Following a discussion, it was noted the Committee should review the charges and also consider an additional charge for those requiring kayaks to be transported to cover the cost of trailer costs and additional fuel costs.

8. Awards

a) **Broken Paddle**

The Clubs first award and dates back to 1984. This is given to the most interesting mishap which has occurred whilst canoeing.

The recipient for the award was Gerald Urquhart

b) **Improver**

The award was first presented in 1991 and is given to an individual whom is considered to have improved their canoeing skills during the year. The recipient of the award was decided by the Club Committee.

The recipient for the award was Abby Scott .

c) **Sea Voyage Trophy**

The trophy was donated by Terry Jones (one of the Founder members of the Club). This is awarded annually to the person, who in the opinion of the Committee was responsible for the best sea kayaking expedition / trip of the year.

In considering the recipient, the Committee considers the number of people who took part and the “enjoyment” due to weather, exploring, scenery and distance

This was award to Ben MacGregor

9. AOCB

There was no other business

Neil Parkin closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Appendix 1: Chairman's Report (2017 to 2018)

Chairman's Report (2017 to 2018)

The club has been very active over the last year. With positive numbers attending the Thursday sessions and the Tuesday Coach Sessions . The club is in a good position and the finances are in a buoyant state. There is a good core of active paddlers who have participated in Club activities.

The Secretary does a massive amount of work to keep the club running so smooth, from arranging funding and keeping everyone informed by sending out the numerous emails and communications.

Equipment

This year the Club purchased three new boats. Two Sea Kayaks and a Surf Kayak.

Thank you to all who help with the spring and autumn boat and equipment 'migration' between the hut, the swimming pool and store in Halkirk. Quite a lot of hard work is involved here, cleaning boats in the autumn, keeping an inventory/storage of kit.

A special thanks to Sam Robinson for maintaining the kayaks throughout the year.

Funding

Again our Secretary has been working tirelessly to secure funding for the club throughout the year. Funding was successfully secured from the Caithness Sports Council and the Baillie Wind Farm for the purchase of new sea kayaks

Protecting Vulnerable Groups

Thank you to Emma Summers, our child protection officer, for sorting out the disclosure of the committee and all the helpers, anyone who works with

children or vulnerable adults must be 'disclosed' and this involves quite a lot of bureaucracy and paperwork. Getting this right is absolutely essential in this day and age, thanks again to Emma.

Club Stores

The Cub has 3 stores (the Beach Store, a container at Thurso Swimming Pool and the internal store in the renovated Leisure Centre. Sam Robinson has put in a great deal of work in looking after the Club stores. He has painted Beach Store and monitored the condition of the pool container. A big thank you to Sam. Also a big thank you to Ian Borland who has been busy constructing sea defences at the Beach Hut.

There has been little response from Councillor Karl Rosie with regards to the undermining issues with the Beach Hut.

Events

On the paddling front, we have had extremely good weather with very few cancellations due to bad weather.

Big thanks to all who helped out on Thursday evening's, day trips and special organised events. There have been a number of the newer members showing vast improvements and a few first timers attending over the summer season.

A number of trips took place including:

- A week on the West Coast from Genuig to Coal (Fort William)
- Trips along the North and East Coasts
- An overnight trip to Freisgil Bothy on Loch Erribol.
- An attempted trip at Kylesku

There was also the "annual" outing to Freswick Castle. A paddle followed by tea in the Castle. The weather fair and we had the chance to paddle in some tidal flows. Thank you to Ben MacGregor for organising this event again this year.

Courses and Training

Ken Nicol ran a number of British Canoeing (BC) courses for the club. These have included: Three star in both white water & Sea, also Sea Leader Training.

A number of members completed a variety of BC awards these included:

- Core Coaching Sea: Gary Youngson and Neil Parkin
- 3 Star Sea : Gary Youngson, and Neil Parkin
- Sea Leader Training: Gary Youngson, Neil Parkin; Sam Robertson
- White Water Leader Training: John Speirs
- VHF Radio: Gary Youngson

We hope that these individual and others will continue to gain further awards.

The club still needs more qualified coaches and higher star level paddlers. The Club has Funding from the Caithness & North Sutherland Fund to help individuals gain certain qualifications

As Chairman for the past year and would like to thank you for your support and patience.

Neil Parkin

Appendix 2: Accounts



Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st March 2018

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance c/f	13,777.09	CSC	20.00
Subscriptions	1,178.00	SCA	150.00
Pool	421.00	Refund Subscription	50.00
SCA Discount	50.00		
Equipment Resale		Equipment Maintenance	162.79
Hire	1,514.00	Purchase	1,700.00
		Beach Hut	
Club Clothing	281.00	Club Clothing	362.64
Grants			
CANSE - Training	3,809.50	Repaid Training Grants	2,889.52
Donations		Insurance	695.61
		Website	79.49
		Gifts	
Easy Fundraising	18.76	AGM Trophys	27.30
Interest	1.16	Portskerra Harbour Fees	10.00
		Cash	
		Bank	14,903.16
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G Stronach
Treasurer

K Nicol
Secretary