

Blackwater Valley Canoe Club
Annual General Meeting Minutes – 22 July 2015

1. Attendees

Ian Morris	Damian Edwards	Richard Green
Gail Hayward	Sophie Mariner	Tim Blyth
Graham Horsley	Owen Munford	Graham Snook
David Williams	Mark Overd	Steve Nicholas
Jack Nicholas	Tom Brindley	Bridget Keogh
Cora Keogh	Michael Benton	Sam Tripp
Alex Tripp	Gary Tripp	Sandra Tripp
Jonathan Garlick	Alex Carter	Paul Rose
Richard Squire	Sophie Austin	Peter Gallagher
Sarah Imree	Ben Anderson	Gemma Clements
Simon Edwards	Andrew Lee	Elaine Lee
Jake Robertson	Ross Gordon	Louise Hunter
Phil Francis	Mike Hamilton	Mary Rogers
David Cook	Bob Hamilton	Peter Ashby
Helen Tidy	Paul Atkinson	Tim Shellard

2. Apologies

Richard Applegate	Zoe Hadley	Tom Page
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3. Previous Minutes

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

4. Chairman

The Chair gave a quick summary of the previous year, noting that we've had a few good white water trips and several new members and also gave thanks to our new coaches, in particular Tom Page and Jake Robertson for their efforts with the youth section and also Sam and Alex Tripp for their assistance too.

5. Polo

The polo section have had a very good year; after coming 7th in the London International tournament they will be returning this year with two teams and similarly will be taking two teams to the Welsh International tournament where they came 2nd last year. They have a number of new players this year, including several that have started from complete beginners and are always keen to encourage more people to give it a go, so plan to run some more introductory sessions later in the year. The B team finished mid table this season, while the A team have been promoted to division 3!

6. Treasurer / Accounts

A brief summary of the accounts was given. We've had fewer expenditures this year as we have not needed any new boats etc. plus with the uncertainty of the Lido future keeping some reserves is a good idea! It was noted that the polo section is now generally covering its costs for tournament fees etc. due to the direct debit setup and also that most trips have been self funding, with the exception of Lee Valley. It was also confirmed that as agreed at the EGM, the paddling fees will remain the same as last year. A question was asked about the source of the depreciation in the accounts; this is for the boats that were bought over the past couple of years and is split over four years. The previous years accounts were approved by the club. (Proposer: Richard Green, Seconded: Ian Morris).

7. Club Development

We've had several people go through 1* and 2* courses over the last year, and also a first aid course. A reminder was given that the club will subsidise a number of courses, in particular those relevant to coaching as we are always in need of new coaches! Funding is also available for the safeguarding and "time to listen" courses required to be the club welfare officer.

8. Committee Positions

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

Chair: Owen Munford (Proposer: Richard Green, Seconded: Bob Hamilton)

Secretary/Web: Gemma Clements (Proposer: Sophie Austin, Seconded: Sam Tripp)

Treasurer: Damain Edwards (Proposer: Paul Rose, Seconded: Sophie Austin)

Polo: Richard Squire (Proposer: Paul Rose, Seconded: Sophie Austin)

Events/Trips: Paul Rose (Proposer: Gemma Clements, Seconded: Tim Shellard)

Courses: Michael Benton (Proposer: Bob Hamilton, Seconded: Owen Munford)

Coaching: David Cook (Proposer: Mike Hamilton, Seconded: Tim Shellard)

Welfare: Damian Edwards (Proposer: Tim Shellard, Seconded: Owen Munford)

Youth: Tim Shellard / David Williams (Proposer: Damian Edwards, Seconded: Steve Nicholas)

Social: Sophie Austin (Proposer: Paul Rose, Seconded: Mike Hamilton)

Equipment: TBD

NOTE: The equipment officer was not re-elected as there were no candidates; for the time being this role will be shared among the rest of the committee.

9. AOB

Thanks was given to all those who have helped out with the extra taster sessions for local youth groups, with special thanks to Bob Hamilton for organising and running them.

A suggestion was made that all newcomers to the club should be made aware of the Lido operating procedures to ensure that kit is put away properly etc.

Presentations were made to Mary and Helen as a thank you for once again giving up their time to run the 'office' and refreshments.

Thanks was also given to the previous committee for their efforts over the previous year(s).