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## **SLEA PADDLERS** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS**  
**AT 7.00 PM ON SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2016**

1. **Present**

Dane Butler, Brian Wardell, Rachel Wardell, Harrison Wardell, Archie Wardell, Miriam Holden, Jon Hird, Greg Darling, Sally Darling, Garrie Darling, Paul Pattinson, Bev Russell, Paul Russell, Eve Russell, Charlie Russell, Adam Callaby, Steve Callaby, Alison Callaby, Dan Marsh, Mathew Settle, Stephen Walker, Honor Walker, Toby Walker, William Hillaby, Sean Hillaby, Jonathan King, Peter King, Richard Arden

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:  
Kev Matthews, Trish Matthews, Barry Mair

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and were proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

4. **Chairman's Welcome and Introduction**

Dane Butler opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He gave an address about the previous year and then thanked all those members of the committee who were standing down.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Stephen Walker provided a set of Accounts attached together with a set of notes also attached.

The Accounts were proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

6. **CDO report**

Paul Pattinson gave an overview of this year's activities. Notes attached.



## 7. **Membership Secretary report**

Brian Wardell gave a summary of this year's memberships. Notes are attached

## 8. **Election of Committee Members**

### i) Election of Chair

Dane Butler  
Proposed by and seconded and carried unanimously.

### ii) Election of Secretary

Post vacant, there were no nominations received.

### iii) Election of Treasurer

Stephen Walker  
Proposed by and seconded and carried unanimously.

## 9. **Election of other Members of the Executive Committee**

### i) Coaching development officer

Paul Pattinson  
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

### ii) Membership secretary

Brian Wardell  
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

### iii) Youth committee chairman

Greg Darling  
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

### iv) Child welfare officers

Miriam Holden  
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

Brian Wardell  
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.



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### Equipment officers

Jon Hird

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

### 10. **Any Other Business**

Dane gave the results of the surf competition.

Dane explained the BCU 3 Lakes Challenge

The Paddler of the year was awarded

The meeting closed at 7.40pm and was followed by an enjoyable pot luck supper a good time was had by all



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## **Chairman's opening address 2016**

Good evening, and welcome to this the 11<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting of Slea Paddlers. This is my first AGM since being elected. As most of you know me quite well by now I apologise for any dates or names I may get wrong over the next few hours... (I have made a good start by being here on the correct day).

I would like to start by thanking everyone for what has been another very busy year for the club. We have had 38 members gain paddling awards this year, from WWSRC to 1\* Canoe. Paul will provide more details later.

Well done to all members who achieved an award this year.

The club has run white water river trips on and at Nene/VWC, Sleningford, Trewern and Lake district rivers as part of our young paddler moving water development we ran a number of very successful evening sessions at Newark Weir. We have also been on a Beach Trip, participated in some the Barrow Down River Races. Jon guided our junior members on their 2nd Junior expedition, the more experienced canoeists travelled to Scotland to paddle loch Awe. An extremely enjoyable experience, hopefully to be revisited in 2017.

The club paddled on Lake Windermere, Lake Bala in Wales and Coniston water. There were also river trips on the River Great Ouse and the River Glen.

We have had two very successful come and try days in May and October respectively. Unfortunately, the water activities at the RAT race were cancelled which has negatively affected our anticipated income for this year.

January will see the committee hold its planning meeting to plan next year's programme. If you have any suggestions for river trips or events, please let us know.

This year we have a special award for paddlers who have completed the British Canoeing Three Lake Challenge. The award will be presented later. I hope this will be the first of many years this award will be presented.

Finally, I would like to finish tonight by mentioning outgoing and incoming committee members. Patricia (Trish) has been the club secretary since we started 11 years ago. In reality she was also



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involved in the formative years before we affiliated to British Canoeing.

Trish has decided to step back from her role as secretary and I would like to put on record my gratitude and thanks for everything she has done. Thank you. Amy and Eve will also be standing down from the junior committee. I mention them together because for the past few years they have worked together to establish an environment where our junior members have had a say in the club and also they have introduced events and activities for the junior members, you will be sorely missed and I would like to thank you for everything you have done. I need to also welcome Steve our new treasurer, thanks for volunteering Steve.

For the rest of the committee I would also like to thank you for your help and hard work throughout the year, to all our parents and family members who pick up, shift, load, clear up and generally keep the rest of us in order.

NONE of the activities or events I have mentioned above could have been possible without your time and dedication. Thank YOU.



