Telford Canoe Club

AGM Minutes

17/11/23

Hadley Committee Centre. 30 High Street, Telford, TF1 5NL

1. Register of Attendees was taken, and is stored on the Club Google drive. A total of 20 Members and Committee were present, which means a quorum was in attendance for voting matters.

2. Review of 2023: - Iain and the current Committee reviewed the activities undertaken in 2023, particularly since the change of committee:
    a. Emergency change of Committee, meeting monthly
    b. Member questionnaire Issued
    c. Site clean up
    d. Container cleanout and boat inventory
    e. Slalom & boater race / head to head
    f. Toilets opened to all members
    g. Site regularly maintained
    h. Social Weekend / BBQ
    i. Club evening paddles Tuesday night
    j. Club Logo Competition
    k. Change of Trustees (Iain, Nick Morrall and Zoey Rowe)(
    l. Kayak purchases (2 x Wavesport diesels)

3. The Committee then outlined the Vision for the future in Summary, how we see the club moving forward, to include:
    a. Pool sessions at Arthog in Wellington
    b. Boat clearout
    c. Kit Purchases
    d. Club Merchandise
    e. Club events (to include:)
        i. Slalom (rebrand as Riverfest) 20/21st July
        ii. Part funded courses (Safety, First aid, Development, Leadership)
        iii. Taster sessions
        iv. Led and Peer trips (Wales, Lakes, Scotland, Dartmoor etc)
        v. More onsite camping events
        vi. Boxing day paddle
        vii. Freestyle development sessions – Freestyle Club Champions.
        viii. SUP specific activities
        ix. Junior sessions
        x. Freestyle event – Steph to organise

xi. Foreign Trips
xii. Pool Freestyle with Lowri

4. Health of the club.
    a. Number of members: (Paid up memberships)
        i. Adult – 77
        ii. Family – 14
        iii. Junior – 3
        iv. Guest - 2
    b. Statement of financial accounts: See separate sheet TCC accounts 01/01/23-30/09/23
        i. It was debated whether the site guest fee should be increased for the following year to £4 adult and £2 juniors. This was voted on and agreed, as it was felt that there was adequate provision for fee free access to the site.
        ii. It was questioned regarding previous reserves. These accounts only show transactions this year, and the previous account is being transferred which contains circa £25k. Of which £8k is ringfenced for site return on completion of lease.
        iii. It was questioned whether an amount should be ringfenced for Hill road rectification. This will be discussed by the committee.

5. Confirmation / Nomination of Club Committee. The following were confirmed / nominated and voted in as the continuing / new committee. Outgoing Committee member Jack Kerswell was thanked for his contributions over the last year:
    a. Iain Campbell – Chair
    b. Simon Wiles – Secretary
    c. Mark Hill – Vice Chair
    d. Bek Farley-Brown – Treasurer (new)
    e. Neil Winwood – Membership Secretary
    f. David Allen – General Committee member
    g. James Roden (OZ) – Slalom Champion (new)
    h. Simon Wyndam – Freestyle Champion (new)

It was debated that a Safeguarding officer would be needed. The committee will discuss the way forward. Nick Morrall and John Teuwen offered their support / expertise.

6. Proposed changes to constitution – Various changed were proposed. These has been provided in advance, and were read through on the night. Minor changes were incorporated with comments from the audience. All changed were voted on and agreed. An updated version is available on the club website.

7. AOB —- A question was raised whether the club had or needed any top up insurance. At this time no additional insurance for club boats is in place, but will be discussed by the committee.