

LEIGHTON BUZZARD CANOE CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1099468

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-09-16

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY PROVIDING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR CANOEING IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

Activities: Canoe & Kayak club

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LEIGHTON LINSLADE
- Bedford
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£32,391	£26,321	-	-
2023-09-30	-	-	-	-
2022-09-30	£29,641	£26,121	-	-
2021-09-30	£17,797	£11,212	-	-
2020-09-30	£22,956	£20,727	-	-
2019-09-30	£39,673	£31,005	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrea Toosey		2026-01-05
Carly Alexandra Hudson		2025-12-08
JOHN LESLIE HOILE		
JULIAN RUSSELL BROWN		
MR PHIL TINGAY		

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Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 23rd November 2024 in the Club House.

There are 31 members present at this meeting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from last year have been agreed as a true representation of the last meeting.

2. Chairpersons Report

Good morning, everyone. Thanks for turning up. A brief recap on the year;

We managed to retain our quality club award from Paddle UK, it involves a thorough self-assessment and the scrutiny of all aspects of the club, including equality, diversity, and inclusion, governance and safeguarding. The club sessions, in the summer months we continued in the evenings with the Tuesday three different time trials, Slapton, K1 6K and the K2 6K, and then the skills session which you're doing on the fourth Tuesday. We gave people the choice if they wanted to go for a paddle, which has been popular amongst the more mature members and other people too, although we can't let the novice kids go off on their own. We thought the approach still allow people to achieve their training goals. The sessions were triggered by the lack of coaches that we've done all club sessions, but they seem to work quite well, and people get to know each other better when we're all in one big group, so that seemed to work quite well, fortunately, as there's not much of a choice. The winter former and we changed slightly for the Tuesday, so that we offer a gym session at 6 o'clock for novices and juniors, and we incorporated a fun aspect to it, with little games and things, which Charlotte and Kelly led, which was quite good and they enjoy it more when they are little, they don't just do hard workouts. Then we did the run session at the same time for adults. At 7 PM we do the senior gym, and we managed on quite a number of Tuesdays, to get the juniors out running at 7pm while the adults were doing their gym, which is quite good. So we'll see, this is dependent on lots of help, Michael, thank you, and people who have mucked in not necessarily coaching staff for the club, which is really good. Kelly did a great job with her kids as well. On the Thursday day we do the novice junior gym session first, followed by the adult and then a group we're doing ergo out on the apron there, which is nice to see that we're self-organized by them, but it's good to see it. We ran the pool sessions again at Tiddenfoot. The last couple of years we ran four sessions. but they really ramped the price up um this this year, so we just did two sessions, and they weren't as popular. I think this is not something that we might want to do every winter. I think leave it a couple of years and then do it again, obviously, if people feel different, let us know, but we didn't we didn't get them filling up last time, which is the time before, where they were over both the whole four sessions.

The come and try sessions, we had four days, which was seven come and try sessions, over the Saturdays we had 58 participants and then the number of beginners courses we manage to fill depends entirely on the amount of people we get to the come and try sessions because that's the feeder from that. We've got four beginners courses with 28 participants. resulting in five new members, which is quite a bit down on the previous years aren't we aren't quite sure why, because we followed the same format, it's a bit of a mystery. It might just be one of those things, you know. So for the come and try its there's a lot of people not turning up, and the weather on couple of them was poor, maybe that was it. But we've got some new members and realistically, I think last year we got 23 new members, but we can't sustain that because we haven't got enough boat space for beginners boats or coaching staff.

So moving on to that, last summer we trained up a further six Paddlesport instructors, so for the last three summers we've managed to get a course of Paddlesport instructors, which are all people that are qualified to lead and to help, which is really good.

We've recently provided 12 members with first a training and then we booked a core coaches course for the springtime where we have definitely got four, but hopefully six people on that, which we desperately need. For the core coaches course, the cost of that's covered, we were prepared to pay as a club, but we've managed to successfully apply for a paddle UK bursary, which basically covers the £500, it basically covers the cost of that.

