

Forth Canoe Club AGM 2016 Minutes

23 February 2017, Boroughmuir Rugby Club, 6.30pm

Present: Andrew Thomson, Catie Thomson, Katerina Stein, Mick James, Kate James, Ieuan James, Marcus Kneen, Fraser Anderson, Poppy Croal, Robert Ailey, Laura Budge, Alistair Riddell, Kelso Riddell, Kirsty Sloan, James Collins, Jenny Newland, Robin Gould, Barbara Tregidgo, Matthew Harvey, Jane Campbell, Marianne Dowling Clarke, Lydia Dowling Clarke, Simon Clarke, Michael Denvir, Cameron John Playfair, Margaret Playfair, Petra Adams, John Raven, Lynn Moir, Duncan Isles

Apologies – David Cuthill

1. 2015 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were reviewed and approved except for the POINT OF ORDER, on which expansion was sought. Expansion was granted in the following terms:

"At the start of the meeting, a member requested to add a point to the Agenda, but was informed that points could only be added in accordance with paragraph 10 of the FCC Constitution:

"Motions for discussion at the Annual General Meeting, not of origin from within the General Committee, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least ten days before the AGM, and be signed by 5 members entitled to vote".

No Motion had been received that would have complied with those requirements".

2. Commodore's address

The FCC AGM is an opportunity for the club to come together to celebrate the success FCC has had on and off the water. FCC Committee Meetings are open to all members and any issues can be addressed in that forum. In addition, FCC is holding an EGM at the end of March (date tbc) in response to a request for "Any Other Business" at the AGM.

Looking back at 2016 and looking forward to 2017, 2016 was another successful year for the club. It culminated in Forth paddlers winning multiple GB championships at Under18s and Under16s, and Ieuan James achieving 6th place in the Junior Worlds 200m Final. Seven Juniors within FCC have now progressed past the club pathways onto the national stage and train at Ratho as part of the SCA spring squad. This year has seen 4 senior athletes from FCC compete for GB at sprint regattas around Europe: Ben Gallagher, Rachel Kneen, Lydia Dowling-Clarke and Ieuan James. Elliot Leishman, Max Sielicki and Neave Keenan continued their excellent progression with the SCA squad.

FCC have had an active slalom group within the club and have achieved significant successes both in slalom and in white water racing. The club is run by volunteers but we have Poppy Croal working with us on a contract basis, with the help of DCI funding. FCC honoured Poppy's exceptional achievement in getting selected for the GB Polo squad for the 3rd year running, as well as helping FCC to introduce a huge number of young paddlers to the water. The total number of members in 2016 was 375.

In 2017, FCC will also have Tomas working with the club on a contract basis as a coach. FCC seeks to contract out some of the maintenance and administrative work, so that the Committee

Positions of Hut Custodian and Membership Secretary will be mainly supervisory. The roles will need to be newly designed and once everything is working smoothly, it might be necessary to raise membership fees in 2018, to account for the contracted out work.

The Canal Festival was a great success in 2016 and FCC is looking for a volunteer coordinator in 2017. This applies also to the Grandtully Slalom and the Edinburgh Race.

3. Reports – see slides attached to these Minutes

Polo
Sprint
Slalom
Access
Child Protection
Coaching
Membership
Treasurer's Report

4. Election of office bearers for 2017

A vote for the nominated committee positions followed. All nominations were carried without opposition with the exception of Commodore, who was elected 20 in favour, against 1 vote in opposition.

Elected positions:

Commodore – Mick James
Club Secretary – Katerina Stein
Treasurer – Robb Peel
Child Protection Officer – Laura Budge
Membership Secretary – Katerina Stein
Hut Custodian – Poppy Croal
Coaching Co-ordinator – (vacant)
IT/ New Website/Communications - Matthew Harvey

Co-opted positions

Event Safety Officer – Poppy Croal
Slalom Rep – Andrew Thomson
Polo Rep – Poppy Croal
Committee member without portfolio – Kelso Riddell
General Committee member with responsibility for existing website – Alistair Riddell
Club liaison officer – Katerina Stein
Trips Co-ordinator (vacant)
Access Officer – Rob Ailey

5. Subscription Levels for 2017

Subscription will be held at the same levels for 2017.

The AGM was followed by the Forth Canoe Club Celebration of Achievement. This was an opportunity to celebrate the great achievements of FCC paddlers and volunteers in 2016. Prizes were given out in the following categories:

Commodore's Cup – Andrew Thomson
Polo Shield for Commitment and Improvement – Catie Thomson
Polo Tankard for Player of the Year – Poppy Croal
Coach Cadet of the Year - Cameron Mayfair
Adult Paddler of the Year - David Brown
Coaches 'Coach of the Year' Award - Jenni Newland
Sprint Most Improved Effort from Performance Squad Member - Lydia Dowling-Clarke
Sprint Most Enthusiastic Paddler - Freya Randle
Sprint Most Improved Paddler - Amelia Baratto
Sprint Most Consistent Effort - Rory Clarke
Slalom Capsize of the Year - Yesi Wood Fairnilee June 16
Slalom Achievement of the Year – Catie Thomson and Michael Denvir (Scottish Junior Champs C2)
Slalom Performance of the Year – Freya Randle, Div 3 Alva September 2016