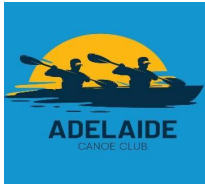


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Minutes of the Adelaide Canoe Club AGM

18 July 2024, 7pm

Bartley Hotel

Present:

Bernard Goble, Anne Langsford, Noel Holmes, Anton Holmes, Ian Hume, Phillip Doddridge, Mark Loram, Charles Walker, Bruce Gregor, Marina Walker, Shauna Ashewood, Scott Polley, Peter Drewry, Michael Griffin, Allan Toohey, Wojtek Swietek, Matthew Eldred, Abelardo Pardo, Kaye Parnell, Stephen Parnell, Hugh Macmillan, Berny Lohmann, Greg Adams, Karl Meyer, Warwick Stuart, Megan Holmes, Francis Goble

Apologies:

Bella Kosterman & Anthony Aardenburg, Jo Molsher, Rob and Rob Rhiddian, Matt Condon, Meredith Blessing, Nicholas Bluhm, Peter Carter, Ken Sullivan, Leigh Richardson, Peter Vincent, Michael Grundy, Paul Clutterbuck, Simon Langsford.

Welcome

Mark Loram welcomed members and partners and outlined the evening's proceedings.

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

That the minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted.

Moved Phil Doddridge, Seconded Peter Drewry.

APPROVED

Business arising

None

President's report

Welcome to this year's AGM and thanks for braving the wet and cold. Our event attendance continues to be strong during winter (we had 7 members for Greg's Port Noarlunga paddle last Sunday). I have also been trying to set an example with early morning and post paddle swims but have only been able to entice Phil to join so far, although Berny did join in on Sunday!

Membership is currently at 115 indicating the healthy state of the Club and I thank all members for their ongoing commitment - it's great to see newer members getting



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involved – we had 7 attending Saturday's Fitness Training paddle, including 3 of our newer members.

We've held 121 Events this year, a bit down on last year but still very healthy. There have been some notable attendance records (ranging from 10 to 31), with the following being most popular:

- a. Kayak Roll (Eskimo Roll) Training at Westminster School (13/14)
- b. Peer Paddle at Semaphore South (11/10)
- c. Explore Second Valley and Coastline (11)
- d. Welcome to Spring Paddle (12)
- e. Tintinara Canoe Polo Weekend on Lake Indawarra (20)
- f. General Meeting - Kayaking Expedition in Greenland Fjords with Giresh (22)
- g. Self Rescue & Rolling Training (13)
- h. Eildon Whitewater (13)
- i. Backstairs Passage - Crossing to Kangaroo Island (15)
- j. Explore Port Noarlunga Coast and Reefs (10)
- k. Rough Water Training (13)
- l. Come and Try Polo (at least 30 attending)
- m. General Meeting - Tales of Bass Strait Crossing with Bernard (31)
- n. Backstairs Passage - Crossing to Kangaroo Island (13)

Well done Bernard on the best attendance at 31 for your talk on Bass Strait Crossing.

None of these events would be possible without an enthusiastic Committee and Leadership Team, so thank you all for your support throughout the year – it's been fantastic! We now have 4 of the Committee posting events on our various media platforms, so now there is plenty of backup to maintain the Calendar. Our WhatsApp channel is also beneficial for arranging *ad hoc* Peer Paddles when those lovely days appear out of nowhere – however we may need to tone down the non-paddle related comments?? But it has been great from a social perspective to connect members.

It's probably common knowledge now that I will be standing down this year after three (3) years as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to lead the Club, but none of this would have been possible without support from Committee members, Leadership Team and many others helping with events.

Firstly, I would like to thank this year's Committee Members, who were all very supportive throughout the year. My thanks to:

Charlie Walker – Treasurer

Simon Langsford - Secretary

Nicholas Bluhm – Still helping in the background, monitoring and forwarding info@acc emails

Phil Doddridge – Training Coordinator

Abelardo Pardo – IT/Events



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Peter Drewry – Membership Officer

Hugh Stewart – General Committee

Matt Condon – General Committee – still recovering and sorely missed for Sunday Semaphore Paddles

Allan Toohey – Polo Representative.