The racing then, we fielded healthy teams for the regional races as well as some out of region races with strong results. There will be a full breakdown of these at the rewards evening on the 6th of December, at the Christmas party. I hope to see you there.



We have got some promising young athletes coming through, um towards the top of the club now, which is brilliant to see.

The support staff, thanks guys. The kitchen we have managed to cater nicely for all the races but it's such a struggle for the same people all the time doing it and they eventually get sick of doing it, it's a bit of a thankless task and they come and stand there every Saturday. We have tried to encourage people to help them to just do a shift even if you have to do a couple of Saturdays a year, but we put a calendar up inside there and Katy is the only one that's so far has helped with that, so it's a problem.

This is an ongoing saga with the lease. This club building opened in 2014 it is supposed to be a five year review on the lease, it didn't happen in 2019 but the facilities manager from the school contacted me in the middle of this week and said that she's just about finished a draft version of it to present us with and we should get it in the next week. They're not going to try and take any back payments. It's going to go up massively because we're paying it electricity and services from 2004. it's obviously 10 years up the road, so it's going to go up, I don't think it's going to go down.

Just want to put it on record to thank the support staff and everyone that helps, it is really much appreciated.

We have purchased a new K2 and a second hand good condition K2 this year.

The membership system seems to be working very nicely as does the new system for collecting race fees.

Kari asked me to mention the encampment of tents down by the Black bridge there, it's increasing, it's a bit of a health hazard too, because where they are going to the toilet, in the canal. So, we are all encouraged to ring up the line, Kari circulated the number on a Facebook post a while ago, if people could report them, the more of us report the sooner they will be dealt with. So, we ask if everybody could just spend five minutes, just send a quick email of the Facebook post, we will see if we can get it pinned and just encourage everybody just to keep throwing emails and repeated emails to that address, just to highlight the issue that we've got.

I put out an email last week about that Aqua paddle proposal, which is like park run, so it encourages anybody that has a boat to do a 5K free paddle on a Sunday. It's funded by Paddle UK, and they are very prescriptive of what is required, they need a leader they call a captain to be in overall charge of it, a timekeeper, three trained Paddlesport instructors and three marshals. I think given the trouble we have getting enough people to help with the races that we already hold, I think it would be difficult to sustain that but I sent out a message to everybody and only two people out of 210 replied to me, so I haven't got a clear steer on it. But if we don't do it, they're going to do it up at the pub anyway, so it will happen, but if we want to be in on it and we want to take part and we want to be part of that group, we need to put ourselves forward and actually sign up and do it. Because the choices when I spoke to the guy, the choices were either here or he was going to do it off his own back up at the pub. The two people that replied basically said, no, it wasn't viable, one was Steve Oxby, he put forward a list of stuff. And the other was Paul Stenning. The other thing is that I've been looking at the Aquia paddle past events, and they're nearly all SUPs, I've got nothing against them, but one of the outcomes from doing this would be to encourage new members, and if they nearly all going to be SUPs, we're going to have trouble looking after them because we need a different SUP section with different coaches, because SUPs and kayaks are completely different speed. It just wouldn't work together in the same session, so there is a lot to think about. Well let's all I've got, Thank you.

3. Treasurers Report

It's been steady year. Nigel just talked about the come and tries and the beginners courses. Membership has remained pretty stable, you know, despite having a good uptake on the come and try and the beginners' courses.

As well as paying for the beginners courses, we also ran a safeguarding course for our welfare officer and the safety and rescue courses and Paddlesport instructors courses, and the fee for the November first aid course is included in these accounts.

We purchased two boats this year and new adult paddles, we will continue to invest in new equipment for the club.

This year we contributed to the repair to the canal entrance from the school field, that cost us £738, and we bought the new fridge freezer there.

