

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the Corona Virus Lockdown Restrictions.

Chairman's Report

This is the first time an AGM has been held remotely. As a committee we have met for most of the year via this method.

Thanks to Reece Nelmes and Jacob Baisley for setting up the meeting and running the voting system.

Thanks to Mark Corti for his continued support as web coordinator, keeping the social media channels and website up to date and for stepping in as CDG chairman, after John Simmonds stepped up to acting Chairman of the Club in May 2020.

Also for coordinating the Beginners courses throughout the year and running the white water trips for the club.

Thanks also to Geoff Orford for setting up and running the MCC2020 watts app group for new paddlers, allowing new paddlers to gain further experience in small groups throughout the times when we have not been in lockdown.

Thanks also to Paul Curtis for setting up and running virtual training sessions for the racing paddlers and encouraging them to continue training, even when not allowed out on the river.

Thanks to Mark Harris for continuing to keep the club water supply up to scratch even while we are closed.

Thanks also go to Catherine Ayling in her role as Welfare officer for the last year. For all the work on disability paddling and the risk assessments for Covid.

Finally thanks to Brian Williams for all the work he has done in the past few years bringing the Club together as a whole. Under Brian's Chairmanship the club gelled into a group of paddlers from many disciplines rather than factions who were separate, this has certainly pushed the club on. Thanks to Brian's innovation of doughnuts at Committee meetings and the biscuit tin in the kitchen, all club members would go and have a drink after a paddle and chat to those from other disciplines, we are all looking forward to continuing this in the near future.

Treasurers Report

Please find below the statement of club accounts for 2020/21. As you will see, despite the awful year we have had, our finances have fared very well. The main income streams: membership fees and boat storage are approximately 20% up on last year which the amount they were increased to help offset the increased rent resulting from acquiring the Sub-Aqua club, beginner courses were slightly down but hardly surprising really and well done to all those who ran them and participated in them. The big boost and totally unexpected gain was the £20,193 in grants from MBC which we qualified for as business rate payers and were encouraged to apply for this by the Council. Very little was actually spent on the new building, the only outgoing was for solicitors' fees for drawing up the lease. So overall a good year financially that will put us in a good position when we do start spending

on the new building. Thank you to Paul Curtis who did a very good job on auditing the accounts again this year under more difficult circumstances.

Adoption of Accounts

Proposed: M. Lambourne

Seconded: B.Price

The Committee agreed that all fees for membership and Boat storage should remain as the current year.

Adult membership	£84
Junior membership	£36
2 nd Family member	£30
Further Family member	£15
Boat storage (per boat)	£60

Proposed: B.Price

Seconded: M.Lambourne

Membership report

We had 204 members, slightly down on the previous year. Currently we are expecting to retain more of our newer members this year, mainly due to MCC2020 and the opportunities generated by this group for members to get out and paddle.

Adoption of amended Constitution, to bring it in line with the latest CASC Regulations and additional committee member .

Due to some minor changes in the wording of the Community Amateur Sports Association (CASC), of which the Club is a member, the wording of the Constitution required change.

Details of the change were on the Club website and emailed out to members at the AGM.

Along with the CASC changes, an additional Committee member was proposed and a change to the wording regarding appointing auditors.

"A summary of the accounts will be reviewed at each Committee meeting and at the AGM. The accounts will be independently audited ~~when this is deemed necessary by the Committee~~ **annually**."

This change and the proposed changes were approved by 100% of those who voted (24/28 86%)

Committee Positions

The committee positions below were voted on, there were no objections.

Chairman	John Simmonds
Treasurer and Membership Secretary	Geoff Orford
Secretary	Catherine Dacey
Welfare Officer	Catherine Dacey

First Aid Officer	Lee Horton
Youth Representative	Charlotte Fife
Committee Members	Richard Clark
	Reece Nelmes
	Paul fife
	Jacob Baisley
	Andrea Griffiths
	Geoff Licence
	Leanne Jordon

Committee Awards

In a difficult year, there have been many people within the Club who have stood out.

The Committee after much deliberation made the following Awards:

Racing Paddler of the Year: Paul Curtis awarded for his ongoing positivity, encouragement of other racing paddlers and his online fitness sessions 3 times a week during lockdown.

Youth member of the Year: Holly Sherwood for her determination and enthusiasm to get other young people involved in Paddlesport, she Paddled whenever we were able, completed her Explore award and is working towards her FRST.

Haleemah Kahn Haleemah has been very active and involved, she began paddling in the Summer on a beginners course and then continued and used Paddling as her sport for her D of E. She also encouraged her class mate to attend a beginners course and to take up Paddlesport.

New Paddler: Kathy Syplywczak Kathy was another beginner course participant, she took every opportunity presented to go paddling, joined one of the Thames touring paddles in late summer, underwent an operation and was back in her boat as soon as her doctor allowed. Kathy also supported some newer paddlers within the MCC2020 groups with more experienced paddlers.

Recreational Paddler: Trish Cadman Trish mentored many beginners fresh from their courses, taking them on paddles to the Malta and then to East Farleigh as they became more confident. Trish was out with small groups twice a week most weeks when we were out of lockdown.

Chairman's Award: Catherine Dacey this award is for keeping tabs on everything, keeping RA's updated and generally picking up anything which needed doing.

New build Update

Unfortunately, due to Covid and other restraints the New builds has not progressed as much as we would have liked.

The basic V diagram plan was presented and once we can begin work again and meet in slightly larger groups we hope to get the build moving.

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All details of plans and progress will be posted on the website, and as and when help is required this will be requested.

AOB

Matt Simmonds thanked the Club for all the effort put in over the last year to make the best of what we had.

Catherine Ayling Thanked the membership for their understanding during this difficult year.

Bryn Price thanked the committee for all their work this year.

There was a brief discussion about the Club Social media pages, and that Maidstone Canoe Club paddlers is not an official page of the Club.

The meeting closed at 20.55