

# DEVA CANOE CLUB.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2002.

### CLUB REPORT.

#### Summary of years 2001 / 02

##### 1. Membership.

We had a total of 66 members, of which 13 were family members. 11 members did not rejoin from the previous year but we gained 22 new members.

Some members who were not active last year are re-joining this year and we already have a number of new members who have been guests for the last couple of months and are joining for this year.

We still have over 30 members who are in the coaching scheme and we are able to coach and assess in CCK, Sea and Open as well as run Canoe Safety Courses and Aquatic First Aid Courses.

##### 2. Club Sessions.

We ran the Thursday evening sessions from April through until September at Chester and at Llangollen. We covered 18 sessions and had over 160 paddlers turning up.

##### 3. Lottery Bid.

The Club was successful in its bid for a Lottery Grant and last July we were granted £ 2285.

This was for:

The purchase of 2 sea kayaks, together with the associated equipment of paddles, helmets, spraydecks and buoyancy aids.

Some of the money was also to be directed at supporting coaches improving their qualifications for the benefit of the Club and also for general courses for Club members.

We have purchased two P&H Capella sea kayaks through the Lottery Grant and the Club also purchased a third one.

So far these kayaks have been used by over 100 paddlers, both male and female, and we hope that they will continue to get well used both at sea and just for use on flat water river trips.

## 2.

So far they have also been used for a Scout Leader training course and also youth club activities.

We have financially supported some members with 5 Star Training, Level 3 Sea Coach Training and A1 star Assessor Assessment.

We have run an Aquatic First Aid Course in April.

This Sunday we are running a Palm River Safety Course at the Tryweryn.

We are also proposing to run a white water playboating Course.

We still have a little money left to support coaches improving their qualifications or newly entering the coaching scheme. Also, if there are sufficient numbers, we could run another River Safety Course.

## 4. Club Activities.

There has been a full program of trips and tours throughout the year with a very successful residential weekend trip to the River Dart. This was in spite of the weather affecting the paddling.

The pre-season Club meal was held at the Toby Carvery at Mickle Trafford in March. Many thanks to Richard for organising the event.

## 5. Communications.

The Club is indebted to Lyn for all the hard work that she does in producing the monthly Newsletter. No soon is one sent out than she is having to start on preparing the next one. The Newsletter tries to keep members informed about activities that are taking place, with a regular calendar of trip dates. We have to assume that the distribution system is working efficiently, with the majority of members receiving their Newsletter via E-Mail. This is quicker and cuts down the costs.

## 6. Finances.

Financially the Club is quite sound. We had an income from Members of £ 595. Affiliation to the BCU costs us about £ 100 per year, depending upon how many extra non-BCU members that we have to pay for.

The administration costs of running the Club cost about £ 100 + and this is kept reasonably low because the majority of communications are done via E-Mail. But be aware that the Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer take no expenses for phone calls, E-Mailing etc. !

Out of Club Funds this year we purchased a third sea kayak together with a spraydeck.

The balance at the end of the year is £ 470.

YEAR 2002 – 2003.

1. Club Sessions.

We have already started the Thursday evening sessions from April, both at Chester and Llangollen.

We are still having to base our Chester activities at Sandy Lane car par, which may be putting some people off. The numbers have been quite low so far, although a few have been regularly going to Llangollen.

Alan and Peter are going to run a 'Try it Session' at Sandy Lane on Saturday morning, 15<sup>th</sup>. June for potential new members from Northgate Arena.

We hope to run an Introduction to Sea Kayaking Course on Saturday mornings sometime in July / August. Starting on flat river water and progressing onto the wavy briney.

2. Finances.

We have a balance of £ 470 this year and will probably take in £500 - £ 600 in membership fees, giving a total of about £ 1000.

We need to consider if / how we spend some of this money.

- Purchasing equipment – storage problem for boats.
- Laying on and financially supporting courses.
- Subsidising Club residential trips.
- Any other suggestions ?

3. Northgate Arena.

The pool at the Northgate Arena has become available on a Thursday evening as this is no longer used by Clwyd Canoe Club.

The committee felt that this Club could not make full use of the session and could not commit to cover the regular weekly cost.

4. Future Activities.

We need feedback from Club members to let us know what they want in terms of trips, activities and courses.

Lyn has provided a calendar of events and trips in the June Newsletter, which includes the Thursday sessions ( some at Llangollen and some at Chester ). River Trips, Sea Trips and Dee Tours.

We are proposing to run a Club Trip to do the Tyne Tour 1 – 3 November and Dan Prior is looking into finding accommodation.

Alan is also looking into running another weekend trip to the Dart around February next year. Let the organisers know if you are interested.