The races we host and the catering team have generated a steady income, which has enabled us to subsidize the pool sessions, as the cost went up dramatically this year, the Christmas and award ceremony and the children's party, and we also continued to have a participation grant running. The catering team contributed £2290 to our reserve, so they've done really well. In August we opened a savings account to take advantage of the interest rates available, and that's generating a little monthly income. The participation grant will continue, it's there to help people participate in club activities which they might otherwise not be able to for whatever reason, details can be found on the website, and if you if you do want to make an application, then you email Nigel or myself, our details are on the board there.



Nigel's talked about the cedars school and the rent and service charge. The race fee invoicing system will continue as will WebCollect the new membership system we implemented this year. There is a small cost with that, £160, but I think it has been well worth running.

Finally, I would like to thank Cheryl Dixon, for running the race invoicing system again this year and Wendy Guy for examining these accounts.

It was asked what proportion of our costs do we pay to the school; this is approximately £6000 a year. We pay £533 a month, £275 of that is the service charge. I am interested to see how that's made up. I'm going to be interested to see what changes they are going to make, because I don't know if we're getting that value for money. It's not just us that's not happy because there's a guy from the football, his name's Gary, and he's got the same problems with them and so they're going to have to up their game if they want more money, even if we need to employ a lawyer. The rent is cheap but it would be interesting to see what they're going to do about a service charge. The showers are not working or cold and the toilets are blocked. Brian came last Sunday, and the showers weren't working, and all footballers were out there and obviously they got the same as well. Everything that eventually gets done, takes ages, if we want new light bulbs, it takes more than a year, you know, like the shower we used to get when we walked into the gate when it was raining. We've got a fix now, but it took three years to get there, and it's just hopeless. There is no maintenance happening. I don't know if we can use that to go back and challenge them in terms of whatever it is they do propose.

We've got a plan of the school layout so we can work out what our area should cost. It will go up, rent has gone up massively in the last 10 years, and electricity, it's gone up massively too.

The kitchen had no hot water until the Remembrance race when the site maintenance guy refilled the tank and then hot water was available in the building. This tank does not seem to automatically refill, which is an issue.

4. Subscriptions

There are no proposed changes to subscription charges for this year. However, there is an important update regarding boat racks. From membership renewal in April, boat racks will only be available to paddling members as the club needs to prioritise rack allocation for those who regularly paddle. While this adjustment affects only a few individuals, it is the only change being introduced at this time.

First Paddling Member	£150
Family Paddling Member 2	£120
Family Paddling Member 3	£96
Family Paddling Member 4	£78
Non-Paddling Member	£15
All Boat Racks / Maintenance	£35
Student/Away Paddler	£78

87 Paddling members.

24 Non-paddling members.

5. Trustees

The committee discussed adding additional trustees to our charity. Currently, the trustees are Phil Tingay, John Hoile, and Julian Brown. Julian suggested including more regular club members as trustees, so we propose Carly Hudson, Paul Stenning, Chris Jones, and Nigel Dixon for these roles. This is to inform you of our intention, the trustees will review this further.



6. Committee Changes and Elections

Below is a list of the new committee members.

No positions were contested and there have been no objections to the nominees.

Committee Officers

Chairperson	Nigel Dixon
Secretary	Philip Tingay
Treasurer	Andrea Toosey
Club Welfare Officer	Fiona Barber
Support Team Representative	Katy Catchpole
Social & Marketing Rep.	Charlotte Ellis
Paddler Representative	Carly Hudson
Junior Representative	Leon Dixon
Coaching Representative	Chris Jones

Non-Committee Officers

Support Welfare Officer	{vacant}
Membership Secretary	Carly Hudson
Talent Club Officer	Team
Safety Officer	Steve Oxtoby
Volunteer Coordinator	{vacant}
Marathon Racing Team Leader	Charlotte Ellis
Sprint Racing Team Leader	Catherine Sanderson
Lightning Team Coordinator	{vacant}
Race Fee Billing	Andrea Toosey
Race Reporter	{vacant}
Race Organiser	The race organiser group will continue
Novice Course Administrator	Katy Catchpole
Flatwater Racing Association Rep	Michelle Hammett
Catering Coordinator	Michelle Hammett
Catering Helpers	
Club Shop	Kelly Bates
Boats & Equipment Coordinator	Steve Oxtoby
Timekeeper	{vacant}
Webmaster	Leon Dixon
Coaching Coordinator	{vacant}

7. Any Other Business

None

The minutes are a true representation of the meeting.

