Minutes of Tyne Valley Canoe Club

Date: **25/4/26**

Present: **Rachel Hudspith, Paul Newman, Stephen Eglon, Darren Glanville, Yaroslava Shumikhina, Carl Roadhouse, Mark Tudbull, Margaret Perry, Christopher Appleby, Frank Proud, Graham Purvis, Peter Wollaston, Heather Bell, Rebecca Miller, Russell Nicholson, Gail Mciver**

Apologies : **Will Mac, Mary Bell, Ryan Bell, Layton Bell, Pawel Rucinski, Nina McGough, Peter Faill, Peter Gibson, Kevin Pearson, Tony Ford, Victoria Whincup, David Smith, Robert Walling, Anne Hardy, Nardia Moore, Lev Leviev, David Graydon, Victoria Fowler, Summa Fowler, Les Johnson, David Ramsay, Aimee Bambridge, Brian smyth**

Minutes by: Stephen Eglon

Point	notes	action
Welcome & Chairs report	A BIG Thank You to those Coaches and Leaders who supported sessions throughout this past year. A big thank you to the committee and for Darren stepping up to Coaching Officer. Rick Donaldson It was sad to hear of the passing of our good friend Rick Donaldson, who after 6 years of fighting cancer finally left us. The club gave him a good send off, firstly with a 105km Sponsored Paddle from Berwick to Tynemouth over two days, raising £2500 for Macmillan Cancer care. We later held the usual Club BBQ at the end of the Summer season Where we performed a Viking Funeral for Rick with Sam, his wife providing some of his ashes and a bottle of whisky which was shared. Pool Sessions The pool sessions this year have been very well supported, despite the need to increase the cost per boat to £7.00 + the Spond fee. The pool has had difficulties with the wave machine flooding in to the Plant Room. This appears to happen when the waves are on the higher settings. We cannot therefore, rely on the wave machine being available unless this fault gets rectified for later this year. The Pool has now been booked for 2026/27 with the first session being 18/09/2026. Club Activity. River Sessions on Friday nights were fairly quiet with many paddlers signing up to Non Coached sessions. Visibility on Facebook continues to be prominent with the local councillor regularly promoting us as a valued community club. Membership is healthy with a lot of new faces joining. Events 25 / 26 River clean-up 14 th June 25 was a great success, with a good attendance. Water Safety Awareness Event in partnership with Prudhoe Town Council and Youth Project was a great hit with lots of participation. on the river Tuesday 5 th July 25 was a success and important for our	

	continued support to the community. Next one will be 4 th July 26. Wylam Scouts session 18 th July went well but we did not attract any new members. Tyne Tour Gail ran a Wark to Barrassford trip on Saturday. This may have been the last official event. A few trips have happened at the Tees Barrage with one Low Flow session happening. Christmas Meal at Ziiza was well attended but despite all the menu orders being passed to staff there were many delays with the food. It was still a great social with 24 members attending. Equipment Maintenance session took place a few weeks ago with the canoe stores having a bit of a tidy out.	
Secretary report	Firstly on behalf of the committee I would like to thank all of our volunteers, coaches and committee members for their time and efforts during the past year. As a voluntary organisation we could not operate without their commitment. We would however benefit from more help in the general running of the club. Current membership renewals stand at 77 which is up 20 on last year at this stage (57). This is great news as our growing membership demonstrates the great offer available from our club. The renewal process appears to have gone smoothly with the usual issue regarding family memberships requiring one member per household to be the payee. Members are reminded to review their details recorded on the SPOND system so that details of emergency contacts etc. are up to date. This year the committee has been working hard to strengthen the future of the club. ● Support coaches and leaders in their continued personal development. ● Enquiries around planning permissions for the country park highlighted issues with the tenure put in place by Northumberland County Council, this is again being modified to allow for our future developments. We hope this is finally completed and plans can be put in place very soon. Members will be informed separately when this stage is reached. ● Apply for grants to allow for investment in equipment. ● Maintain existing equipment. ● Acquire updated equipment. Including 2 brand new open canoes. All of this has allowed us to maintain our Paddle UK Quality Club Status. This should enable us to move forward with plans to develop Tyne Valley Canoe Club further. We look forward to sharing further details with members and seeking their input as this progresses. Upcoming dates for diary: ● 30/5/26 - River clean up, kit ordered from PUK ● 4/7/26 - Club open day/River Safety day ● 18/9/26 - pool starts	

