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SLEA PADDLERS **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

HELD AT THE 3rd SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
AT 7.00 PM ON SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER 2018

1. **Present**

Dane Butler, Barry Mair, Paul Pattinson, Harrison Wardell, Adam Callaby, Claire Walker, Stephen Walker, Brian Wardell, Rachel Wardell, Andy Hawkins, Nathan Dunn, Katie Dunn, Kevin Matthews, Patricia Matthews, Natalie Jones, Lily Jones, Steven Jones, Michael Dickinson, Josh Perrin.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:
Steve Callaby & Richard Arden

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and was proposed by Brian Wardell and seconded by Claire Walker and carried unanimously.

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters to discuss.

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 including himself.

At this point he was presented with a token from the club for his years of service with Slea Paddlers.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

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

The Accounts were proposed by Claire Walker and seconded by Patricia Matthews and carried unanimously.



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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

Brian Wardell

Proposed by Kevin Matthews and seconded by Barry Mair and carried unanimously.

ii) Election of Vice Chair

Adam Callaby

Proposed by Andrew Hawkins and seconded by Josh Perin and carried unanimously.

iii) Election of Secretary

Barry Mair

Proposed by Patricia Matthews and seconded by Brian Wardell and carried unanimously.

iv) Election of Treasurer

Stephen Walker

Proposed by Claire Walker and seconded by Paul Pattinson and carried unanimously.

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

i) Coaching development officer

Paul Pattinson

Proposed by Patricia Matthews and seconded by Brian Wardell and carried unanimously.



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ii) Membership secretary

Josh Perrin & Michael Dickinson
Proposed by Patricia Matthews and seconded by Brian Wardell and carried unanimously.

iii) Youth committee chairman

Lily Jones
Proposed by Paul Pattinson and seconded by Nathan Dunn and carried unanimously.

iv) Child welfare officers

Natilie Jones
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

Kevin Matthews
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

Equipment officers

Andrew Hawkins
Proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

10. **Paddler of the Year**

Paul went through the nominations for this award and the winner was Lily Jones.

10. **Any Other Business**

Dane gave the results of the surf competition.
Barry gave his personal thanks to Dane for all the years he has put into the club.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm and was followed by an enjoyable pot luck supper a good time was had by all



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Chairman's opening address 2018

Good evening, and welcome to this the 13th 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.

Barry will take over soon to run the elections but before then I would like to thank you for coming tonight, I know it has been a difficult few months. Thanks Barry.

We have had another very busy year for the club. Our membership has dropped slightly to 50 but that is still a healthy membership. 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 Challenges. In the summer we tried the Worcester Ring. The weather was amazingly hot and this made an extremely hard challenge, too much. Michael and Josh managed to finish the challenge but the rest of us had a lie in on Sunday. This year we also completed the Trent Loop Challenge on Stand Up Boards. 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's paddler development is continuing with some real successes. 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, HPPWWC, 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 Newark Weir. Our annual beach trip gave us the chance to use our new Stand Up Boards, we great weather and loads of paddlers, the day was really enjoyable

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



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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. This year we took over the safety coverage for all of the water activities. The day was really hard work and 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 £1300 for the club.

We have also been to Wales and guess what, it was NOT raining! The turnout from the coaches was excellent and all of our activities were well balanced. The canoeists, SUP's and Kayakers paddled together on the Dee for Sunday, this worked very well, could this be a new format.

Finally, I would like to finish tonight by mentioning outgoing committee members. Barry Mair has been a stalwart on the committee for years, but all good things must come to an end. Barry will be stepping back from Paddling and has resigned from the committee. Thanks again Barry.

I think that Greg has finally accepted the he is 'All growed up' now. This means that there will be a vacancy for our Youth Committee Chair. Thanks Greg, what position could you possibly fill now!!

For the rest of the committee I would also like to thank you for your help and hard work throughout the year. Paul has been amazing with the workload he has taken on this year, you have been Brilliant thanks Paul. Brian has always been there when required, Brian has taken on multiple positions on the committee and carried them out to an extremely high standard. Thanks Brian. Steve and Adam have been there whenever we needed help either on the water or at the scout hut, great commitment thanks. To all of the coaches thank you have been great.

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.

I am not standing for re-election, so I wish all the best to whoever is our new Chairman. Thank you all and over to Barry.



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Treasures Report

Total Income for the year of £4155.25 finished slightly down on last year mainly due there being no Loch Awe. Although the pool sessions were well attended overall takings were down due to doing 2 sessions less.

On a positive note the Rat Race was back on netting the club an excellent £1050, also the sessions with the Cubs/Scouts etc netted the club an increase of £200 on last year.

