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CHAIRMAN & TREASURER'S REPORT.

Membership.

The Club continues to remain strong with membership numbers remaining fairly static. The total paying membership for the year was 68, though we did have some extra guests. Although we lost 16 members not rejoining from the previous year, we gained 18 new members. This year we will probably lose about 10 but have already acquired 12 new members, so the future continues to look promising.

We are starting to get a reputation as a club with a very strong coaching base and development program, as well as having a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

We have been able to introduce a number of new members through our links with the Northgate Arena and I see this developing as a natural progression in the future.

The Club has been trying to help financially support coaches in their development and improving their qualifications, where they will be of benefit to the Club. Any coaches or potential coaches wish to apply for support should apply to the committee.

The Club has also been subsidizing courses which are of benefit to all members. We have provided First Aid courses and River Safety courses at less than half the normal fee. We have also offered to support a playboating course but this is dependent on four members getting together and sorting out a convenient date. So far no one has taken up the offer.

On behalf of the Club, I should like to propose a vote of thanks to Lyn for the sterling job she does in regularly producing the Newsletter. This keeps everybody informed as to what has gone on and what is planned. It seems to be that no sooner has she finished and sent out one Newsletter, that she is having to start planning the next one. A newsletter is sent out every month (except May) so get in touch if you are not receiving them by either snail-mail or E-Mail.

Finances.

The Club continues to be financially sound. As long as the membership numbers remain reasonably high then there is sufficient income for the Club to operate as well as purchase equipment and support courses. Therefore I propose that we continue to keep the membership fee at £10 with £5 for family members.

We brought forward £470 from last year. The 57 adult members and 11 family members brought in £625 in membership fees. We had an overall income of £1600 to work with.

We sold off the two old Master kayaks and purchase two better W.W. kayaks so that we still have three reasonable boats to loan out to new members. This enables them to start paddling without having the initial expense of buying all the gear. They can also

see and get advice on what is suitable for them and what is available, trying out members boats. This is working very well at the moment and helping a number of new members.

We are also purchasing some safety two-way radios for use on sea trips and river trips. All the Club equipment is held by the Club's general 'dogsbody' (me) so get in touch if you wish to borrow any equipment. We have also been offered the chance to buy a trailer suitable for carrying open boats, as long as we can arrange somewhere to store it.

As most of the Club members are also B.C.U. members this helps to reduce our Affiliation Fee. The overall expenditure was Just over £1000, which leaves us with a balance of £523. With membership fees, this will go up to about £1000 for the next year.

If anyone has any suggestions as to what we should buy, courses we should run etc. then get in touch with any member of the committee.