



Committee meeting Adelaide Canoe Club

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Public Officer: Charles Walker

Minutes of AGM 2025

Thursday 16 June 2025, 6pm

Bartley Hotel

Attendees

Simon Langsford, Anne Langsford, Hugh Stuart, Alberto Pardo, Greg Adams, Phil Doddridge, Peter Drewry, Charles Walker, Marina Walker, Bernie Lohman, Bella Kosterman, Anthony Aardenburg, Mark Loram, Steve Hampton, Francis Gobel, Bernard Gobel, Julian Came, Stewart Brown, Noel Holmes, Michael Griffin, Yolanda Valle-Beufelefer, Jim Townsend

Welcome

Apologies

Steve Wild, Jo Molsher, Damien Hall, Peter Carter, Scott Polly, Kaye Parnell, Stephen Parnell, Wojtek Swietek, Shauna Ashewood, Merideth Blesing

Previous minutes

Previous minutes approved

AGENDA ITEMS

President's Report

Thanks to Committee members

- *Wojtek Swietek – Vice President*
- *Charlie Walker – Treasurer*
- *Simon Langsford - Secretary*
- *Phil Doddridge – Training Coordinator*
- *Abelardo Pardo – IT/Events*
- *Peter Drewry – Membership Officer*

- *Hugh Stewart – General Committee*
- *Allan Toohey – Polo Representative.*

Membership has been over 100 all year, current membership 114

There have been 127 events in the last 12 months which is impressive. These wouldn't happen without our leadership team.

So, thanks to the other leaders:-

Phil Doddridge, Bernard Goble, Scott Polley, Jim Townsend, Hugh Stewart, Charlie Walker, Greg Adams, Karl Meyer, Mark Loram, Shauna Ashwood, Bella Kostermann, Matt Eldred, Stephen Carter, Berny Lohmann and Simon. Also thanks to Anton Holmes and Ricky Belisle for their contribution to canoe polo as national coach and umpire respectively.

I would also like to acknowledge other significant club leaders, Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson and Peter Carter, who after many years of leading paddles and setting high standards for club paddles are now stepping down from this. They are still active paddlers and a great club resource sharing their expertise.

There were two major meetings of the leadership group to facilitate filling the calendar, resulting in events that provided paddling opportunities in a range of waters from entry level, through demanding and challenging up to extreme. So there was something for everyone. We have also trialled having more than one event on the same day, giving people a choice of paddling time, location or grading.

As you have seen on the background slides over dinner there have been paddles in a number of our beautiful coastal areas, rivers and lakes as well as interstate locations.

This year's calendar has included:-

- Paddling to Kangaroo Island
- Chowilla
- Coffin Bay
- Port Wakefield to Port Clinton Gulf Crossing
- Eildon whitewater
- Lake Alexandrina crossing
- Canoe Polo at Tintinara
- Katarapko, Eckets Creek, the Splash
- Rough water and rescue training days
- Exploring our beautiful coastal waters such as around Myponga, Victor harbor and Port Noarlunga, Seacliff

- Tasmania, Thanks to Phil, this was a 2 week trips with logistics of getting boats there and camping in several different areas
- Wedge Island expedition, thanks to Karl organising this Extreme paddle for our very adventurous paddlers

Other notable events

- Dr Richard Barnes' talk on paddling to NZ and paddling with him at Garden Island
- Celebrating Christmas at Garden Island
- Winter solstice night paddle
- Movie night
- The inaugural Torrens Island race

There have also been many peer paddles, organised by members when the weather and water are just right for some fun.

The division of WhatsApp in two groups, one for peer paddles and one for social chat has helped members connect for paddles, share their paddling experiences, making us jealous with pictures and videos of where they are paddling and also sharing experience and knowledge on topics such as kayak repair, the best paddles to use, and where to get gear. It is great to see this connection and contribution between club members.

