



Chelsea Kayak Club

KKC Annual General Meeting Wednesday 20th November 7pm, Windmill Pub, Clapham Common

1. Attendance, etc.

Present: Rob H, Janice, Liza, Fiona (Chair), Dan, Peter M, David P, Paul R.
Later: Kenneth, Philippe, Philippa
Apologies: Lorna, Jonathan T, Rob D, Rachel S

2. Matters arising from previous AGM

The previous AGM's minutes and resolutions were reviewed. Key points are for us to be alert to the option of looking for a new home for the club and whether club membership fees should be increased.

3. Chairpersons Report / Summary of the year

Much time has been spent on Brentford Boating Arch/BFCCST liaison, including coordination between & improving relationships with fellow "tenants". Landlord is improving service, albeit slowly, with better lights and better ventilation. Fire assessment: aisles must be kept clear. A fourth tenant recently arrived resulting in all kayaks being stored on three tiered scaffold racks, unfortunately Arch 2 is still congested. The aim is for other tenants to remove excess boats/paddleboards.

The rental of space for the trailer has now been resolved to our satisfaction.

Pontoon on the east side of Kew Bridge has been removed which was dangerous. Active 360 is pushing PLA and local council for causeway to improve access to shoreline. Ramp from road on West side of bridge is planned to be converted to loading only.

Overnight trips since the previous AGM have included: Dartmouth; Essex; Camargue; etc. Day trips: Guildford-Kew; Beachy Head; Chichester Harbour; Shepperton. The taster day when Thames Barrier closed worked well, worth repeating.

Aim for the coming year includes improving social media and transfer of the webserver, and to support members qualifying as leaders with British Canoeing.

4. Updates from committee members

a) Website / PeterM: the main forthcoming task is website content review, aiming to eliminate duplication and improve structure. The photographs have been updated and several Thames Leaders have been trained to update session pages themselves. Migration of the webserver is a big project, it is currently hosted by David T.

Dan suggested that migration to e.g. Squarespace, requires time rather than money, if delegated to a professional they might charge GBP500. British Canoeing might be able to help with this.

b) Social media / Kenneth: new full time job has meant he has limited time. More views on Instagram than at start of year, Twitter has some traffic. Not a lot of work for this role just requires regularity. Pictures on Instagram promotes interest. Thanks go to Kenneth who wishes to give up the role.

c) Training / Paul: two 1* courses, second one only 2 people, of which only 1 paid. Organised Coastal Navigation course. Proposal to pay potential leaders fee of say GBP50. Philippa warns that this might



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make leader more liable in law. Alternative suggestion that perhaps instead we give free membership, e.g. lead a certain number of trips, then get free membership.

Janice: request for a Howard Jeffs Smash and Bash course to learn how to do basic maintenance and repairs at base or during trips.

d) Membership / Tudor: we have 47 members, there is a female/male split 43%/57%, 45years is the median age, and 30% of members are new this year. The approach to GDPR can be simplified when we update our membership application form.

d) Social Officer & Welfare Officer/ Liza: social activities per se are difficult as few turn up, better to combine paddle and social, Liza will probably give up the Social role but continue with Welfare role. No incidents to report. The Welfare Officer and other roles should be made more visible on the website.

e) Safety / Philippa: risk register has been sent to PLA. There are four documents to cover everything for safety. No major incidents this year. Near misses: slipping on algae and broken glass in mud, wrong boat/inappropriate for conditions, beginners getting in another's boat and so with wrong footrest settings, not checking skegs so broken skeg discovered when too late on sea, paddleboards in arch with sharp fins.

Fiona: a list of trip attendees to be sent by trip organizer to A.N.Other prior to trip in case of emergency.

f) Kit / Philippe: two successful kit days, plus clearing overgrown area around the trailer. Significant amount of spare parts bought. Free lanyards/deck lines from Valley, about GBP100 worth. Proposal to order 210cm paddles, CKC only has 1. Reflectives now on all our kit, helps visibility and distinguishes our kit when inadvertently mixed with other tenants' kit! Two sea kayaks out of action, difficult to repair.

g) Treasurer / Dan: see report of Income & Expenditure. The Income & Expenditure Report was accepted. Philippa offered to be Honorary Auditor. Thanks were given to Dan, who was standing down.

4. Committee Membership

- Chair: Fiona nominated by Philippa, Philippe seconded.
- Secretary: Tudor nominated by Liza, Dan seconded.
- Training: Paul nominated by Philippe, Kenneth seconded.
- Website: PeterM nominated by Janice, Philippa seconded.
- Welfare: Liza nominated by Fiona, Philippe seconded.
- Kit Officer: Philippe nominated by Paul, Dan seconded.
- Safety: Philippa nominated by Janice, Philippe seconded.
- Trip Calendar: Liza nominated by Philippa, Philippe seconded. Liza will aim to prompt one trip at a weekend each month. She will circulate Events/Trip Planning Calendar and CKC Trip Planning Sheet to be completed by owner of each trip. Happy to make a note or include CKC socials.
- Treasurer: Tudor nominated by Fiona, seconded by Kenneth.

The above were all confirmed with no votes against.

- Social media: Lorna to be approached
- Social secretary: to be assessed if needed;

5. Meeting closed & Members shared their favourite kayaking photos 📷