Treasurer	● We made an overall surplus of £3,452 for the year ● At the end of 2025 we had an accumulated surplus fund of £16,841. Cash in the bank was £17,788 but I've accrued £665 for an invoice from Northumberland County Council for lease costs from 2022/23 onwards, and not counted income of £282 on membership subs received in 25/26 for the year 26/27. The invoice from the County Council will be paid as soon as we receive the lease agreement with the correct diagrams attached. ● We received grants of £4000 and spent £2,547 on the new Canoes. If you also add what we made on the sale of the old canoes (£900) and what we earnt in equipment rental we made a surplus on investing in equipment of £2,740 ● If you take off the net surplus on equipment of £2,740, we made an overall surplus of £712 but this is supplemented by the release of an accrual for pool expenses from prior years of £800 (not payable due to the transfer of the Places Leisure), and a gain of £235 on rent. This was due to me having accrued £900 for the preceding 3 years and the invoice from NCC being only for £665. Without the release of these surplus accruals the underlying performance on day to day activities would have been a loss of £323 (although this is covered by equipment rental of £387 if you exclude that from the equipment investment surplus). ● The accounts show a surplus on the pool sessions of £832 but that is net of the release of £800 of accruals from prior years so we effectively broke even on the pool sessions, which is what we aim to do. ● We spent £392 on developing our coaches; mainly first aid courses for Darren Glanville and Margaret Perry. I expect to see more coach development expenses in 2026/27. We should look for lower cost options for first aid courses in 2026/27 if possible. ● There's a large drop in equipment rental income from £916 to £387. I can't tell if this is due to i) more members having their own kit so not needing to rent, ii) fewer people attending Friday night sessions and club trips or iii) people attending but not paying. We maybe need to remind members and coaches to ensure payment is made before club sessions or trips.	
Coaching Officer	Review of the year A big thank you to all the coaches and leaders within the club for welcoming me into the club and helping me settle into the role which I was asked to take on just before the last AGM. It's been great getting involved again with a club environment having been previously in clubs in Norwich and Wales.	

	The pool sessions were very well attended and it's been great seeing so many members develop over the winter. As a coach, I have been on some trips throughout the year and it's good to see that we have an active coaching and leadership team. Achievements in the past year ● Run successful trips to Wales as part of a yearly progressive program to not only help develop the members but also help identify new coaches / leaders ● Run first coaching and leaders meeting which will be run before and after the summer paddling season ● Identified new coaches and leaders - 2 members are going on a Paddlesport Instructor course ● Audited and updated internal documents on coaches and leader qualifications ● Planned and run first paddlesport course for members ● Developed and put in plan policies for funding coaching within the club Plans for 2026/2027 ● Continue to identify potential coaches and leaders ● Develop special day activities such as Safety and BBQ (more to come) ● Look at potential of running some winter trips to help develop member skill levels ● Run coaches / leaders meeting again in October to plan Winter 2026 / 2027 ● Write and post 3 monthly newsletters on Spond / Facebook to promote club events ● Continue to support the coaching and leadership team to further develop their skills and to help them where needed ● Increase the amount of members gaining awards Thanks Special thanks to those who have run courses, weekend trips and local paddles on the rivers and sea. Without our amazing team, the members would not be on the water.	
4) Election of Officers	**Chair** Rachel Hudspith exp Apr 2028 **Vice Chair** Vacant **Treasurer** Paul Newman exp Apr 2027 **Secretary** Stephen Eglon exp Apr 2027 (membership secretary and Communications Officer incorporated) **Welfare Officer** David Graydon exp. April 2027 (Equality Officer incorporated) **Coaching Officer** Darren Glanville, agreed to still stand Proposed: Margaret Perry Seconded: Gail McIver **Event Safety Officer** Rachel Hudspith **Volunteer Coordinator** Vacant	