Secondly, I would like to thank all our Trip Leaders who keep the Calendar showing a very active club. At risk of mentioning individuals and missing any, I would just like to thank all those who have been tireless in offering trips over the last three (3) years. None of our events would happen without all our Leaders and it's great to see new ones coming through. A lot of planning goes into many of the more complex trips, and I appreciate all the effort Leaders have provided.

What's Been Happening over the last 12 months

I'd just like to summarise some of the projects the Committee has progressed on over the last 12 months.

ACC Website and Social Media:

Our website continues to grow and receives favourable comments from both new members and from within the Adelaide Paddling Community. Over the last 12 months Abelardo has uploaded 15 Trip Reports to the site, and posted shorter trips and events to Facebook and Instagram. There are also a few reports in the pipeline being formatted prior to upload.

We currently have 917 followers on Facebook and 160 on Instagram.

We receive regular email enquiries via info@adelaidecanooclub.org.au with some looking for information about getting into kayaking and others keen to join. If we can't assist, we refer the enquiry to PSA or other Clubs.

The trips with eye-catching photos and reports attract the most attention and comment, which is all good promotion for the Club and I encourage all members to help out.

We also now have 13 videos loaded to YouTube and my thanks, particularly to Charlie and Greg for contributing by taking their GoPros and for editing the footage. The videos are always popular and help to promote the Club.

General Meetings:

We have been working on getting General Meetings back up and running with very successful presentations from Giresh last year, and Bernard following his successful Bass Strait Crossing earlier this year.

Both events were very well attended. Hopefully we will be hearing from Dr Richard Barnes in September about his Tasman Crossing to NZ in Blue Moon. Hugh Stewart



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met him on the recent Murray Marathon and took the initiative to approach him about coming to Adelaide.

WhatsApp:

It's good to see WhatsApp being used for Peer Paddles as well as reading about Bernard's progress on Bass Strait and catching up with Pavel's paddling the Volga River. Berny has been making good use for *ad hoc* backwater paddles when the weather is too good to resist. We currently have 59 members in the Peer Paddle Group and my thanks to those members posting Peer Paddles.

The group is also being used for social connection - all this helps to keep Club members involved.

Club Polo Shirts/Decals:

We still have 24 shirts (Polo Shirts and Hoodies) available for purchase or for raffle prizes. The Hoodies are so handy during winter, I have just purchased a second one. There are a few Decals remaining, anyone not receiving theirs please let me know.

It's good to see members sitting down for a meal at The Bartley after Thursday Night paddles all in Blue Hoodies and attracting plenty of attention.

Saturday Paddle Stroke and Fitness Training:

Hugh Stewart has continued to run Paddle Stroke and Fitness Sessions on Saturdays at West Lakes. These are proving very popular with regular attendance of 7 plus. They are very beneficial for new members with noticeable improvements apparent. On the very few times that Hugh has not been available then, Hugh Macmillan, Berny or I have run the sessions.

Whitewater on Goulburn at Eildon:

Great to see Blue Gums trips continue in Jan this year and many thanks to Scott for your whitewater leadership – these are great trips and I encourage members to try them out. This year was very successful with 13 members attending.

A-Frames:

The A-Frames to promote Club Events are coming in handy (when weather cooperates) and were on display at the Come and Try Polo in March. We expect they will get a good airing at Welcome Spring paddles and future training days.



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Active Club Grant No 51 and Polo Come and Try:

In March we successfully reconciled Active Club Grant 51 for \$3,000, with the grant money spent to help Polo with equipment and coaching training.

On Saturday 18th May, Polo under the leadership of Leigh Richarson organized a Come and Try Polo event at the Neighbourhood Reserve on Bartley Terrace. The event was very well attended with at least 30 prospective players trying out polo or sea kayaks. It was a very impressive morning, so judging by the success of the day, the Grant money has been well spent.

