



AGM 2017 Minutes

Date: March 24th 2017

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Present: See AGM Register

Apologies: Wally Shave, Andrea Head, Aaron Jordan, Leanne Brown, Michaela Wragg, Paul Newman.

Agenda Item: Acting Chairman (Brian Williams) Welcome and Report

Acting Chairman's Address

Good evening everyone and welcome to MCC's 2016-17 AGM. If you haven't got a hot drink please help yourself from the kitchen. We will also have a short break later in the proceedings.

Health and Safety: just to make you aware of the emergency exits should you need to use them. There is the one behind to the right of me and the one you entered by.

Mobile phones: can you please make sure your phones are turned to silent.

Respect for speakers: I would ask that people are respectful of the speakers by not talking during their presentations.

Voting format: we will be running the same voting format as last year. Hopefully it will be a little quicker this year than last.

Committee Awards: As last year the committee will be presenting awards for Newcomer of the Year, Young Paddler of the Year and Recreational Paddler of the Year as well as the Chairman's award. These will be presented at the beginning of the evening to give any young recipients the opportunity to leave early should they wish.

At the end of the evening The President's Award will be presented.

Words of Thanks: Myself and the rest of the committee would like to thank all the members of the club for your continued support over the past year, for without this there would be no Maidstone Canoe Club.

I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work with a special thanks to Bill Norman for his leadership, vision and drive over the last few years. Also a big thank you to Alison for taking on the role of Secretary for the past two years.

Later in the proceedings John Simmonds raised a round of applause for Bill and Alison for the work they had done for the club.

Thank you for Geoff for his continued hard work and enthusiasm in keeping the books balanced and the membership up to date amongst many other things. A round of applause for Geoff.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mark Corti for the wonderful work he does with the club's website and newsletter. A round of applause for Mark.

A huge thank you to the coaches who have delivered beginners courses this year. Your hard

work and enthusiasm has helped bring our sport to many new people and has helped the club's finances. This thank you is not only for the coaches but also the many helpers who have assisted with these courses. You are a credit to the club and would ask for your continued support in the coming year.

It is difficult when thanking people for their efforts and easy to overlook somebody but I would say from my experience that all of the members that paddle regularly on a Wednesday and Sunday perform some sort of coaching whether that be helping a new member choose the correct boat or paddle, offering tips on the water, chaperoning youngsters and new members on their first paddle post beginners course to just making people feel welcome. Please continue to share your enthusiasm and knowledge with others.

A big thanks to the members who have represented the club in races and events this year. We have had some good results from Aaron and Leanne again this year. Well done to both of you. Also to Bryn and Paul, Joel and Char and Robert and Anastasias.

Again this year we have seen a huge variety of off site trips and paddles on white water, sea, estuary, canal etc. These trips away from the Medway are a great way to broaden your horizons and improve your paddling skills. If you haven't been on one of these trips or away paddles try to fit one or two into the coming year. I am sure you will benefit from the positive experience.

Please don't forget the committee is there for the club's members. If you have any suggestions don't hesitate to contact the various committee members with any ideas you feel would benefit the club moving forwards.

Geoff will be giving us an update on the club's finances and Bryn will give a short update on where we are with regard to our planning application.

I will round up my speech by asking all those members that contribute to the running of the club in so many different ways large or small to please keep it up. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Here's hoping for a good summer on the water and some wonderful trips away.

COMMITTEE AWARDS 2017

Brian, Bryn, John and Geoff outlined the successes and contributions of the following recipients:

Young Paddler of the Year: Reece Nelms (awarded by Brian Williams)

Newcomer of the Year: Jez Massy and Ben Day (awarded by John Simmonds)

Racer of the Year: Paul Curtis (awarded by Bryn Price)

Recreational Paddler of the Year: Phil Barbuti (awarded by Geoff Orford)

Chairman's Award: Ewan Simmonds (awarded by Brian Williams)

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Brian Williams read through the points of the previous minutes and asked for any comments.

Bryn Price proposed the minutes be accepted. Ian Dann Seconded.

Voting for named positions on the committee

Lee Horton handed out ballot slips. Alison Slater-Williams explained the process. All members named of this ballot paper stood up to make themselves known except Aaron Jordan and Michaela Wragg who had sent their apologies.

