**HOLME PIERREPONT CANOE CLUB AGM MINUTES 2022**

The AGM was held virtually on line on 08.10.2022 at the British Canoeing office at Holmepierrepont Country Park.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Dawn welcomed members to the clubs AGM and introduced the meeting and format.

* As a registered Charity this AGM is a legal requirement and will form the basis of the report submitted to the Charity Commission.
* Charity Commission returns must be filed by the 31st of December 2021
* The formal part of the AGM concerns the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, but trustees will report to a more recent date.

**Presentation of Financial accounts – to be voted on by members present**

* Dawn thanked Robin for taking on the role and workload of Club Treasurer.
* We have purchased Club Treasurer software package which allows for better tracking of club income and expenditure.
* Copies of the Club accounts were circulated and a summary given.
* Reserves stand at a healthy £43,459
* Recommendation to leave membership fees at current level
* Paddling fees at record £38,912 – driven by new Slalom activity, which also drives the increase in training provision, water fees etc
* Reduction in reserves in the year of £8,922 due to £19,074 investment in new equipment
* Major new equipment bought;
* 19 new boats
* Various spay decks, ropes, covers, air bags etc
* No financial need to increase membership fees and HPPCC has the lowest membership fees in the East Midlands.

**Adoption of Financial Accounts**

* Our thanks go to Guy Wilson for auditing the accounts and offering to do this again next year.
* A formal vote on the accounts is required for them to be uploaded to the Charity Commission website.
* The Club accounts were adopted by unanimous show of hands.

**Appointment of Auditor**

It was proposed to reappoint Guy Wilson, Club Member, as Auditor for the 2022 – 2023 Financial Year

* Guy Wilson was elected as Auditor by unanimous vote.

**Election of Trustees – to be voted on by members present**

Existing Trustees seeking re-election

* Chair – Dawn Scott
* Coaching and Volunteers – Ian Scott
* Secretary – Ian Law
* Freestyle – Andrew Good
* Raft Racing – Beth Kirby
* Slalom – Liam Brown
* Stand up Paddleboard – Andy Brown
* White-Water – Andy Steel

The above Trustees were re-elected by unanimous on-line vote.

**Trustee Standing Down**

Andy Brown – Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP)

* Dawn thanked Andy for his contribution to the club. Andy would still be active as a coach and provider for the club.

Under our constitution 3 Trustees must stand down and allow for elections.

The following three Trustees have stood down;

* Chair – Dawn Scott
* Secretary - Ian Law
* Coaching and Volunteers – Ian Scott

No names have been submitted for the vacancies and Dawn and both Ians have volunteered to continue in their roles.

Confirmed by a unanimous vote.

**The following Trustees will also continue in their roles**

* Treasurer – Robin Randall
* Freestyle – Andrew Good
* Raft Racing – Beth Kirby
* Recreation – Trevor Tarlton-Weatherall
* Slalom – Liam Brown
* Touring - David Guntrip
* Whitewater – Andy Steel
* Youth – Chris Newcombe

Vacancy for Stand up Paddleboarding

**Review of past year and looking forward.**

**Coaching and Volunteers**

* A huge thanks to all of the volunteers in every capacity which has enabled us to deliver both Discovery and Explore courses to members.
* We have begun the large task of re-DBS checking all coaches and volunteers.
* Identifying potential new Paddlesport Instructors, Coaches and Leaders for attending courses next year.
* If you would like to become qualified or help please speak to Ian Scott.
* Aiming for 2023 to deliver courses leading to individual Personal Performance Awards

**Free Style**

* Delivered Junior Sessions and Intermediate Free Style sessions.
* Pool Sessions will be restarting on 20th October 2022.
* The Free Style 2022 World Championships were successfully held at Holme Pierrepont.
* During which the Club delivered a large number of taster sessions for local school children and also the public. Which has led to a number of young people joining the club to continue paddling with us.
* Following which a local Special Needs School has requested ongoing support to incorporate paddling into their PE schedule which Nottingham Kayak Club has agreed to support as HPPCC did not have available volunteer coaches during the week.
* A big thank you to all of the club members who volunteered their time to support this very successful activity.
* European Free Style Open Championships were also held at Holme Pierrepont and were very well supported by the Club. A number of club paddlers competed in the event and achieved success, special thanks to Beth Kirby, and HPPCC won a Exo Rexy Kayak.
* Future Plans include Junior Rodeo event on 17.10.2022, flat to free style programme for local schools and we are discussion a Free Style training camp with other clubs.