Congratulations to club members who have major achievements

- Hugh Stewart paddling to Tasmania from Victoria
- Will Polley played in the Australia Open Men's team for the Worlds Canoe Polo competition last October and the Oceania Championships in April
- Stacey Goodwin played in the Australian Open Women's team for the Oceania Championships
- Hugh Stewart who has a new record for the Riverland Paddling Marathon 200, RKL1MV65 of 21 hours, 22minutes and 45 seconds. Also to Hugh MacMillan who came in first in the RKL1 category in the RPM 100 race. And Yolanda for being their land crew.
- Matt Eldred who is currently doing another extended river trip, the Darling
- Berny who enjoyed an extended trip down the Murray
- Paddle SA Award recipients, Phil Dodridge Instructor of the Year; Mark Loram Services to Paddling; Simon Langsford Master Athlete of the Year; Meredith Blesing Award of Merit

- This year we have had 4 members achieve Paddle Australia qualifications :-
 - Berny qualified as a flatwater guide
 - Karl as sea guide
 - Greg sea guide
 - Hugh S sea instructor
- Everyone who attended training sessions to refine technique and learn new skills such as rescues and rolling. The best quote I heard was Rebecca – ‘I never realised falling in could be so much fun’.

We have had a great year of paddling and looking forward to more adventures in the next 12 months.

Adelaide Canoe Club – Treasurers Report - 2024-2025

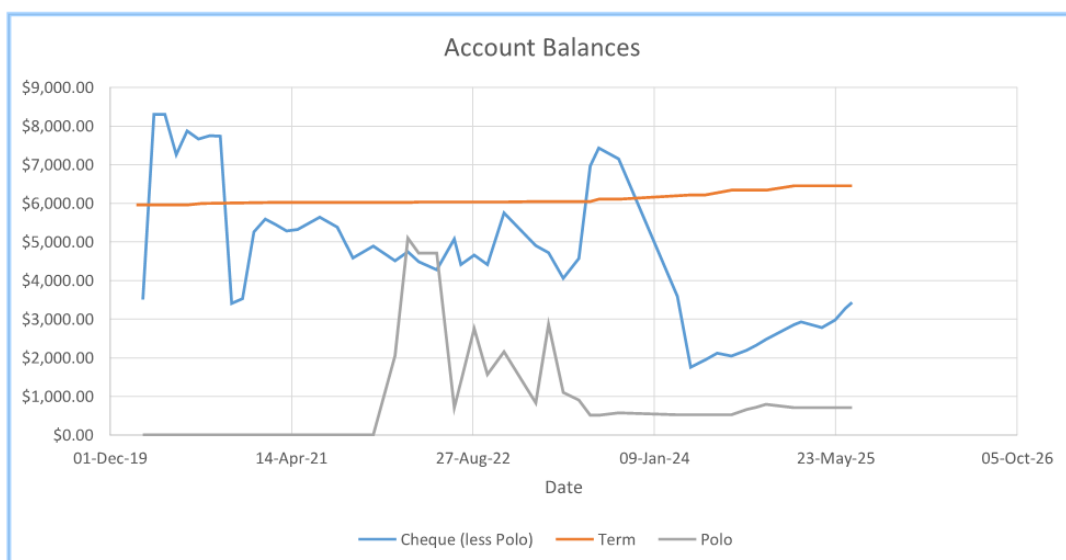
For the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2025

Opening Balance	
Cheque Account ACC (less polo)	\$2114.96
Term Deposit	\$6220.68
Total	\$8335.64
Closing Balance	
Cheque Account ACC (less polo)	\$3474.33
Term Deposit	\$6451.05
Total	\$9925.38
Net Change	\$1589.74
Income	
Membership	\$2082.11
Hoodies	\$65.00
Event Income (Forward paddling: Luke Hannaford)	\$93.42
Interest	\$230.37
Total	\$2470.90
Expenses	
Accounting (Xero fees)	(\$180)
Event Expenses (Forward paddling: Luke Hannaford)	(\$100.00)
General (AGM, PaddleSA room hire, Torrens Island race)	(\$291.16)
Website	(\$310.00)
Total	(\$881.16)

Canoe Polo

Opening Balance	\$519.24
Closing Balance	\$706.96
Income (Tintinara)	\$585.47
Expenses (Tintinara)	\$397.75
Profit/Loss	\$187.72

Account Overview



Election of Officers

Mark Loram acted as Returning Officer. He declared all positions vacant. He informed the meeting that all the current committee were willing to stand for another term with the exception of Allan Toohey, and that Yolanda Valle-Beufelefer was willing to join the committee. Mark moved that the current committee be re-elected, with Anne Langsford; President, Wojtek Swietek; Vice President, Charles Walker; Treasurer, Simon Langsford; Secretary, and the other committee members being Phil Dodridge, Hugh Stuart, Yolanda Valle-Beufelefer, Peter Drewrey, Abelardo Pardo. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. Any other business

There was no other business