



Slea Paddlers

SLEA PADDLERS **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD AT THE 3rd SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
AT 7.00 PM ON SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017

1. **Present**

Dane Butler, Barry Mair, Greg Darling, Paul Pattinson, Sean Hillaby, William Hillaby, Archie Wardell, Harrison Wardell, Beverley Russell, Paul Russell, Eve Russell, Amy Callaby, Ashley Rooke, Adam Callaby, Steve Callaby, Alison Callaby, Claire Walker, Stephen Walker, Honor Walker, Toby Walker, Brian Wardell, Rachel Wardell, Antony Hawkins, Andy Hawkins.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:
Jon Hird & Miriam Holden

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and was proposed by Alison Callaby and seconded by Paul Pattinson and carried unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising**

The 2016 minutes showed Stephen Walker as presenting the Treasurers report, however it was Beverley Russell who presented the report prior to handing over to Stephen.

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.

The Accounts were proposed by Claire Walker and seconded by Rachel Wardell and carried unanimously (subject to audit).



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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 Vice Chair

Adam Callaby
Proposed by and seconded and carried unanimously.

iii) Election of Secretary

Barry Mair
Proposed by and seconded and carried unanimously.

iv) 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.



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iii) Youth committee chairman

Greg Darling

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

iv) Child welfare officers

Rachel Wardell

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

Brian Wardell

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

Equipment officers

Andrew Hawkins

Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

10. **Any Other Business**

Dane gave the results of the surf competition.

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 2017

Good evening, and welcome to this the 12th annual general meeting of Slea paddlers. We are fortunate to have the support of Sleaford St Denys Scout Group and I would like to thank them for the use of these facilities and this excellent hall.

After a frustrating search for a club secretary to replace Trish I have to say things were getting difficult. BUT THEN whilst discussing work issues in the office Barry said "I'll be your new Club Secretary if you want" and we now have a new Secretary.

Barry will take over soon to run the elections but before then I would like to thank him for taking up the position. Thanks Barry.

We have had another very busy year for the club. Our membership has remained constant, the only difference being that we have more adult members than last year. Thanks for managing this so well Brian.

We have a number of members who have gained paddling awards this year, congratulations to you all, we also have members who have completed the British Canoeing Three Lake Challenge. This year we also completed the Trent Loop Challenge. This challenge was very hard, we had to put up with very strong wind and rain, well done to all those that completed this challenge. The challenges are a really good way for the club to strengthen the relationships between paddlers and the club. I hope these continue next year and continue to be successful.

Our new coaches are actively training and improving under the guidance of Paul, well done Paul.

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

The club has started to establish a program of paddler development which is great. It takes time to create this sort of environment and I want to thank Kev, Adam, Steve, Paul and all of the coaches for the work they have put in to this. The club now runs regular white-water river trips on and at Nene WWC, Slenningford, Trewern, Washburn and Lake district rivers.

We have a young paddler moving water development program Which includes a number of very successful evening sessions at



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Newark Weir. For those that would rather paddle in a canoe the club runs

regular river trips and trips away and our canoeists have completed a number of British Canoeing challenges. I would like to take this moment to thank a couple of out of area Club Members who regularly attend and help out when the club travels away, thank Martin and Nikki. Great job, thank you.

This year Stand Up Paddle boarding has become popular and the club has a number of budding SUP paddlers.

In the summer the club took a large group to Scotland to paddle Loch Awe. Not only did we take 17 paddlers to Scotland but we completed what is normally a two day trip in one day. An excellent achievement well done.

Our annual beach trip had great weather and loads of paddlers, unfortunately there were no surfing waves. The day was still really enjoyable, better luck next year.

We had a very successful come and try day in May. If you joined the club as a result of the come and try day, I hope that you are still enjoying your paddling and that the club lives up to your expectations.

In the last couple of months, we have renewed our relationship with the RAT race. We had a long day managing our water slide. I want to thank everyone for helping. I know everyone has busy schedules and there was a lot of doubt in the build-up.

Thanks everyone, the money is in the bank, its official you helped raise over a £1000 for the club.

We have also been to Wales and guess what, it was raining! On top of that we stayed at a different bunk house. The turnout from the coaches was excellent and all of our activities were well balanced. We go to Wales because the Kayakers need the challenge of moving water to develop. This normally means the Canoeists are hoping for no rain a cloudless sky and sunshine and the Kayakers are hoping for RAIN. Remember well the proverb "Careful what you wish for" The weather was so bad that we only managed to paddle on one day and the canoeists got soaked. The bunkhouse was ok though.



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Finally, I would like to finish tonight by mentioning outgoing and incoming committee members. Miriam and Jon have moved to Northumberland. They have been stalwarts for the club for many

years, always there to help and always involved in our activities. I would like to wish them all the best up north and thank them for

everything that they have done for the club. Steve our new treasurer has had a baptism of fire this year, but he has still managed to introduce new ideas, things will get easier Steve. Brian and Paul have been very successful in fitting their work commitments around their positions on the Committee. Well done great job.

For the rest of the committee I would also like to thank you for your help and hard work throughout the year, after tonight we will have a nearly full committee and I am really looking forwards to working with you. There are some big decisions this year and I look forward to making them with you. 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.

Thank you all and over to Barry.



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Treasures statement of accounts for year ending 31 Oct 2016

Unfortunately, due to the short amount of time available the books and receipts are with the Auditor. If anyone would like to view them I would be happy to make them available to you. My first year as Treasurer has been an experience, it's an experience I would highly recommend to anyone, is there anyone who would like to experience it.