Total Expenditure was on a par with last year at £4395.22 with new equipment, i.e. Sups costing £1144.95, stitches and print £489. Kit Insurance and BCU Affiliation remained static. We also paid out £200 less on equipment repairs.

The club finished the year with a very healthy £3148.41

The club's books and receipts are available to view if anyone wishes to do so.

Thank you



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Treasures statement of accounts for year ending 31 Oct 2018

Brought forward balance from 2017		3,388.38
<u>Receipts</u>		
Membership Fees	724.25	
Pool Sessions	655.00	
River Sessions	597.00	
Thurlby Lake	52.00	
Beach Day	36.00	
Rat Race	1,050.00	
AGM Raffle	48.00	
Greg Darling Bursary	50.00	
Come and Try days	44.00	
Cubs/Scouts/Round Table Sessions	695.00	
Equipment Sale (Sup)	50.00	
Shop	154.00	
Total receipts		4,155.25
		7,543.63
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Pool Hire	600.00	
Courses	287.50	
British Canoeing Affiliation	465.20	
Equipment Insurance	687.12	
Website	151.84	
Scout Hut Hire	240.00	
First Aid & Survival Kits	70.76	
Equipment Repairs	54.00	
Equipment (SUPs, Pumps x3, trailer etc)	1144.95	
Thurlby Lake	48.00	
Trophies and Engraving	56.34	
Stitches & Print	489.56	
Auditor	38.95	
Cylinder Keys	26.00	
Club Donation (Harrison)	44.00	
<u>Total Expenditure</u>		4,395.22
Balance brought forward + Income	7,543.63	
Expenditure	4,395.22	
Operating balance		3,148.41
Period end balance sheet		
Club balance account	3,063.49	
Club cash held	84.92	
C/F Balance £		3,148.41



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CDO End of Year Report

Pool and club sessions have been well attended. There is definite progression on moving water for those in kayak. Newark weir proved popular and Sleningford Mill has got people thinking on where to improve for next year. The SUPs have really come into their own with many of the junior members embracing them on the Sunday club sessions. This popularity has spilled over on to the Taster sessions we've run for Cubs and Guide. A big shout out for club which saw 7 members completing 13 miles of the Trent Loop on a SUP. Going in to next 2019 the club coaches will get to grips with the news Paddle awards scheduled for January 2019.

See the enclosed Tally sheet for awards:

Awards Presented:

Start	2
1 Star	3
2 Star	1
Coaches CPD	4
Paddlesport Instructor	1

British Canoeing Challenges

No's Attended:

Trent Loop	9
Worcester Ring	2



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Membership Secretary report

Well there goes another year. I know hard to believe.

This has been another year of transition for the club in losing some long term members who have moved onto pastures new, whether it be moving to a new location, continuing paddling but at another club or just trying something new.

The members total for 2017 was 57 and to date for 2018 we have a nice round 50. Even though we have dropped 7 members, we have to be proud of maintaining around the fifty mark for the last 3 years. People will come and go, whether it be only for one year, or a little bit Longer.

The important thing is to remain a welcoming and friendly club where people are able to enjoy their time with, for however long that is. The last 12 months I think the committee will agree, is the most enquiries we have had and there are discussions ongoing in how we turn more of these into members.

Our taster sessions have been really popular, along with the come and try day which again was well attended. For the tasters the challenge has been to secure membership after the 3 x free sessions. We are considering different ideas to change our approach when we go back out on the river in April. If you have any suggestions please let us know, as we are always open to ideas, to attract new members.

The awareness of the club within the community continues to grow based on the number of enquiries we get through the web page or via the Facebook page. During 2018 we had 13 new members, which again is in-line with previous years (2017 = 14 and 2016 = 15). In 2018 the club also introduced a pool only membership which has seen 6 new members join us under this initiative. One of the key reasons for introducing this type of membership, was due to the high level of management required to offer taster sessions at the pool. Therefore going forward anyone enquiring during the winter period about the club, we offer the pool membership at a very attractive price.



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I would like to thank the committee for the continued support of membership, with a special shout out to Paul in juggling the river session plan, to cater for those attending taster sessions. I believe at certain time this year we have had 20 plus people on the water. Which is a testament not only to Paul for planning the session but our coaches and volunteers for delivering an enjoyable and professional experience for our members and those prospective members.

To all our members, thank you for the continued support of the club and hope you join us again next year, which I.s bound to be as fun filled as this year.

Have a great Christmas and prosperous 2019.



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Surf Competition Results 2018

Position	Name	Score
1	Lily Jones	

Paddler of the Year 2018

Nominations

Kev Mathews

Dane Butler

Paul Pattinson

Brian Wardell

Natalie Jones

Dan Marsh

Ryan Tittershill

Olivia Lawley

Lily Jones

Lily Jones takes away the plaque for Paddler of the Year.