Signed 

Name NIGEL DIXON

Position CHAIRMAN

Date 30 NOVEMBER 2025

Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Income and Expenditure account year ended 30th September 2024

	2024	2023
Reserves bfwd 01/10/2023:		
HSBC membership account	0.00	53650
Natwest membership account	71599.82	16994
Natwest race account	3369.50	1618
	<u>74969.32</u>	<u>72262</u>
Income:		
Membership	19999.07	17174
Race fee income	5457.75	5541
Come and try & training sessions	1418.25	2233
Social events, tuck shop and club kit sales	5214.87	5419
Interest received	171.06	0
Donations received	10.00	396
Key deposits	120.00	80
	<u>32391.00</u>	<u>30843</u>
Expenditure:		
Boats and equipment	4460.00	5575
Rent	6404.76	6405
Insurance	1271.68	1256
BC affiliation	504.60	498
Race fees	4612.12	4439
Courses and training	2870.92	3540
Participation grant	250.00	1205
Boat/H&S maintenance	395.15	1000
Club house & grounds maintenance	1117.71	978
Key fob refunds	0.00	460
Trophies and medals	862.59	488
Social events	1004.61	295
Web hosting	63.04	320
Donations	250.00	550
Tuck shop purchases	2029.17	873
Club kit	0.00	123
Bank charges and commissions	35.83	73
Subscriptions	170.00	0
Printing and postage	0.00	38
Sundry	19.00	20
	<u>-26321.18</u>	<u>28136</u>
Net income for period	6069.82	2707
Reserves to carry forward 30/09/2024:	<u>81039.14</u>	<u>74969</u>
Represented by:		
Natwest membership account	26100.61	71600
Natwest savings account	50171.06	0
Natwest race account	4767.47	3369
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9th November 2024

Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Accounts for the years ended 30th September 2024

Hi Andrea,

I have reviewed the accounts that you drafted for the year ended 30th September 2024 and I am in agreement with the figures presented to me.

Kind regards



Wendy Guy

Accounts Manager

LEIGHTON BUZZARD CANOE CLUB

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Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 25th November 2023 in the Club House.

There are 35 members present at this meeting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes from last year have been agreed as a true representation of the last meeting.

2. Chairpersons Report

Thanks for coming along. For the club sessions, we introduced a new format last year, Tuesdays have a 4 week cycle with 3 different time trials then a skills session on the 4th week, it was some initial reluctance, but it has worked out ok and is going well. We have also introduced more all club sessions, which help with development for the paddlers, especially the beginners. We have had large numbers out paddling and in the gym sessions.

The club is doing well, when the clocks changed we went to the winter format, this year we are running 2 sessions on a Tuesday, a run followed by a gym session and 2 on a Thursday, the first for the novice paddlers and the second for more advanced paddlers. There is a weights session on a Monday and an on the water paddle session on a Wednesday.

Last year we bought back the pool sessions, we did 4 sessions, all of which were fully subscribed. We will do these again this year, 2 in January & 2 in February.

With regards to recruitment, the team did a good job this year. We hosted 4 come & try sessions, 7 beginner courses and we recruited 24 new members.

We trained up another 6 paddlesport coaches, this is really helpful for the small coaching team to offer assistance in the paddle sessions.

We have a good turnout for the regional Haslers & Winter series races, we have also attended several out of region races. A lot of the new members have been racing this year which is great to see.

Jack Rayment represented the country this year, which is great to see.

The support staff have carried on doing a great job, from the kitchen, boat maintenance, club shop. The catering is a great boost to the club, we also server the footballers and we catered for the kids triathlon again this year, also catering at the races bring in a good profit for the club.