	Equipment Maintenance Mark Tudball, agreed to still stand Proposed: Paul Newman Seconded: Margaret Perry **General member** Carl Roadhouse	
5) Objectives for 2026/27	• Boat House development is progressing with revised lease being completed. Once planning has been approved, we will seek tenders then apply for grant funding. • Continue to raise profile of club through social media and by offering a taster day and community- based events, including links with school groups. • Next stages will be to register new Lease with Land Registry. • We will hold an EGM to ensure a new boat store is what the members would like or to continue with the containers which will require replacing soon. • Plans have been completed for a new Boat Storage facility and if the club members agree, planning permission will be sought.	
6) **Membership Fees for 2026/27**	• Adult £24 • Concession £18 • Family £48 • Temporary £6 • Pro-rata applied Jun-Aug, Sept-Dec, Jan-Mar -PN costs are covered possibly in future we should look at increasing -Possible increase will be needed in near future to cover new build etc. To ballot members Pool cost increasing to £110 in 2026-27 fee increase to £7.50 proposed by PN voted carried by all members present	
AOB	Mark T- giant hogweed Paul N asked what members think of club Russell N good welcoming club Graham P seconded statement	

Tyne Valley Canoe Club Accounts 2024/25

	2025/2026		2024/2025		Variance	
Income						
Weekend and Other Hire	386.95		915.68		(528.73)	
Membership	1,077.40		1,498.00		(420.60)	
Pool Sessions	2,932.00		481.03		2,450.97	
Clothing	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Grants	4,000.00		4,500.00		(500.00)	
Coaching Subsidies	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Competitions	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Equipment Sales	900.00		770.00		130.00	
Other	80.00		250.00		(170.00)	
Square Fees	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Total Income		**9,376.35**		**8,414.71**		**961.64**
						0.00
Expenditure						
BCU Membership	(200.60)		(201.80)		1.20	
Insurance	(897.34)		(1,060.90)		163.56	
Pool Hire	(2,100.00)		(400.00)		(1,700.00)	
Coaching Subsidies	(392.00)		(476.60)		84.60	
Clothing	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Equipment	(2,546.79)		(377.24)		(2,169.55)	
Website	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Committee Meetings	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Competitions	0.00		0.00		0.00	
Rent	235.00		(300.00)		535.00	
Facilities / Maintenance	(11.23)		(20.46)		9.23	
Other	(11.24)		(17.00)		5.76	
Total Expenditure		**(5,924.20)**		**(2,854.00)**		**(3,070.20)**
						0.00
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		**3,452.15**		**5,560.71**		**(2,108.56)**
						0.00

Tyne Valley Canoe Club Accounts 2024/25		**2025/2026**	**2024/2025**		
Balance Sheet					
Accumulated Fund Brought Forward		13,389.03	7,828.32		
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		3,452.15	5,560.71		
Prior Year Correction - Accounts Receivable					
Accumulated Fund Carried Forward		**16,841.18**	**13,389.03**		
Current Account Balance at	31/03/2026	17788.18	15089.03	Current Account B	31/03/2025
Accounts Receivable		0.00	0.00	Accounts Receivable	
2026/27 Membership Fees Rec'vd in 25/26		(282.00)			
Accrued Expenses (Lockup Rent)		(665.00)	(700.00)		
C/F Accrual for Rent		0.00	(1,000.00)		
Total Net Assets		**16,841.18**	**13,389.03**		
		0.00	0.00		
Accruals					
Pool Sessions Nov 2023			(400.00)		
Pool Sessions Sept/Oct 2024			(400.00)		
Rent 2022/23			(300.00)		
Rent 2023/24			(300.00)		
Rent 2024/25			(300.00)		
Invoice 319419 for Rent from May 2022 - Jan 2027		(665.00)			
Total		**(665.00)**	**(1,700.00)**		
Note					
Paid rent for2020/21 on 27/05/21		(300.00)			