

Cheltenham Canoe Club AGM– 22nd Jan 2015

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Minutes of the Cheltenham Canoe Club AGM

Held at Downtys Sports & Social Club, Staverton.

Attendance

Katy Warren	(KW)	Captain
Steve Slater	(SS)	Secretary
Nick Ayre	(NA)	Treasurer
Rich Berry	(RB)	Quartermaster
Dave Potts	(DP)	Slalom
Phil Redmond	(PR)	
Max Redmond	(MR)	

Apologies

Ken Lovis
Laurence Mezo

In addition, there were 24 general members, providing a voting capacity of 30. There was apologies from general members Chris Whisker and

Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees
The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and signed by Ali Longhust & Stuart Rochford

Katy talked about the achievements of 2014 .

- **Club Mark.**
It was announced that the club had eventually achieved Club Mark. This would help the club grants etc.
- **Symonds Yat Slalom .**
The Club ran a slalom at Symonds Yat for the first in 30yrs. The event was very well supported and was the talk of the slalom community for weeks afterwards.

Secretary's Report

- **Well what have we achieved this year 2014?**
- Mark & Emm's wedding (our congratulations to the pair.)
- Again we have had full programme of events throughout the year, our thanks go to Laurence for organisation of the program. There were 46 planned trips and 35 went ahead.
- The summer trip took use to French Alps where a group sampled the delights of French River's.
- The club would like to thank Dave for running the training Slalom on Tuesday nights at the Yat
- The Club still has missing kit and the issue of not knowing where all of the kit is at any one time. The members must observe the rules of booking out of the Club kit and return it ASAP after trip or competition.
- The Club is hosting 2nd Symonds Yat slalom, and members were urged make big effort to make this event another success.

Competition Secretary Report

So nice to see a proper river back on the racing programme
Wonderful organisation
Fantastic venue, devilish course,
Well done.

Symonds Yat October 14

One event dominated the calendar in 2014
Comments from the canoeing community to be shared with the club. The return of the Symonds Yat Slalom in 2014 was a landmark event for canoeing and a highpoint in the activity of the club. Externally I continue to receive praise on behalf of the club for bringing back this event and putting slalom back into the region. Internally each and every member of the club that took part should be proud of the effort put in to deliver such a great event. It is in the calendar for 2015!

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Inter Clubs September 14.

Another progressive year. Despite a number of last minute changes the team pulled together to deliver another great team performance. By keeping in touch in almost all categories we were able to put in a sound point score throughout the weekend. Notable results were from Molly Knight, 2nd in Div 2 Ladies, Elliot Davis, 5 in Mens Div 3 and J14 prize going to Matt Stephenson. This along with great performances by the rest of the team gave us a best ever finish of 10 of 22 teams.

Training

On the paddling scene we continue to develop and try new things. Training in two venues continues: Glos canal in the winter and Symonds Yat in the summer.

On the Canal we now have two groups: beginners consisting of up to 15 paddlers in Div 4/3 and intermediates in Div 1/2. It is hoped that during this coming season we will reach the point of having to consider an advanced team - Prem! We have even dabbled with a parents gentle paddle group....

Yat sessions proved popular once more this summer. 30 plus paddlers on some occasions. Several clubs are involved but all are now gaining more slalom boats and the skills are becoming much more slalom specific.

Who performed in the year!

We have a number of unranked novices training with us at present and some just desperate to enter Div 3 and compete against the other. However, there are those that are already moving their way up the divisions.

In Div 3 men, Pete Stephenson put in a fair showing (124) with Elliot Akroyd (37) now training to join the others in Div 2. Ladies saw Lucy promoted to div 3 (33) with Oriana (41) and Lucy Stephenson also ranking at (100).

On the mens side of Division 2 the teenagers are stacking up behind me; I will be wearing 34 this season and will need to work hard to keep Elliot (90) Matt (101) and Tommy (122) from overtaking me. This is unlikely as I was beaten convincingly by all of them at Inter Clubs!

In Div 2 ladies, we have Molly Knight (78) who consolidated her position in this division after several great events including our own Yat race.

The top two performers of the year Male and female were:

Jake Potts in Mens Div 1, wearing Bib 78 this year - limited season due to extended french trip last summer!

Jodie Rochford, promoted to Ladies Div 1 and wearing Bib 38 this season.

Treasurer's Report

Nick gave a presentation of the club financial position, which was in good health.

The full report can be obtained from Nick on request.

There was a discussion on membership numbers and membership fee. Members needs to promote the club to increase membership numbers.

It was voted not to increase membership fee this year.

Question from the floor

- Q (Dave) Can the Club have the newsletter as paper in future. And a web PDF .
- Ans. The club asked for a show of hands 29 for paper copy and 1 against..

Election of Committee Members

The following committee members wish to standing down (Katy Warren, Max Redmond). The club would like to thank them for their help over the past year.

The committee for 2015 was elected as follows:

- **Captain** – Phil Redmond
- **Secretary** – Steve Slater
- **Treasurer** – Nick Ayre

General Members:

- Laurence Mezo.
- Rich Berry (Quartermaster)
- Rob Knight (slalom)
- Ken Lovis (Membership)

Awards

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| • Paddler of the Year | Claudia |
| • Young Paddler | Elliot |
| • Swimmer of the Year | Jason Bradley |
| • Roller of the Year | Jason Bradley |
| • Injury of the Year | Nick Ayr |
| • Broken Kit | Larry |
| • Car Maintenance | Jason Bradley |
| • Dummy | Gareth |
| • Duracell Bunny | Izzy Robson |
| • Lost Kit (camera) | Elliot |
| • Cock up | Oranna |
| • Keith Thompson | Ali; Dave & John |

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- .It was commented on the good job done on the polo nets. So our thanks goes to Rich Berry for a good job.

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