

**2010 Annual General Meeting of Forth Canoe Club
(postponed to Wednesday 19 January 2011)
at the Royal Ettrick Hotel, 13 Ettrick Road, Edinburgh**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2009 AGM
3. 2010 Business
 - 3.1 Questions on Discipline reports (circulated in writing)
 - 3.2 Treasurer's report and Accounts (Polly Golding)
 - 3.3 Commodore's report (Kelso Riddell)
 - 3.4 Presentation of Commodore's Cup (in abeyance)
 - 3.5 A.O.C.B. for 2010
4. 2010 Business
 - 4.1 Election of Office Bearers for 2011
 - * Commodore (2010: Kelso Riddell)
 - * Secretary (2010: Alistair Riddell)
 - * Treasurer (2010: Polly Golding)
 - * Child protection officer (2010: Annemarie Proctor)
 - * Coach coordinator (2010: Cynthia Berry)
 - * Website Editor & membership secretary (2010: Jonathan Riddell)
 - * Hut Custodian (2010: Mick James)
 - * Slalom contact (2010: David Dickson)
 - * Wild Water contact (2010: Cynthia Berry)
 - * Polo contact (2010: Theresa Meacham)
 - * Surf contact (2010: Tony Leaver)
 - * Flat Water Racing contact (2010: Kirsten Eveleigh)
 - * Sea Canoeing contact (2010: Brian Horne and Lisa Evans)
 - * Open Canoeing contact (2010: Mick James)
 - * recreational paddling contact (2010: Ben Golding)
 - 4.2 Subscription Levels for 2011
 - 4.3 Programme for 2011
 - * Grandtully Div 1 Slalom
 - * Ratho Marathon
 - * Rat Race
 - * Canal Festival
 - 4.4 Update on revision of Club Constitution
 - * Discussion and vote on specific point: From 1 November 2010 the SCA's public liability insurance will no longer cover members of affiliated clubs for canoeing-related activities which are not official Club activities. Should the Club require its full members to be members of the SCA?
 - 4.5 Proposal for new site at Meggetland
 - 4.6 A.O.C.B.

Secretary's report (Alistair Riddell)

Total members with subscriptions: 153

Senior members: 82; Junior members: 24; Family subscriptions: 18; Family members this represents: 45

Associate members: 2

Keys hired: 35; Boats stored: 24; Boats stored in the warehouse: 3

Members who are SCA members: 49; Members who are not SCA members: 104

Treasurer's Report 2010 (Polly Golding)

In 2010, the total income for the club was £16,390.41 and our total expenditure was £17,162.58. Our current balance stands at £11,096.85 (on 06/01/11).

The largest contributor to our income was the coached session, especially Kristina's summer courses but including our four week block taster sessions. Together these came to £4453.00. Our outgoings on coaching include training courses for new coaches, coach development and first aid and assistant coaches for the summer courses and after school clubs. The outgoings totalled £3271.87. The pool sessions took £1865, the cost for hire of pool and gym hall came to £1241.19.

Membership took in £1830.00, key hire £495.00 and boat storage £1140.00. The costs are likely to remain the same in the forthcoming year and similar estimates can be projected. Income from boat hire was £1865.31 and other income from a variety of sources came to £1747.85 (sources include clothing, rat race donation and primarily the Grandtully tuck shop taking £1071.82, £494.74 profit if we include the BBQ costs).

We took £2994.25 in competition fees and paid out £3432.42 – the majority of these transactions were concerned with Grandtully.

This year we spent £4588.07 on equipment, including a new boats, polo gear to allow the team to get started, an indoor training machine and small things like paddles and buoyancy aids. We spent £2657.23 on upkeep – rebuilding the paved area surrounding the clubhouse. Our utility bill was £482.96 and our total bank and Paypal charges £249.52. Our other expenditures included club social events, meeting room hire, adverts for the summer courses and small tokens, such as gifts, throughout the year.

Our accounts spreadsheets will appear on the web-site tomorrow, if anyone would like to see them in more detail. Contact me with any questions,
Polly

Coaching Report 2010 - (Cynthia Berry, Coaching Co-ordinator)

2010 saw a new structure at summer club sessions, with electronic bookings being taken for monthly blocks of coaching sessions for adults and children.

This made Thursday sessions more manageable in terms of safety, numbers and continuity for the participants and coaches. Coaches were able to deliver structured sessions with clear learning intentions and outcomes while build rapport with the group.