At the end of October we lost a great friend in Cynthis Tingay, she was one of the pillars of the club who we have relied on for so many years. Kari Martin has stepped in to do the timing of the races & time trials.

We have eventually got the muddy path sorted by the gate.

The school keep threatening to meet with us to renegotiate the lease charges, but they have not done so in the 3 years I have been standing here.

We have a couple of new boats on order. We have been talking about getting some new paddles for the adult paddlers.

We want to talk to the school about options for getting more storage for the club.

With Cheryl's help we have introduced a new race fee collection process this year, it is working really well. It has been a difficult year for several members of the committee on a personal level, I would like to thank the committee for their continued support despite all this going on.

We have the club Christmas party and awards on the 15th December, the juniors are going to Ninja Warriors on the 17th December and the New Years day paddle.

A couple of people have commented this week on what a good club we have.

3. Treasurers Report

You should be able to see a copy of our latest income and expenditure account for the year ended 30th September 2023. Thank you to Wendy Guy for examining them.

It has been a busy year, full of racing, pool and general coaching sessions which both generate and cost funds. We have run a variety of courses, including first aid, safeguarding and paddlesports instructor courses to encourage development.

We have hosted 3 successful races this year which, together with the catering income, have boosted club funds. The beginners courses have generated new members which is fantastic and, as a result, the committee



have been looking at the needs of the club. After a few years of ticking over, the committee have agreed to invest in new equipment, including boats. 2 of these should be arriving early in the new year. As a club we have been mindful of rising costs for our members and this year we introduced the Participation Grant. The aim of this is to enable participation in club activities which may otherwise not have been possible for some of our members. This will be continuing, and we will be promoting the grant at renewal time and in membership packs for new members.

4. Subscriptions

Obviously, in the background we have basic running costs. The school are our landlords, and we pay a rental and service charge to them. These amounts have not been reviewed for several years but we have been reliably informed a review is taking place. As yet we are not aware of the exact increase but bearing this in mind, the committee have reviewed membership rates and are proposing a small increase from April 2024.

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5. WebCollect Membership System

We have had a look at several of the online membership systems but they do not support our tiered membership structure. We did look at the option of flattening the membership tiers but WebCollect will support tiered membership, so we have decided to leave this as is. There is a lot of background configuration needed to get the system suitable for our membership, but we are working on this. Part of this we have changed the membership prices to be divisible by 12, so members wishing to pay monthly will pay over 12 months rather than the current 10.

There will be no paper form, the completing the online form will be acceptance of the terms and code of conduct. For juniors we will need an adult to have the primary account in WebCollect, this does not need to be membership of the club, but is for the contact.

We will be in touch in the next couple of months to verify that we have the correct email for everyone. For junior only members we will be creating a primary contact within WebCollect to sign on behalf of the junior. We will see how it goes, we will try and get the renewals sent out early, there may be some teething issues, so please bear with us.

Access to your WebCollect can be done by requesting a pin to your email each time you want to log in, or our you create a password to use for the login.

British Canoeing have been encouraging us to create Club Associate membership for all of our members who do not have their own BC membership. Club Associate membership gives a waterways licence and allows a member to paddle in club sessions and organised races up to Div 7. We have already created these accounts for our newer paddling members, but we will roll this out further in time.

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7. **Any Other Business**

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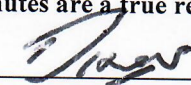
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NIGEL DIXON

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Wendy Guy

LEIGHTON BUZZARD CANOE CLUB

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Dixon (Nigel Dixon)

I can confirm this is accurate representation of the meeting.



Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 26th November 2022 in the Club House.

There are 37 members present at this meeting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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2. Chairpersons Report

Thank you for coming.

Start with the training sessions we have been offering this year, as you probably know we are a bit low on coaching staff as we have lost 6 coaches in the past year.

We have had to do the best with what we have got, despite this we have managed to increase the number of sessions on offer. We are offering 3 weights sessions, 2 aerobic sessions, a club run & morning swim, plus there is still Saturday & Sunday paddles.

