

**Blackwater Valley Canoe Club  
Annual General Meeting Minutes – 23 July 2014**

**1. Attendees**

Ian Morris	Alex Tripp	Gary Tripp
Sam Tripp	Sandra Tripp	Bridget Keogh
Mark Overd	Graham Snook	Graham Horsley
Elaine Lee	Gemma Clements	Owen Munford
Pete Steinhardt	Tim Shellard	Phil Rowley
Jack Rowley	Tom Brindley	Gail Hayward
Sophie Mariner	Andrew Lee	Jake Robertson
Damien O'Dwyer	Michelle Williams	Dave Williams
Richard Green	Peter Ashby	Damian Edwards
Damon Birch	Steve Nicholas	

**2. Apologies**

Bob Hamilton	Mike Hamilton	Tom Page
Simon Edwards		

**3. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted with no objections. (Proposer: Tim Blyth, Seconded: Richard Green)

**4. Chairman**

The Chair gave a very quick summary of the previous year, noting that we've had a relatively quiet year in terms of new members, trips etc. but also that we have a number of recently qualified new coaches.

**5. Polo**

The polo team are keen to encourage more people to get involved ; would like to introduce a youth team and a ladies team and also participate / organise more competitions.

**6. Treasurer / Accounts**

A brief summary of the accounts was given. We've had a number of expenditures this year; new boats, new coaches and WWSR courses have been part funded. Income from memberships is down on last year, but paddling fees are up; partly due to the increased number of taster sessions. The biggest factor in the accounts is kit depreciation, although we did also have a trip with significant loss (~£400) due to poor attendance. It was also confirmed that as agreed at the EGM, the paddling fees will remain the same as last year. The previous years accounts were approved by the club. (Proposer: Gary Tripp, Seconded: Tom Brindley).

**7. Committee Positions**

Re-election of the committee positions took place as follows, with only one candidate in each case:

Chair: Richard Green (Proposer: Tim Blyth, Seconded: Tom Brindley)

Secretary: Ian Morris (Proposer: Owen Munford, Seconded: Tim Shellard)

Treasurer: Damain Edwards (Proposer: Tom Brindley, Seconded: Pete Steinhardt)

Polo: Paul Rose (Proposer: Damien O'Dwyer, Seconded: Dave Williams)

Youth: Tom Page (Proposer: Tim Blyth, Seconded: Jack Rowley)

Courses: Graham Snook (Proposer: Pete Steinhardt, Seconded: Dave Williams)

Trips: Jake Robertson (Proposer: Andrew Lee, Seconded: Mark Overd)

Social: Elaine Lee (Proposer: Tim Blyth, Seconded: Andrew Lee)

Kit: Mike Hamilton (Proposer: Pete Steinhardt, Seconded: Paul Rose)

NOTE: The coaching officer was not re-elected as it was unclear whether Dave Cook was happy to continue, and we had no other volunteers; committee to check with Dave and find new coaching officer if required.

#### **8. AOB**

Presentations were made to Mary and Helen (who had already left..) as a thank you for once again giving up their time to run the 'office' and refreshments etc.

It was pointed out that the youth sessions have not been as focussed for much of this season, but that the most recent few were much better and it was hoped that these could continue!

Members were also reminded that we require a safety officer to oversee the sessions alongside the lifeguard – anyone with an FSRT / competent at paddling is able to do this job.. please try and take your turn!

The future of the Lido was also discussed; it is clear that no decisions have been made, and are unlikely to be made any time soon, so we should be OK for at least another season. Tom and Ed have arranged a meeting with the council to discuss further what our options are as a club.

It was requested that we have more day trips; much easier for people to get away for a day than a whole weekend. Also, do more flat trips; not everyone always wants to do white water..!

It was also pointed out that the website would benefit from some attention; a number of people have commented that it has not been updated recently, some are unclear if the club is still active! It also has some broken links, and is too complex / contains too much information that can be difficult to follow / find the key points!