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## Treasures statement of accounts for year ending 31 Oct 2016

<b>Brought forward balance from 2015</b>		<u>3025.13</u>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Membership Fees	751.00	
Pool Sessions	792.50	
River Sessions	608.00	
Beach Day	49.00	
Rat Race 2015	1260.00	
AGM Raffle 2015	56.00	
Grant Eco2 Lincs Ltd	943.39	
Tyne Tour Attendees Nov 2015	315.00	
Loch Awe Attendees May 2016	825.00	
Llangollen Attendees oct 2016	225.00	
Courses	248.00	
Come and Try days	120.00	
Cubs/Scouts/Round Table Sessions	729.00	
Shop	58.00	
Sale of paddle	5.00	
Total receipts		<u>6984.89</u>
		<u>10,010.02</u>
<b><u>Less payments</u></b>		
Pool Hire	660.00	
Courses	1744.00	
British Canoeing Affiliation	455.00	
Equipment Insurance	662.98	
Website	49.39	
Equipment (Kayaks for pool, Cags, Buoyancy Aids, Poles, Sails, Paddles)	1590.60	
Trailer Pulling	55.00	
Loch Awe Accommodation May 2016	834.30	
Llangollen Accommodation October 2016	275.00	
Paddle Power Passports	45.50	
Trophies and Engraving 2015	66.48	
Duck Keyrings	18.99	
Scout Hut Ground Rent	240.00	
Scout Hut Room Hire for AGM	15.00	
<b><u>Total payments</u></b>		<u>6713.04</u>
<b>Balance brought forward + Income</b>	10,010.02	
Expenditure	<u>6713.04</u>	
Operating balance		<u>3296.98</u>
<b>Period end balance sheet</b>		
Club balance account	3101.41	
Club cash held	195.57	
C/F Balance £		<u>3296.98</u>



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## **CDO End of Year Report**

From taking on the role of the CDO last year I can understand why Barry was keen to hand over the reins. I think you'll all agree it's been a very busy year. A successful Come and Try day and a change of venue for our club sessions from Kirkstead Bridge to Tattershall attracted new members, all starting from scratch

Having reviewed the tally of achievements I think for a club of this size we can be Very proud of ourselves. This year's achievements to date are:

- 1 - 4 Star River Leader (Martin Aldgridge)
- 2 - Level 1 Coaches (Dan / Nicki)
- 10 - 1 Star awards in a combination of both Canoe and Kayak, although Steve Walker did manage to bag 1 a certificate in both.
- 7 - Start awards
- 7 - First Aid Requalification's, 2 still pending
- 9 - WWWSR Requalification's

A total of 38 individual qualifications with pending Passport and 3 Star awards and to be completed before the year's end.

Pool and club sessions remain popular for members with the additional river trips and a beach day breaking up the programme. We even managed to squeeze in an Olympic themed event which I can see being an addition to next year's Club Calendar

May through to early June the club held a programme of evening sessions as an intro to moving water. This really helped develop those who has just practised skills in the pool or flat water. Thanks to Dane and Adam who were the driving force behind this one.

April, May and October saw the 3 lakes challenge being chipped away by the canoeists. No mean feat for all involved, but a special well done to Brian and Harrison for being able to complete all three.

Not to be out staged the kayakers took on the rivers of the Yorkshire, the Lake District and Wales. Increasing group confidence allowed a few first descents for some grade 4 sections to be tackled



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such as Backbarrow bridge and Bala Mill Falls. Thanks to Kev and Adam for taking the lead.

Looking back over the past 12 months in post I could not have done any of this without the support of the Club Coaches. I'd just like to say a huge thanks from me and on behalf of the members, without you, none of this would have been achievable.





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## **Membership Secretary report**

It has been a year of flux for our membership where we have seen some long standing members not renewing as they look towards different interests. But where we have had leavers we have been lucky enough to see an influx of new members as well. For those of you where this your first AGM, welcome and hope you enjoy the evening.

The new members has been a result of us widening the awareness of the club to areas around Tattershall, where we hold the Sunday sessions, in addition to a very well attended come and try day. There was a specific effort to drum up interest via facebook for the come and try and I need to ensure I update this more often with the events we are doing at the club. We have also run a number of taster sessions with scouts and beavers this year which has also generated some new members.

As of today, we have 56 members with 15 signing up on our half year membership form. Our overall membership down compared to 68 for 2015. But as I have mentioned some long-standing memberships were not renewed and therefore I think we have been quite successful in bringing the number to 56.

2012 - 73  
2013 - 43  
2014 - 69  
2015 - 68  
2016 - 56

Of the 56 members this breaks down into:

16 (29%) being female and 40 (71%) male. We also see that 29 (52%) of our members are under 20 years of age, so it is great that the club can be seen as offering something for youngsters as well as those more mature paddlers.

5 - 20 to 30 years  
3 - 30 to 40 years  
9 - 40 to 50 years  
10 - 50 years plus

The pool sessions have become very popular and are in most cases nearly operating at capacity with 11 boats available for both classes.



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Finally from me we have also reintroduced the Rapid Times and Tiny Rapids newsletter, which has been a bit sporadic at times. But I will do an update with a write up on the AGM, so make sure you are all smiling for any photos we take.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support.