Starting on 7th Jan we have 4 pool sessions booked at Tiddenfoot to take boats in the pool, we did this a few years ago, it was successful & enjoyable. A sign up list will be going out soon, make so if it is popular everyone will get a go.

In the summer the original Tuesday club K1 6K time trial has been mixed up a bit, now with a 4 week cycle of K1 6K, Slapton & back, K2 6K and an all club session. Some were for the change and some against, but overall the feedback has been positive. It went well and Attendance did not drop off, which is positive.

A lot of the work with the new training plans have come from the coaching team headed by Chris.

Recruitment, we had 135 attend the come & try sessions, which resulted in 52 people signed up for beginners courses, from that we gained 34 new members. Some members have left this year, but overall we have increased our membership this year. It is nice to see a mixture of new members have joined us. Thank you to the team that helped with recruitment & Carly for coordinating.

Quite a lot of new members have ventured out and joined in the races this year, not only our local races but races further afield as well.

We were 1st at the Chelmsford Hasler, which was good, but dropped to 3rd at Cambridge, we must keep this momentum going.

We were 8th at the Hasler finals, which is a great achievement as we are not a big club.

We were 20th at the National Marathon Championships

The catering team is a very important part of the club, it forms the social hub of the club and an important income generator. Nigel has asked Sue to continue in the tuck shop, she has agreed if there can be more people regularly manning the tuck shop to reduce the burden on one person.

At our Winter series race last January they raised over £200 in profit, at our Hasler in June and then they did the catering for the LB Tri Club kids triathlon event, these two events raised over £1000 in profit for the club, at the Remembrance Day marathon a couple of weeks ago they raised over £300. You can see how important it is for revenue, these are the things that make other clubs come to our races as we provide great catering and a lovely ambience.

For the club we also have the club shop which Bev coordinates.

Michelle has stood for volunteer coordinator this coming year, we are going to start up a cleaning rota, if everyone takes a turn to sweep & mop we will only have to do it a couple of times a year.

We have spent quite a lot of money on new boats this year. We have bought 3 mini Vipers for the kids, 3 Hobbies, one of which was notated by David Shipway's family, who sadly passed away last year. We have also bought a Zeta K2 & a Nelo K2.

I would like to thank Steve for looking after the boats.

The school and facilities, when I stood for chair I promised to make it top of my agenda, I have to say I haven't done as well as I wished with that. The changing rooms still aren't to the standard that we should be seeing. With the lease, John & I have been to meetings and we have asked them to put a proposal forward and they just haven't. However, what we are paying for these facilities is what was set in 2014 and prices have gone up tremendously since then. They can't back date it, so whilst it does need to be done, every day it doesn't happen is good for us.



We have got online banking, well done Lydia. We have a card reader for the tuck shop, which is taking a lot of money.

We are investigating updating the membership process, perhaps moving to an online system. Whilst Cynthia does an excellent job, there are ways to make it simpler by employing modern methods. Sam has been doing some investigation which we will look at over the next few months.

We have gone all modern with our race entries & training plans, you can scan the QR code and go directly to the required information.

There is lovely new poster outside thanks to Paul.

3. Treasurers Report

Income:

We have had lots of new members this year which has increasing our membership Income.

Catering at our races has been very successful this year, we also provided catering for the Leighton Buzzard Triathlon Club event at Cedars, which was well received and made good money. Thank you Sue & team for your hard work.

Our races have been well attended this year which has made money.

Then comes the expenditure:

We have spent lots of money on new boats, which was budgeted. We hadn't purchased new boats for a few years so it was due.

We Received Grants from British Canoeing as well as the local sports council, and a very Generous Donation From Paula Shipway to purchase a kayak in Memory of David Shipway (A Hobby, which before his canoe days is what he would paddle, what I thought was incredibly fast for a man with Flat paddles)

We have trained up Carly, Leon, Kayleigh, Katy, Maggie and Joseph as Paddling Sport instructors. They have completed FRST & Paddle Sport Instructor courses. These members were some of the dedicated Come & Try and Beginners Course volunteers.