**Raft Racing**

* We have delivered an Introduction to Raft Racing event for junior paddlers.
* We have built on the success of this by establishing a junior team who are now training and competing at events.
* HPPCC mens team has had two teams selected to represent GB at the World Championships in Bosnia.
* We have had good regular attendance on Wednesday and Friday training sessions.
* Planning more Introduction to rafting sessions.

**Recreation**

* Attendance has been high all year round even in Winter
* Pre-booking and season pass system is working really well
* New BC Paddle Safer courses delivered
* Outdoor rolling sessions delivered
* New boats and equipment purchased covering all areas
* A number of paddlers have completed their Discover and Explore awards which the club is funding
* Re-investment pool sessions income to purchase new paddles and decks for the coming winter sessions.

**Slalom**

* Over 35 junior paddlers are training twice a week and we wish to recruit a new cohort for 2023
* HPPCC is recognised by BC as a key club for talent pathway input
* 95% of slalom paddlers race and represent the club
* HPPCC have held a successful Division 1 and Premier Slalom race
* We have held the first domestic Extreme slalom event in the UK which was a massive success
* 4 HPPCC paddlers represented GB and won medals at the 2022 European and World Championships

**Stand Up Paddle Boarding**

* Our thanks go to Andy Brown who has stood down from this position
* We are seeking a new trustee for SUP, you do not need to be a SUP coach to stand. An interest in and desire to encourage and support SUP paddling is all that is required
* We are ensuring SUP safety advice is circulated to paddlers
* SUPs have been included on club touring trips

**Touring**

* Club members have enjoyed trips to the Lake District, River Wye and the Ashby Canal
* Opportunities for Touring in 2022 were adversely affected by Covid restrictions on car sharing. Also reduced water access due to landowners like pubs refusing access to parking.
* The Club is purchasing a new trailer to support trips and we have access to a mini bus to tow it which will supports members who find the cost of touring difficult to afford.
* Planning first New Year Paddle after Covid and touring trips for 2023.

**White Water**

* We have had over 900 WW paddler sessions over the past year
* High number of paddlers are transferring from the Back Channels to the WW course
* The increase in number and sizes of WW boats has supported development of WW paddling
* Bursaries are available for Stadium Leader and WW Leader awards
* We are planning WW trips for next year
* We are developing the leadership team over the winter and increase the types and number of sessions

**Youth**

* We have high attendance of young paddlers in 2021-22 spread across all sections of the club.
* We have delivered youth paddling sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday morning with instructors engaging our younger paddlers and developing their skills
* We are actively listening to our Youth paddlers and parents to understand what they want
* Going forward we need to provide opportunities for Young paddlers to achieve their Discover, Explore and Touring awards plus Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

**Any Other Business**

**Paddle Ability**

* Chris Nadollek, disabled WW paddler requested to address the club on Paddle Ability
* Chris highlighted the lack of water access and egress facilities for disabled paddlers at Holme Pierrepont for both flat water and the artificial course.
* Many club members had additional needs.
* Chris himself is only able to paddle the artificial course with the physical help of other WW paddlers to safely access and leave the course.
* Chris believes it is important that the facilities at the country park be improved for paddlers with additional needs.
* Chris has taken the initiative to meet with British Canoeing to discuss how this can be improved.
* British Canoeing has agreed to support Chris with advice and funding in negotiation with Serco who manage the country park and facilities.

It was proposed to co-opt Chris to the club Trustee Board and this was approved unanimously

**Chairs closing remarks**

* I wish to recognize the huge amount of work being done by our club volunteers
* We are supporting paddlers to achieve their ambitions
* I am pleased to see that the club has a wide variety of different water sport activities on offer to our paddlers
* We are working towards being accredited as a Quality Club
* Dawn closed by sharing a message from a club member and parent thanking the club for the warm welcome given to them, recognising how friendly the club was to new members and thanking the volunteer coaches who have made Saturday sessions so enjoyable.

**AGM closed**