Agenda Item: Treasurer and Membership Secretary (Geoff Orford) Financial report and voting on fees for 2017-18

Geoff presented the accounts and reported the following:

- The club's finances are healthy and we are in a good position for developing the club.
- Membership is slightly below last year but is still strong.
- The committee proposed keeping membership the same as last year and this was voted on and agreed.
- The committee proposed raising the price of boat storage. There was much discussion about this. Bill Norman proposed raising the fee to £52 for the year per boat, which works out to £1 each week. Geoff Orford suggested £50 per boat for the coming year. This was voted on. For: 21/22 Against 1/22.

Voting for Named Positions on the Committee

Number of members in attendance at the AGM

Chairman

Nominee: Brian Williams

Votes: 22

Vice Chairman

Nominee: John Simmonds

Votes: 20

Nominee: Aaron Jordan

Votes: 2

Secretary

Nominee: Michaela Wragg

Votes: 21

Membership Secretary

Nominee: Geoff Orford

Votes: 21

Treasurer

Nominee: Geoff Orford

Votes: 22

Youth Representative

Nominee: Reece Nelms

Votes: 22

Update on building plans: Bryn Price

Bryn gave the following update on the proposed expansion of the club:

- The proposed building would be to create additional boat storage on the ground level with an additional room above. Downstairs storage is likely to be used for housing general-purpose boats standing upright. Usage for the second floor would be given thorough consideration and members are encouraged to propose ideas if planning is granted and funding gained.
- The process has been long and plans have had to be resubmitted. Bryn has had to provide

additional documentation with regard to flood risk etc. Regarding flood risk the environment agency has given Bryn a lot of help. Hopefully we will have a response within two months.

- Detailed budgets will have to be put together before applying for grants for capital expenditure. Bryn has already identified four possible grant providers. The club received encouragement to expand from Canoe England and our local Sports Minister Tracey Crouch.

Thank you to Bryn for all his hard work in moving the club's proposals forward.

Voting for the remaining 7 Committee positions

Bryn Price: 22	Richard Clarke: 21
Catherine Dacey: 20	Mark Corti: 20
Niki Norman: 18	Michael Wibrew: 15
Lee Horton: 14	Ian Dann: 12
Aaron Jordan: 4	

Therefore the remaining positions go to:

Bryn Price, Richard Clarke, Catherine Dacey, Mark Corti, Niki Norman, Michael Wibrew and Lee Horton.

President's Award

Presented by Brian Williams on behalf of Paul Newman.

Brian read Paul's presentation to the recipient of this year's President's Award. In this award Paul wants to promote a reward that would be the antithesis of a "Victor Ludorum" style, a very real valuing of performance, club loyalty, hard work on behalf of the club and those values which contribute to a thriving, happy and successful club.

This year's recipient has been known to Paul Newman since they were teenagers and Paul feels this recipient has exceeded all the above criteria. Paul wished he had been at the meeting to remedy his previous gross oversight by presenting this trophy in person. This year's recipient is Mick Wibrew. Following their initial meeting and Mick's introduction to canoeing in The Scouts, Mick has gone on to be a seriously experienced paddler. Although known mainly for his marathon pursuits, Mick is also a veteran sea and white water paddler. One of his most impressive achievements is becoming a member of the exclusive "DW 1000 Mile Club" in 1988. However Mick continued to enter the DW long beyond 1988 and was twice a member of the DW winning team of three boats, and placed second overall in an individual boat. Mick is a well-known racer at the National Championships and represented MCC at the World Masters Games in Melbourne, Australia in 2002.

Mick has sat on the club's committee for a number of years, contributing sensible and considered advice and help. He is always willing to assist with coaching youngsters in linear boats, giving advice and safety cover.

The description "LEGEND" is often bandied around, but Mick Wibrew is a deserving recipient of the President's Trophy and is truly a "Legend in his own bathtime".

A huge congratulations to Mick for this most well-deserved recognition of his achievements and contributions to the club.

Inaugural Meeting for the 2017-18 Committee: April 19th at 7.30pm