We have managed to update the club a little, getting online banking and a card payment machine for the tuck shop.

I am stepping down from the role and Andera is taking over, please wish her all the best with this role.

4. Subscriptions

Membership will stay the same this year at £145 for the first paddling member.

Rack fees will also stay the same, at £35 for the first rack, a second rack is £50, a third rack £75 and a fourth rack is £100, although this is dependent on their being space.

Only full members will be eligible for a rack & they must show valid BC membership.

The maintenance fee of £35 is payable with the first years membership, pro rata depending on the joining date.

First Paddling Member	£145
Family Paddling Member 2	£115
Family Paddling Member 3	£95
Family Paddling Member 4	£75
Non Paddling Member	£15
1 st Boat Rack/Maintenance	£35
2 nd Boat Rack	£50
3 rd Boat Rack	£75
4 th Boat Rack	£100
Day Ticket	£5

114 Paddling members.

31 Non-paddling members.



5. Committee Changes and Elections

Below is a list of the new committee members.

No positions were contested and there have been no objections to the nominees.

Committee Officers

Chairperson	Nigel Dixon
Secretary	Philip Tingay
Treasurer	Andrea Toosey
Club Welfare Officer	Fiona Barber
Support Team Representative	Carly Hudson
Social & Marketing Rep.	Sam Legg & Charlotte Ellis
Paddler Representative	Paul Stenning
Junior Representative	Leon Dixon
Coaching Representative	Chris Jones

Non-Committee Officers

Minutes Secretary	{vacant}
Support Welfare Officer	{vacant}
Membership Secretary	Cynthia Tingay
Talent Club Officer	John & Ann Hoile
Safety Officer	Steve Oxtoby
Covid Officer	Steve Oxtoby
Volunteer Coordinator	Michelle Hammett
Marathon Racing Team Leader	Paul Stenning & Cheryl Dixon
Sprint Racing Team Leader	Catherine Sanderson
Lightning Team Coordinator	Charlotte Ellis
Race Reporter	{vacant}
Race Organiser	The race organiser group will continue
Novice Course Administrator	Carly Hudson
Flatwater Racing Association Rep	Steve Oxtoby
Catering Coordinator	Sue Crocker
Catering Helpers	Bev Power, Kelly Bates, Michelle Hammett & Tamarin Duncan
Club Shop	Bev Power
Boats & Equipment Coordinator	Steve Oxtoby
Timekeeper	Cynthia Tingay
Webmaster	Sam Legg & Leon Dixon
Coaching Coordinator	{vacant}

6. Any Other Business

There will be a junior Christmas party on the 10th & a general party on the 17th.
New Years day paddle at 10am form the club.

Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club

Income and Expenditure account year ended 30th September 2022

2022

Reserves b/wd 30/09/2021:

HSBC Membership account	65123.11
HSBC Race account	3619.17

Income:

Membership	17196.35	
Race fee income	4042.12	
Come and try sessions	720.00	
Key deposits	40.00	
Social events, tuck shop and club kit sales	4562.64	
Grants received	3080.00	
	<i>Donation 1750 * Grants 1330</i>	
	29641.11	

Expenditure:

Rent	7707.22	
Insurance	1107.33	
BC affiliation	489.20	
Race costs	4219.00	
Club kit	529.29	
Equipment	6877.99	
Maintenance	1729.73	
Courses	1745.00	
Printing and postage	81.50	
Trophies and medals	311.79	
Social events	75.75	
Subscriptions	373.13	
Web hosting	199.91	
Donations	360.00	
Paddlers food	116.95	
Sundry	120.42	
Bank charges	77.18	
	-26121.39	

Net income for period 3519.72

Reserves to carry forward 30/09/2022:

72262.00

Represented by:

HSBC membership account	53649.61
Natwest membership account	16994.15
Natwest race account	1618.24
	72262.00

*I am in agreement with the accounts presented to me.
WJG 6/3/23.*