

# **Cherwell Canoe Club - Annual General Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013**

## ***Welcome, Apologies & Quorum Check***

### **Present: .**

We have 53 Adult members, we need 20% for quorum, which is 11. We have exceeded that. Andy Dancer, Bev Dancer, Pat Reynolds, Michael Punter, Abbi Taylor, Matt Reynolds, Paul Higley, Paul Martin, Chris Smith, Cliff Webb, Liam Webb, Nigel Collins, Brian Fuller, Andy Fuller.

### **Apologies:**

Mark Thomas, Andrew Fairburn, Dave Kettel, Brian Rogers, Mark Elkington, Lynne Westwood, Ian Westwood

## ***Minutes of the last meeting***

Proposed: Paul Higley    Seconded: Abbi Taylor

## ***Chairman's thoughts***

Good news, continuing paddling and working well at doing that, bad news no evolution, no moving on and still haven't increased our numbers as much as we had hoped to.

Woodgreen think they have done all necessary work on the pool for now so hopefully this winter we can do more here and invite other clubs and do more events.

We are still trying to get more formal storage at Woodgreen, over the last year we have lost 1 boat from here which shows how we need a more secure storage unit down here, at the moment we only have a 12 month commitment so we are unable to move forward with this at the moment. We've been trying to talk to Oxfordshire County Council about using currently disused areas for boat storage but we are still waiting for council conformation before we can go ahead with anything.

We are still trying hard to get Woodgreen as our permanent base as it is good for training and its a prime area for bringing more youths into the club.

From a polo perspective we are doing well with results, we have our A and B teams going to the play offs in hopes of going up a division, if our A team manages to achieve promotion it would be particularly good as it would be the first time Cherwell would have an open team in division 1, also our div 4 team came third in their league and the ladies team came second in div 2. Unfortunately we aren't doing so well for numbers and we would greatly benefit by getting a few more polo players into the club.

We still need to improve our membership and aim to double it over the next few years, we aren't struggling to get people onto the novice courses but unfortunately we are not keeping enough of those people, it would be worthwhile working on this.

We are actively working towards clubmark at the moment, it is part of the sport england things – they keep redoing the scheme so it is not easy, we are working towards the one that will start being assessed at the beginning of october.

## ***Accounts***

Proposed: Michael Punter , Seconded: Ewan Shinton

Thank you to Lynne for auditing.

## ***Election of committee and officers***

### **Chairman – Andy Dancer**

Proposed: Matt Reynolds , Seconded: Michael Punter

### **Treasurer – Pat Reynolds**

Proposed: Michael Punter , Seconded: Chris Smith

### **Vice-Chairman – Ewan Shinton**

Proposed: Michael Punter , Seconded: Beverly Dancer

### **Secretary – Dave Kettel**

Proposed: Michael Punter , Seconded: Paul Higley

### **General Committee Members**

Mark Elkington, Abbi Taylor, Matt Reynolds, Michael Punter, John ???, Nigel Collins, Liam Webb

Proposed: Bev Dancer , Seconded: Chris Smith

## ***Election of Auditor***

Lynne

Proposed: Abbi Taylor Seconded: Matt Reynolds

## ***Prize Giving***

### **Sports Person**

Nominees – Tom Leigh, Liam Webb, Catherine ???, Beth Howard, Laura Martin

### **Liam Webb**

### **Fish Award**

Nominees – Justin, Tom Leigh, Michael Punter,

### **Michael Punter**

### **Janes Coaching Award**

Nominees – Michael Punter, Mark Elkington, Nigel Collins

### **Michael Punter**

### **Brian Fuller Merit Award**

Nominees – Dave Kettel, Pat Reynolds, Nigel Collins

### **Nigel Collins**

### **Most Improved Paddler**

### **Dot**

## ***Open Discussion***

There has been quite a big change to the constitution. Ewan Proposed, Paul Higley Seconded. New constitution passed. Part of constitution, there have to be two individuals to be custodians, the club itself can't take liability for any legal matters, we need people to formally named as custodians. All members are liable for their share in the club up to the value of £1 – this is for the assets of the club, not the liability.

Andy Dancer, Abbi Taylor, Michael Punter.

There will be various policies that we will want to adopt over the year to be able to achieve clubmark, we would like to get permission from the members at the meeting to adopt these over the year with the ability to complain about them – Proposed: Chris Smith, Seconded: Paul Higley.

Meeting closed: 20.15