

CASTLE CANOE CLUB AGM MEETING SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2014

<u>Present:</u>	Peter Emery	Omri Nevat	Jakob Uecker
	Adam Day	Daniel Vega	Jasna Beyrouth
	Nina Bury	Adam Mankin	Jamil Bashir
	Rachel Young	Lisa Curry	Sophie Robins
	Heather Lambie	Barry Fitzgerald	
	Christine Dove	Paul Watham	

Apologies: Terry Kinsella

1.1	<b>Report From outgoing committee</b>	
1.2	<b>Thanks</b>	
1.3	<b>Chair Report</b> Very positive year with highlights including active work from L1 coaches and great development polo. Plus very successful open day.	
1.4	<b>Funding</b> Successful applications for several courses including Go-Canoeing open day. Open day ran jointly with NLSA proved to have one of the biggest turnouts for the whole region. Sportivate course in Canoe Polo and Intro to Kayaking. Significant development in Polo funding – see Polo (5)	
1.5	<b>Training</b> Intro to white water in April-May ran by GLL staff. Intro to Canoe polo ran by Charlie. Intro to kayaking was also ran in the autumn. Finally John Rollinson ran rolling classes during late autumn.	
1.5.1	Intro to white water running again this year. Plus more polo and rolling sessions planned.	
2.1	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Major costs for the year:	
2.1.1	- West Reservoir £5200	
2.1.2	- Net Pool Costs £800	
2.1.3	- Canoe England affiliation £350	
2.2	The club has under spent relative to previous years. This is due to website being undertaken by committee members, less equipment bought this year and coaching being paid for directly by participants.	Paul Watham suggests that GLL fees only to be risen by the rate of inflation. Only 2 in favour - Not carried.
2.3	Significant grant of >£8,000 for club to purchase equipment. The grant should facilitate the development of a B team. That is to ensure that new and experienced paddlers enjoy polo.	
2.4	2014/15 Members fees. West Reservoir will charge £65 per member. Option of additional fees due to club are:	
2.4.1	1 - £5 Paying for Canoe England affiliation AGM and minor costs.	

2.4.2	2 - £10 Above plus pool sessions (based on charging £5 per pool session.	Adam Mankin proposes that we vote on the £15 element – All in favour.
2.4.3	3 - £15 Above plus some coached sessions at West Reservoir and some kit investment to facilitate trips etc.	
2.4.4	I would recommend option 3. We have a strong club and chance to build with the polo grant and enthusiasm on trips.	
2.5	It's proposed that the committee puts in a motion to discuss further raising of fees for next financial year.	
3	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	
3.1	Member stats 2011-12 end Sep 2011 148 members - March 2012- 158 members – RENEWALS 50 2012-13 end Sept 2012 131 members - March 2013 - 145 members - RENEWALS 39 2013-14 end Sept 2013 107 members - March 2014 - 133 members - RENEWALS 58	
3.2	Last years increased fees have not led to less renewals, we have retained more people than ever. I think that is down to the hard work of the committee and the way we have managed to build up a good relationship with GLL.	
4	<b>Safety and Duty Officer</b>	
4.1	Thanks to everyone that has done duty this year. Rota will run June-June instead of April to get around low membership numbers in April.	
4.2	Issue with some infrequent members not doing duty, but partly solved by having two people listed for duty. Pragmatic solution seen preferable to enforcing duty on all members.	
5	<b>Polo</b>	
5.1	A new and enlarged pitch. We secured a £8K grant. AAA Team in top half of Division 4. Two teams entered into Paddington. High attendance over the winter. We ran a successful tournament. Lots of new players coming in. Summer tournaments planned in London, Cardiff, Hull and more. Working with GLL to store new boats and equipment. Going from strength to strength attracting new and experienced players.	
6	<b>Trips and Events</b>	
6.1	Trips ran to Symonds Yat (organised by Barbara), Teifi Tour and the Dart which was also registered as a 3-Star Course.	
6.2	We plan to run Symonds Yat again this year and dates TBC for Olympic Park. More ideas to follow and suggestions welcome!	
7	<b>Nepal Trip</b>	

7.1	Presentation on planned Laburnum's Nepal Trip. AGM agree to donate a figure towards the trip.	
8	<b>GLL Report</b>	
8.1	Apologies for non attendance at your AGM today, due to prograded courses and Mothers Day commitments it has not been possible to send GLL representation.	
8.2	<b>CCC</b> Although membership numbers remain similar to 2012, attendance is down 14%. However the 'free first session' has been extremely popular, which as these people are included in your usage, it would therefore suggest that the 14% is an underestimate.	
8.3	Moving forward it may be worth undertaking a study of usage to establish trends and to see if the 'free first session' converts into uptake of membership. The last couple of weekends 30% of attendees were taking advantage of the 'free first session'. Although this percentage is positive for the sport, it does not come across positive for the CCC usage figures. The wear and tear of the equipment from non-paying participants is currently being funded by GLL and this may have to be addressed.	
	<b>New Courses</b> We have introduced some new courses into the paddlesports programme this year.	
	BCU Lifeguard SESA which is a minimum requirement for paddlers to assist on open water swimming events and triathlons BCU Lifeguard L1&2 Aquatic First Aid aimed at dealing with first aid emergency situations in an outdoor environment.	
8.4	WRC Open Canoe Introduction aimed at paddlers wishing to learn and improve skills in this craft WRC Open Canoe Sailing Courses aimed at paddlers wishing to learn and improve skills around wind awareness and sailing techniques	
	<b>Employment</b> WRC are looking for any paddlers that hold the SESA award to assist with the open water swimming and events that take place at the centre.	
8.5	If you are interested in working on these events please contact Mark Owens Centre Manager who is dealing with this area of the business mark.owens@gll.org	
8.6	<b>Dyofix</b> The dye has been a remarkable success and we are continuing to add this to the reservoir. This is currently costing WRC £6.5k per annum a rise of £500 in the previous year. This is mainly due to the amount of dye needed and a rise in the product cost.	
	<b>Ending</b> I would like to thank the committee and wish the CCC a productive 2014. I look forward to working with the new committee.	
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10	<p><b>Thanks</b>  Thanks to all committee members. In particular Barbara and her garden. Barry and his work for polo. Charlie for the time he's put into polo and web development this year. Terry and his staff.</p>	