Paddles of note by Club Members:

During the last 6 months there have two (2) note-worthy paddles by Club members Bernard Goble and Hugh Stewart, with Bernard successfully completing a Bass Strait Crossing in Feb/Mar with members of the Victorian Sea Kayak Club (VSKC) and then Hugh followed up with a Crossing of St Vincents Gulf on April 12th. Well done to both club members, it's great to have these examples to inspire other Club members.

Leadership Training (Phil comment):

Training has continued under the leadership of Phil Doddridge, and over the last 12 months Matt Eldred has qualified as an Enclosed Sea Guide while Greg Adams, Hugh Macmillan, Hugh Stewart and Karl Meyer are progressing paperwork and final assessments.

A growing number of paddles are also being offered by new members to the Leadership Team with Greg at Port Noarlunga and Berny arranging very successful trips to Cumbunga Creek.

Acknowledgments:

Over the year, several Club members have been connecting with Ian Pope for Surf sessions at Seaford, and I would like to acknowledge his assistance. Recently he has been contacting Berny and spending time kayak surfing as well as paddling at Seacliff. I am trying to get him to attend an AGM or General Meeting, but he spends a lot of time away on cycling trips!

I would also like to acknowledge the support from our Port Augusta Club Members, Stephen Carter and Greg Watts, who although living outside the CBD regularly attend events and offer trips in their local area. On the last trip to the Upper Gulf we discussed a future trip to Cowell, hopefully over the summer months.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance I receive from The Bartley Hotel, they were particularly helpful yesterday when I came in to test-run the presentation and are always willing to host the Club at no booking cost.

Also, many thanks to Phil and Noel for helping this evening – running the Raffle and acting as Returning Officer. Also, to Greg Adams for taking photos.



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Sick List:

Unfortunately, we have a few on the sick list at the moment, and I would like to wish them the best for speedy recoveries. I call each of them occasionally and encourage members to give them a call of encouragement which I think they would appreciate. Currently we have:

- a. Matt Condon,
- b. Terry Holder,
- c. Jo Molsher.

Hopefully I haven't missed anyone.

Completion:

Thanks everyone, I have really enjoyed my role as President but will be stepping down to catch up on house maintenance, travel – and planning to run more trips.

I've been very lucky to be supported by such a wonderful Committee and Trip Leaders – thank you all!

And special thanks to my darling wife Ange (home keeping nice and warm) who has been of great assistance vetting my emails and reports and giving her opinion when I have been a bit unsure. Recently she has been working diligently on a house maintenance to-do list!

I encourage other Club members to get involved in Committee activities – it can be a very rewarding experience and helps maintain an active club.

This completes my report for the year, my apologies for any omissions.

Many Thanks

Mark

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Treasurer's report
For the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Opening Balance	
Cheque Account ACC	\$5318.60
Term Deposit	\$6026.19
Total	\$11344.79
Closing Balance	
Cheque Account ACC	\$6958.41
Term Deposit	\$6048.61
Total	\$13007.02
Net Change	\$1662.23
Income	
Membership	\$2238.48
Grant	\$3000.00
TShirts	\$1135.39
Event Income (St Kilda Hall)	\$134.43
Event Income (Rolling)	\$853.45
Total	\$7361.75