After participants had successfully completed a course (a pre-requisite), they were allowed to attend Thursday club nights if they wished to practice or refine skills learnt, equipment and coaches permitting.

This structure proved a success and will continue in 2011.

The success of these sessions was the direct result of Forth Canoe Club's volunteer coaches

who gave up their Thursday evenings (and a few days!) to coach. A very big 'thank you' coaches. I would like to name everyone personally but worried I may miss someone out!.

I would like to propose that FCC coaches attend (and are possibly subsidised by the club?) the Club Coaches Conference weekend at Glenmore Lodge this spring, it sounds scary but is a really sociable weekend with lots of workshops and opportunities to exchange ideas and get some new ones. It is the perfect time to start thinking about canoeing outdoors and coaching.

The date for the conference is the 16th to 18th April 2011 and is the ideal opportunity for you to update your coaching qualifications in order for them to remain valid. If you are interested in getting started in coaching this is also an ideal opportunity to dip your toe in the water!.

Club Nights (Jonathan Riddell and Annemarie Proctor)

We ran blocks of sessions for 1 star courses for juniors and seniors during June, July, August
Discipline taster sessions for open canoe, slalom, polo during September
We did a trip to Yellowcraigs to paddle around Fidra during September
Several paddlers from these courses continue to paddle with the club
More coaches and helpers always welcome on Club Nights (remember, Forth will pay for coaching courses)
Next year would like to do more of the same plus more advanced sessions such as 2 star courses

Baths (Jonathan Riddell and Annemarie Proctor)

Weekly sessions at Portobello
Structured in half hour coaching slots with space available for those who don't need coaching
Successful rollers so far this term - Ollie, Susan, Matt
More coaches always welcome
January term bookings taken soon, e-mail Jonathan to get a coaching space

Events (Jonathan Riddell and Annemarie Proctor)

A second fun canal festival in May. Many members took part in flotilla to Lochin Basin paddling alongside Iain Rankin on the Re-union (no corpses floating in the canal). Long queues for our kayak and canadian taster sessions. Spectators were impressed by our competitive polo match, Kelso cheated lots. Rounded off the day with barbeque back at the club.

Our multi-coloured rubber duck challenge attracted fewer competitors than last year but was still good fun. Raised funds for club. Any ideas for next year?

Edinburgh Festival of Sport. Craiglockhart Primary School Fair.
Steady stream of first time paddlers on sunny days of taster sessions.

Thanks to all who helped at these events.

Sea Kayaking (Lisa Evans)

The club's official sea-kayaking activities remain unfortunately very limited. This is because of a lack of members qualified to lead club activities on the sea (4* 'sea leader' qualification required), as well as a lack of seaboats available to club members.

Activities that did take place:

Jonathan led a trip out to Fidra - although not in sea kayaks.

A joined BBQ and paddle was arranged with Lothian Sea-Kayak Club at Seacliff beach.

Some members undertook independent trips, for example Jonathan and Annemarie to Knoydart, and Lisa and Brian to Loch Sween and also (with Glenmore Lodge) to the Summer Isles.

Polo (Theresa Meacham)

The polo section of Forth CC has grown this year with around 8 - 10 individuals turning up regularly to training. The team has benefitted from Stephen Churcher's coaching on Thursday evenings, new equipment and is entered into Div 3 this season.

Tournaments played:

- * January 2010: Div 3
- * Nov 2010: Div 3 cancelled due to the snow.

Upcoming tournaments:

- * February 2011: Div 3
- * May 2011: Div 3

New kit:

- * 2 new boats; one of which was donated to us and one bought second hand
- * 7 new helmets with faceguards
- * 5 new polo buoyancy aids.

Open Canoeing (Mick James)

A bit of interest in open boating this year with training courses run for Scottish Widows and other teams entering the summer rounds of corporate adventure racing. Also, a great club evening in September introducing lots of folk to single paddles. On a personal note loads of fun open boating in the Massif Central in the summer with some fantastic Grade 3s lovely warm water and cheap camping!

Slalom (Mick James)

- * Tully August Div1/2 slalom was successful raising some funds for the Club.
Thanks again to all who helped
- * This season Poppy, Helen, Michael and Jonny were all promoted to Division One.
- * Michael won the Scottish U14 Championships
- * Bradley won the Scottish U18 Championships and British Under 16 Championships and finished the season ranked 17th overall in Premier division
- * Jonny won the Scottish and British U12 Championships