

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

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

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 from the club.

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Income and Expenditure account year ended 30th September 2022

2022

Reserves bfwd 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	
		29641.11

Donation 1750 *
Grants 1330

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.