The Raffle and Auction was a stunning success raising an amazing £150, many thanks to Eve.

Membership has had a small increase with some people only joining towards the end of the year which I am hopeful will translate into an even better year next year.

Cubs and Scout sessions have also seen a decrease in revenue and unfortunately our part of the Rat race was cancelled due to poor water conditions, which has meant our total income is down by around £1500.

Our expenditure has also seen a decrease largely due to a much smaller number of courses, and the much smaller bill for new equipment.

The costs for the website has seen an increase due to one off costs setting up the new one which seems to be running extremely well, many thanks to Barry.

Overall, we have finished the year with a very healthy £3,388.38

Thank you



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Brought forward balance from 2015		<u>3,296.98</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Membership Fees	804.00	
Pool Sessions	791.50	
River Sessions	547.00	
Thurlby Lake	94.00	
Beach Day	5.00	
Rat Race 2016	350.00	
AGM Raffle 2016	150.00	
Grant Eco2 Lincs Ltd	943.39	
Loch Awe Attendees May 2017	935.00	
Llangollen Attendees oct 2016	135.00	
Come and Try days	110.00	
Cubs/Scouts/Round Table Sessions	470.00	
Newark Weir	46.00	
Trent Loop	24.00	
Duck Race	49.80	
Total receipts		<u>4,511.30</u>
		<u>7,808.28</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pool Hire	745.00	
Courses	160.00	
British Canoeing Affiliation	463.20	
British Canoeing Assistant co-ordinator	50.00	
Equipment Insurance	678.12	
Website	191.49	
Scout Hut Hire	240.00	
Loch Awe Accommodation May 2017	800.00	
Llangollen Accommodation October 2017	145.00	
Equipment Repairs	151.62	
Equipment (Cags, pill lines, straps, air bags etc)	342.65	
Thurlby Lake	114.00	
Trophies and Engraving 2016/7	124.71	
Scout Hut Room Hire for AGM	15.00	
Stationary	9.99	
Ducks for Duck Race	39.12	
Desperate Measures Voucher	150.00	
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>4,419.90</u>
Balance brought forward + Income	7,808.28	
Expenditure	<u>4,419.90</u>	
Operating balance		<u>3,388.38</u>
Period end balance sheet		
Club balance account	3,231.46	
Club cash held	156.92	
C/F Balance £		<u>3,388.38</u>



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CDO End of Year Report

Awards Presented:

Start	4
Passport	8
Discovery	1
1 Star	1
3 Star	2
FSRT	1
First Aid	2

British Canoeing Challenges

No's Attended:

Trent Loop	16
Windermere	8
Loch Awe	17



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Membership Secretary report

It has been another good year, with new faces joining as members. As a club we have pretty much stayed level on the number of fully paid members. Up to the end of October there were 57 members this is up by 1 from this time last year.

There has been a bit of a drop off in our younger members, with 25 being under the age 20, down from 29. While the other 32 of members are adults, is up from 27 on the previous year. In regards to the gender split, this has pretty much stayed unchanged with 5 female members and 42 males.

There have been 14 new members during 2017, with about half being a result of the come and try day. The other half have been through enquiries via the web site, with people showing an interest in trying out the club. We are now getting regular enquiries regarding through this route which is great but does create its own headaches. With being able to offer taster sessions during our winter program when we only have a capacity of 11 boats per session.

Paul is doing a great job of juggling any spaces that become available for each of the sessions.

At the moment, we are unable to offer any other alternative than the 2 sessions we have at the pool.

Based on the figures from last year where we attracted 15 new members to the club and a further 14 this year but have only grown by 1 member. The aim for the coming year needs to be how we improve on retaining members so allowing the club to grow.

We continue to do the right things in getting our identity out into the local community, through the web site, Facebook and the local events such as come and try. We also provided river sessions to the cubs, scouts and round table, while also doing a special pool session for the beavers. All of this activity is likely to happen again next year.

Finally, would like to thank all our members for their support this year and hope they will all be with us for next year as well.



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Surf Competition Results 2017

Position	Name	Score
1	Harrison	480
2	William	320
3	Daniel	310
4	Anthony	160
5	Johnathan	110



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Paddler of the Year 2017

This is the 4th year in presenting Paddler of the Year and the popularity of the award is growing year by year. As you'll agree, it's always nice to be recognised for your achievements.

Paddler of the Year is some who you feel has contributed to the club over and above the norm or who has pushed themselves and developed the most. In past years the committee short listed the worthy candidate. This year we changed the format a bit where the members have total visibility. You as members put the short list together and also had the final casting vote.

This year's short-listed nominations were.

Brian Wardell - The membership secretary who tirelessly keep you informed of all club events, also a 3 lakes competitor

Harrison Wardell - not only a 3 lakes competitor but fully embracing the move on to white water.

Jonathan King - really embraced the challenges of Newark weir and the Nene white water centre. Jonathan can always be found with a smile on his face even when he comes out of his boat.

Greg Darling - A previous winner, Greg is going for a collection of trophies.

Ryan Tittershill - relatively new to the club has shown great development in the past year completing Lake Windermere and sessions at Newark Weir

Honor Walker - great to see a female amongst the nominees. Honor takes great pleasure in doing it right first time, showing her dad how it should be done.

As you'll all agree, all nominees were eligible were in their own right. But there can be only one winner. This paddler has shown great development over the past 12 months and it's great to see your votes have been directed to a very worthy winner.

So this year I'm pleased to announce Your Slea Paddlers -Paddler of the Year 2017 is: **Honor Walker**.