

# DEVA CANOE CLUB.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Wednesday 31<sup>ST</sup>. MAY 2000.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Club has completed a very successful first year and achieved its initial objective. The Club was set up to provide a focal and contact point for like-minded recreational paddlers. The numbers that initially joined showed that there was a demand for a new club. By the end of the year the Membership had risen to 36. 11 new paddlers have already joined for next year and we are getting unknown paddlers saying 'you are providing just what I want from a club, please can I become a member'.

#### RIVERSIDE CENTRE – LAST YEAR.

It took a fair amount of negotiation in order to get use of the Centre last year. We were not able to start sessions until 17<sup>th</sup>. June.

We were able to hold 13 sessions, with 71 people paddling which raised £106.50 for the Riverside Centre.

#### RIVERSIDE CENTRE – THIS YEAR.

This year our application for use of the centre was welcomed and immediately approved. We were able to start the sessions on April 13<sup>th</sup>. and so far have had 7 sessions with 78 paddlers. We hope to be able to continue until September, which gives a possible 25 sessions.

#### TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES.

There were a fair number of that took place during the last year. Many of these trips only involved a few people but they were still operating as, or representing Deva C.C.  
e.g. Skerries sea trip with Peninsular paddlers.

Hilbre sea trip with N.W. Sea Kayak Group

Dorset Coast Sea weekend with the Southern Region.

There have been a wide variety of trips:

Kayak river tours.

Open boat river tours.

Sea Kayak camping week-ends.

Open boat camping week-ends.

Sea trips.

Weekly sessions at Llangollen on Tuesdays.

Thursday evening sessions on the weir.

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Welcome to everyone and thanks for attending the meeting.

Apologies have been received from Neville Holmes.

It was agreed in the Constitution that all The Club Officials and the Committee Members would resign at the end of each year and that all the posts would be open for election. Current post holders would be able to stand for re-election.

The only nominations received by the Secretary are:

Chairman                      Peter Cook.

Treasurer.                      Peter Cook.

Secretary.                      Lyn Kini.

I propose a single vote to re-elect these officials.

The nominations received for the Committee are:

Sue Pepin.

Ian McMullen.

Simon Carver.

I propose a single vote to elect these Committee Members.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

June 1999 to May 2000.

INCOME.

EXPENDITURE.

Membership Fees.		BCU Affiliation	
		68.00	
29 Adult Members @ £10	290.00	Riverside Centre Fee.	106.50
7 Family Members @ £5	35.00	<u>Club Administration.</u>	
Riverside Centre Payments.	106.50	Stationery.	
Bank Interest.	0.59	Photocopying.	
		Duplicating.	
		Phone calls.	
		Postage.	
		Total.	74.67
Total Income.	432.09	Total Expenditure.	249.17

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Total Expenditure. 249.17  
Balance. 182.92

Administration costs have been kept to a minimum, thanks to Lyn saving postage by hand delivering the majority of Newsletters and not charging for a lot of her costs.

### NEWSLETTERS.

There have been 6 very useful and informative Newsletters produced and circulated by Lyn.

I would like to express on behalf of the Club our thanks for the sterling work she has done.

### CLUB DINNER.

A very successful dinner was held at The Royal Oak, Mickle Trafford at the end of January. Many Thanks to Sue Pepin for organising it.

Lyn organised a Dinner to help Brian Sanderson celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup>. Birthday.

### FEES FOR NEXT YEAR.

As things are running we are probably going to have a small surplus each year.

There are a number of alternatives:

Keep fees the same and use surplus, where required, for benefit of Club Members.

e.g. Purchase cheap 2<sup>nd</sup>. hand boats to hire out to new members

Purchase specialist boats to hire out. e.g. Sea boat or open boat.

Subsidise the Annual Dinner.

Or

Reduce fees and just try to cover costs of affiliation and administration.

This could become tight if membership numbers drop and affiliation costs rises.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CLUB.

What do members want ?

- a) Continuation as the first year.
- b) Particular activities or trips.
- c) Courses.
- d) Updates.

Northern Coaching Development Officer - Nigel Timmins.  
English Canoe Association.

Club needs analysis form.

## A.O.B.

### RIVERSIDE SESSIONS.

It is essential that we have support throughout the summer with members attending

May I remind members that it is their responsibility to sign in and pay their £1.50 fee, not for the person in charge to have to come round to collect it.  
Please bring £1.50 not £10 notes !!

It would be helpful if as many Level 3 Coaches could volunteer to be in charge for one or two sessions so that the load is not always carried by the same few people.

There are a number of paddlers attending the sessions who require and want coaching. This is an ideal opportunity for Level 2 Coaches to get in some coaching hours, with help/advice/supervision by Level 3 Coaches.

Any requests for specific session ?

We could have a couple of sessions at Llangollen. Specific dates would need to be put in the next newsletter so that everyone knew and the Centre could be informed

### TRIPS.

Will anyone planning a trip with Club members, please inform Lyn so that a record can be kept of all activities. Other interested members can also be informed via word of mouth or the next Newsletter.

### DEVA CANOE CLUB – JUNIOR SECTION ?

Neville has requested the Club consider the formation of a Junior Section to the Club to cater for the young paddlers that Jonathan has been working with and tried to align to the Chester Canoe and Sailing Club.

This has not been very successful and they are looking for another club to provide activities for these paddlers. There would be some support from parents.

A Junior section does not fit in with the original objective when the Club was created. This was aimed at adult (18+) recreational paddlers with any younger family members be accepted when under the supervision of the parents, or a loco parentis.

It was felt that junior paddlers were fully catered for by:

The Chester Boys' Club.

Mold Canoe Club.

Chester Canoe and Sailing Club.

## TRIPS 1999 – 2000.

- April. Windermere. Sea Boats Camping.
- May. Dorset Coast. Sea trips with Southern Region. Camping.
- June. Sea Trips. Gallows Pt – Puffin Isl. With Peninsular Paddlers.
- July. Sea Trip. Skerries. With Peninsular Paddlers.
- July. River Severn Trip. Open Boats. Camping.
- July. Menai Straits. Open & Sea boats.
- August. Sea Trip. Newborough Warren. With Peninsular Paddlers.
- August. Sea Trip. Cable Bay to Rhoscelyn.
- October. River Vyrnwy Trip.
- November. Dee Tour. Open Boats.
- November. Dee Tour. Kayaks.
- December. Dee Tour. Kayaks.
- December. River Greta Trip. Lake District.
- January. Afon Llugwy. Trip.
- January. Dee Tour. Kayaks.
- January. Dee Tour. Open Boats.
- January. River Conway Trip. Sea Boats.
- February. Sea Trip. Hilbre Island.
- February. River Wye Trip. Kayaks.
- March. River Wye Trip. Kayaks.
- April. Ullswater. Open Boats. Camping.
- April. River Nene Trip.

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