



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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NEWSLETTER, WINTER 2014/5

CHAIRMANS CHAT

This newsletter is a very short one to provide you all with papers for the AGM.

The past months have been very busy, we have to have the finances of the club altered so we can become “incorporated” & so we have decided to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which will mean that in a short time we will need to hold a special general meeting to allow the members to vote on the proposal, this will ultimately mean better protection for the committee and certain tax & funding advantages for the club. I will be retiring from the position of chair at this meeting I think after 25 years it time to give someone else a chance, I will be still around and will give Paul and his new team all my support and enthusiasm.

Please see the notice & reports for the AGM later in this newsletter and do you best to turn up it is the democratic meeting of the year where you can have you say in the running of the club.

Mike

CLUB SESSIONS FOR SPRING 2015

BLACKROOT POOL

EVERY SATURDAY 10.00am UNTIL 12.00noon
ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS

BROWNHILLS

SATURDAY 2-4.00pm (OR DUSK)
ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAY

BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL

FRIDAY EVENING STARTING AT 7PM UNTIL 8PM
The charge for the session will be £3.50 per person

NOTICE OF CLUB AGM

AT
BROWNHILLS ACTIVITY CENTRE

WHERE WE HAD THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

PELSALL ROAD BROWNHILLS

ON

WED 28th JANUARY 2015

AT 7.00PM

Agendas will also be available on the night



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Membership report 2014

2014 has been a very busy year for memberships with the change over from Richard to myself.

In 2014 we issued a total of:-

64 adult memberships,
33 youth memberships,
3 affiliated groups and
16 family memberships that including all members of the family total 64.

This puts the total club membership at 164 a significant increase on last year.

We took a total of £4489.

£1327 was for membership renewals
£3162 was for new members

The good summer that we had this year has no doubt worked as a positive and has influenced the increase in new members. We now need to focus on having another good year in 2015 to enable us to keep the membership numbers high.

Nicola Gledhill
Membership secretary

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

We didn't suffer the long freezes that we had in the previous two years and so got off to a good start at both locations. We have worked very hard over the year to serve the members and the communities that we belong to, both sites seeing lots of use over the year.

Sutton Park has figured largely in the year, the club providing canoeing and support to other events as well as our own, we had a good Open Day in May followed by the Triathlon, and then the Community Games. Saturday mornings have been well attended some days in the summer we had well over thirty paddlers on the water, we have continued with Monday evenings during the summer reserving Thursdays for any groups who wish to use the lake. We must spend some time upgrading the facilities here during next year.

Brownhills is also returning very good attendance figures both on Saturdays and Wednesdays and has been used for some very promising events such as the Easter Egg, Halloween and latest the "Twinkle Paddle" (see newsletter photos), we have been actively redeveloping the building over year and hopefully by next spring it will be laid out to our liking, my thanks to the people who have shown up and worked in the work parties to get the place back up to the first class venue it should be. Brownhills has taken a lot of administrative time this year, the previous year we just rented it for the time we used it but after some negotiations we agreed in June to take over the running of the centre from the BCA and so have been booking out the centre for groups and schools over the summer months. We hope that the centre will be more financially viable as time goes on.

With the expansion of the financial liabilities of the club in mind we have been advised to make the management of the club more protected and are going through the process of making the club "incorporated" financially, this will restrict liability of the committee members to £1. To do this we have decided to engage the services of Chase Accounting to help us through this process and be our financial advisors in the future.

A club is all about people and I must pay tribute to folk who have figured greatly this year, in the spring we were joined by Clare and Ian who have, over the year transformed the white water touring side of the club and have inspired many members to sample the delights of white water which after all is what most canoeists aspire to. I was touched to meet Abbie Creswell who had been a member through her youth until she went to university, she is now a member of the GB ladies Polo team, I would also like to wish the Creswell family who have been long standing & active members of the club all the best in their relocation to Cornwall. The Rob Leadley Memorial shield winner this year was Katie Smith who has been transformed into a very capable paddler and potential young coach. My heartfelt thanks also to Jennie Aulman (nee Leadley) who has been our treasurer over the past few years. There have been so many people who have gone that extra mile for the club Taz & Marc who look after the swimming baths, all the management team who are the most dedicated and enthusiastic bunch of people, the coaches who without them we would be nothing I could go on and on.

This will be my last report to you all as I feel that 25 years is enough and will not be standing at the AGM next year I hope to sit back on the side lines and watch the club flourish under new and younger leaders, I will be still involved and will contribute gladly to help the club go forward.

Mike

Coach Coordinator Report – AGM 28th January 2014

Coaching Team

Coaches

We have 13 active Coaches with BCU accreditation who regularly run session at either Blackroot Pool or at Brownhills Canoe Centre. We have 2 members working towards accreditation (on BCU L1 or waiting for L1 Course). A further 5 are not active or support on a ad-hoc basis. We have 2 BCU cadets registered and active on the scheme and potentially a further 1 looking to register.

Sessions

Coaches calendar in place for both locations up to the end of the year. Still need administration support for both locations to allow coaches to get more people and time on the water.

Introduced paperwork at both locations to capture Paddlepower start awards for club mark and coaching records.

Courses

One 1 star course ran earlier this year at Blackroot

Two 2 Star courses run at Brownhills

Two FSRT courses run at Brownhills

One 3 Star Kayak Whitewater course run

One 3 Star Open Boat course run

1.4 2014 Programme

We have a new addition to the coaching team Graham Thorn to support the coordination of the River Trips and we already have a range of trips to suit all abilities for 2014.

Paddlepower Passport, 1 Star and 2 Star courses have already been planned for delivery in the first half of the year.

