



AGM 2019

Chairman's reports

Thank you to everybody for attending the clubs AGM today. This report will be a mixture of 3 reports: Chairman's, Coaching Coordinator and Paddle Ability Officer.

Our club coaches and session support team members, which include parents, have been busy offering the members a varied selection of activities to take part in.

Thanks go to all of them for working as a team to get all the activities covered and running. It's a great achievement and takes a lot commitment to fit it all in.

- 2 recreational sessions per week
- 4 'on the water' racing sessions per week (summer)
- 4 'off the water' winter sessions
 - Monday circuit
 - Tuesday circuits/basketball
 - Wednesday advanced runners group (all year)
 - Mixed training/ S&C session at University
- 17 Club competitions

We also recently made changes to the format of the club's marathon series, to make it easier and less time consuming for the volunteers that help to run these events and to simulate actual Hasler racing conditions for our paddlers.

The recreational sessions on a Saturday and Sunday morning have been well attended during the summer months and they now have their own WhatsApp group, so they can keep each other informed of upcoming sessions and trips out. My thanks go to Fiona, Ryan, Graham and Brian for all their much appreciated efforts.

During the last 12 months we have held two Annual Dinners and prize giving evenings. The reason for this was to co-ordinate the prize giving to be at the end of the club's racing season and to give us the benefit of a wider choice of available guest speakers. Thanks go to Gary for arranging them this year - Olympian Jonathan Schofield & Chloe Bracewell (hopefully a potential Olympian in 2020). They both gave us a very inspirational talk and presented our many trophies to their deserving winners. Thanks also go to Shelly for organising the dinners and all the other members that helped make them a success.

The Lincoln Hasler race was another great event with its new earlier date of the 8th September. This was well organised by Ray, Anna and their many volunteers, with the club going on to win the overall event. The clubs racing paddlers were spurred on even more, this year, because of the chance to win one of our new prizes, the club's new sponsored T-shirts. Thanks to all who helped with the new prizes; Ray, Paul Banton (printing), Helen's design and more importantly the sponsors Western Power and Saxilby Construction.

The committee have made good progress, in the last 12 months, on updating the club's fleet of boats by purchasing three K2's, a K1 and 2 junior K1 racing boats. These purchases have been helped by the various fundraising that our members have helped out with and also thanks go to Robyn for applying for Coop funding - we received a sum of £831.

This coming year we are planning to invest in the following with help from outside funding:

- Fully re-paint the exterior of the club
- New changing room shower cubicles and disabled shower facilities
- New & additional gym equipment
- New trophy cabinet
- Full training for 8 level 2 coaches (Coach Award)
- FSRT water safety course
- Paddlesport instructor training

The Paddle-Ability side of the club has had another good year with Oliver achieving more great results in his sprint racing and Helen competing in her first race at the Burton Hasler and finishing in a medal position.

Last year we launched our new website run by David Farley and this year we have had another media improvement with our new, impressive, Club Newsletter. Thanks go to Mike for the new format, plus also Shelly and Ray for March & June newsletters.

River clean up weekend was a great effort all-round, by the club members and thanks go to our new member Chantelle and Ryan for the well organised clean up.

I would like to thank Laurence, who has informed us that he is stepping down from his position as Racing Manager, after many years of keeping us all informed and in-line, especially with the races at the sprint regatta's.

My final thanks go to the committee for their support in keeping the club running smoothly and the hours of their own time that they give to the club. Advice and support is also appreciated from all the members.

Best Wishes

Kev Lack

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