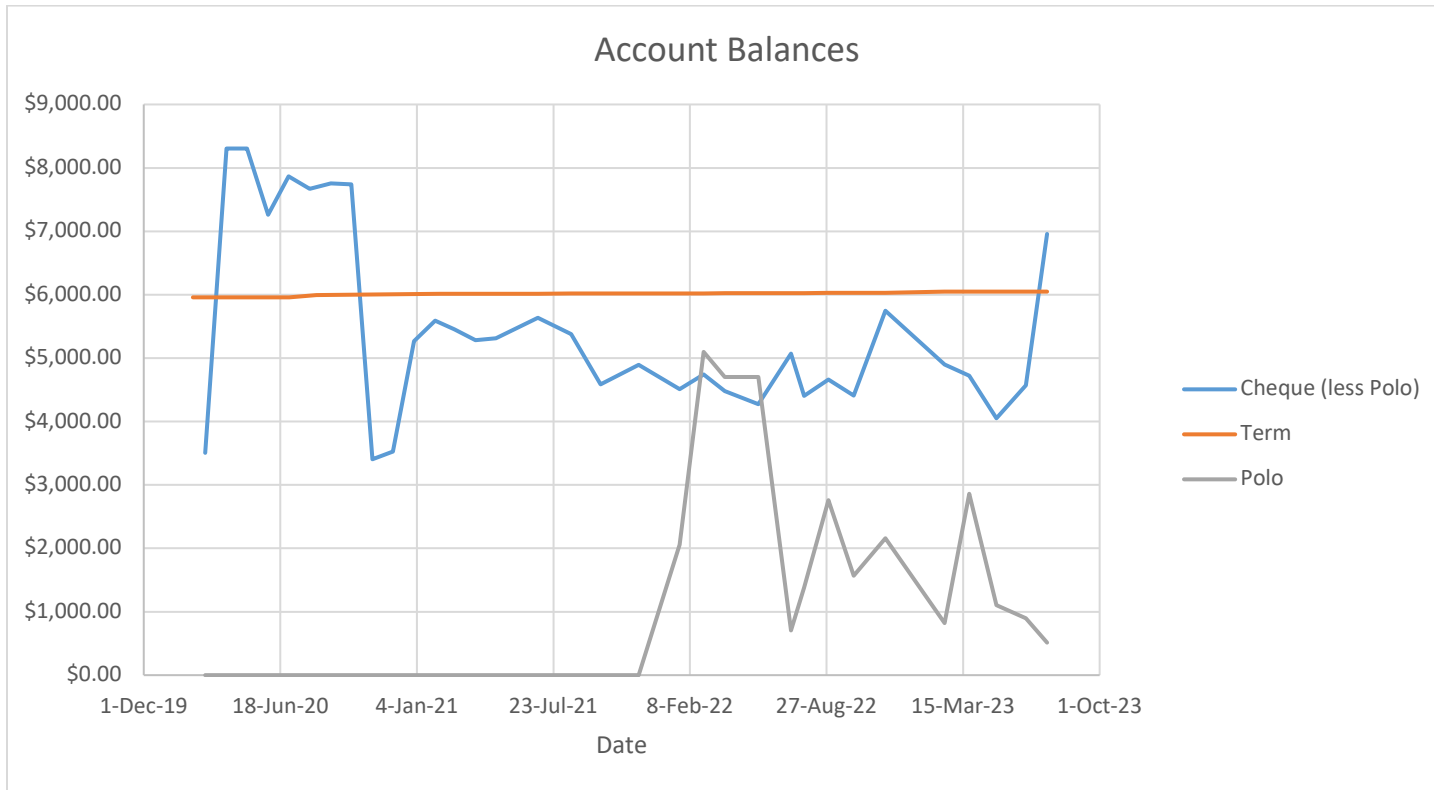
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Expenses	
Accounting (Xero fees)	(\$135.00)
Discretionary (Polo donation)	(\$380.95)
Event Expenses (St Kilda hall, Westminster)	(\$708.00)
General (AGM food, Paddle SA hall hire)	(\$356.90)
Guide Training	(\$280.00)
Decals	(\$616.00)
TShirts	(\$1303.83)
Hoodies	(\$957.00)
Website	(\$310.00)
Total	(\$5047.68)

Canoe Polo

Opening Balance	\$705.00
Closing Balance	\$512.90
Income (Event Fees)	\$5092.33
Expenses (Event Costs)	\$5284.43
Profit/Loss	(\$192.10)

Account Overview



Election of Officers

Elected unopposed

President: Anne Langsford

Treasurer: Charles Walker

Secretary: Simon Langsford

Web Manager: Abelardo

Training Officer: Phil Dodridge

Membership: Peter Drewry

Polo: Allan Toohey

Unfilled positions: Vice President, General members

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Meeting closed 9pm