Finally with Ian Dallaway and Clare Morgan joining the club we able to offer whitewater training leading to 3 Star awards for kayak and canoe.

Treasurers report
Dear All

Welcome to 2014 Accounts.

Income has almost doubled from last year. We have an increase in member numbers considerably along with additional takings from equipment hire, events and the bath sessions.

Club assets purchased this year amounted to GBP4233.

An increase in expenditure comes with the additional income but is not detrimental. With an increase in bath expenses (but still a small profit from this facility), additional assets purchased and the increase in rent paid for Brownhills.

We saw a profit before depreciation of GBP3600.33 being a considerable improvement and in fact is the most profit made in a year since the sale of the Dhow in 2008

The depreciation figure has calculated at 25% reducing balance method.

The bank balance stands at GBP15144.37 at the year end.

Club valued at GBP26350, current assets and cash at bank.

Accounts for 2013 have been audited and this year is currently being audited by Mr Stephen Butler.

This is the end of my service as treasurer, a role I have held within the club for 7 years. My Father and his long suffering friends came up with the concept of this club and I know he would be proud of where it is now. Good luck to all of you and the future of the club.

Kindest Regards

Jeni Aulman
Treasurer

THE FULL SET OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT AND TO ANY MEMBER WHO REQUESTS ONE FROM MIKE AT nicholls_mike@sky.com

THE TWENTY FORTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD CANOE CLUB
TO BE HELD AT BROWNHILLS C.A.
PELSALL ROAD, BROWNHILLS WS8 7JW
WEDNESDAY 28th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00pm

AGENDA

- 1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
- 2 ATTENENDCE & APOLOGIES
- 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- 4 PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
- 5 PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF 2014 ACCOUNTS
- 6 RESOLUTIONS:
 - 6.1 That the annual membership fees be increased to

Adult	£40
Under 18	£ 24
Full time student	£24
Family	£ 80 (Both adults and their two children living at same address)
Affiliated Group	£50
 - 6.2 To agree on updates to the constitution
 - B6, D5, E6, F6, J & P1 change from BCU to British Canoeing
 - C1, C2, C5, D2, E1. change to "end of the month of joining"
 - C4 add "president" & "appointed" instead of elected.
 - C9 change to "session"
 - E4 deleted
 - New E4 change to " end of the month of joining. His membership will start at the date of his original joining month."
 - G9 change to "ten mile"
 - L3 insert "by E Mail"
- 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & GENERAL COMMITTEE
 - The officers of the club are elected for a term of two years staggered chair/treasurer, secretary/coach/vice chairman
 - NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2015 ARE:-
 - Chairman Paul Ryder (elected for 2 years)
 - Vice Chairman: Simon Gledhill (one year to run)
 - Secretary: Sally Leese (elected for one year to fall into line with electoral proceedure)
 - TREASURER: Vacant
 - COACH CO-ORDINATOR: Simon Gledhill
 - COMMITTEE: Dave Stanton, Sarah Witheridge, Darren Parker, Marc Webley, Tim Harris, Dave Billingham, Nicola Gladhill.
 - HONORARY MEMBERS: Mick Dowsett (honorary members are appointed for a five year period)
 - HONORARY PRESIDENT: Mike Nicholls (" " " " " ")
- 7 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

- 10 FORUM DISCUSSION "Charitable Incorporated Organisation a new a business like approach"

CLUB GEAR

POLO SHIRTS £8.50

FLEECES £17.50

CHILDREN'S T SHIRTS £ 6.50

CAR WINDSCREEN STICKERS £1

RING MIKE ON 0121 360 2136

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB QUALIFY FOR AN UP TO 15% DISCOUNT ON SELECTED CANOEING EQUIPMENT FROM WEST MIDLANDS CANOE CENTRE ON PRODUCTION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THEY HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED SO JUST POP ALONG TO SNEYD WHARF, 401 SNEYD LANE, BLOXWICH WS3 2LT

MEMBERSHIP CARDS **IMPORTANT!!**

Please always bring you membership card with to club sessions and show it when you sign in, also by showing your card you can get 15% discount at West Midlands Canoe Centre. We have decided that as some of you are forgetting or losing your card take a photo of it on your phone and show that it will be accepted.

BANK SUPPORT

When we run our normal sessions we need to have a person to help us to get the kit and people ready. This person doesn't necessarily have to be a canoeist or an instructor but someone who can help get members signed in and kitted out to go paddling. If you are a parent or partner of a canoeist and would like to help out in this way please get in touch with Paul Ryder on paul@pryder.wanadoo.co.uk

TOURING CALENDAR

Spring 2015

ALWAYS CONTACT THE TOUR LEADER BEFORE THE TOUR AND TAKE HIS OR HER ADVICE AS TO YOUR FITNESS FOR THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR. PLEASE TRY TO BE PROMPT AT THE MEETING PLACE AS WE DO NOT ALLOW MUCH TIME FOR WAITING ABOUT, WHEN WE MEET TO SHARE CARS FOR THE JOURNEY AND TO SHARE

COSTS FOR THE TOUR. PLEASE OFFER THE DRIVER FUEL MONEY AS IT IS SOMETIMES EMBARRASSING TO ASK.

ANY ENQUIRIES, ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME OR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOURS PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM THORN ON 07425147489 or email grahamzone1@gmail.com OR SEE FACEBOOK.

YOU MUST RING THE MEET LEADER IN PLENTY OF TIME AND BOOK YOUR PLACE, THE CUT OFF TIME FOR BOOKING WILL BE FRIDAY EVENING

MORE TOURS COMING SOON!