

DUCC AGM 2021 Minutes

In attendance:

- Lucy Morgan
- Laura Gibbs
- Martin Murphy
- Thomas Simpson
- Dave peel
- George Padolsey
- Joe Osborne
- Ealish green
- Abigail Allen
- Rebecca Clark
- Grace Muir
- Matt Keogan
- Kirsty Noble
- Sarah Appleby
- Victoria Boland
- Tom Alcock
- Lara Halıcı

The group first reviewed the general minutes from this year and concluded that we were all in agreement that these minutes were ok.

Then we had a treasurer's report by Matt Keegan and grace Muir. There were 18 paying members this year no spendings were made due to covid, and the process of sending out refunds for membership is rolling out.

Review of the year

- *Freshers week was a next success in club members eyes many freshers signed up and we were oversubscribed.*
- A returners paddle was held which was very successful and got old club members back on the water
- The course of the year was covered, friendly with virtual socials being held on social distancing. Maintained throughout all in person sessions.
- Morning sessions were introduced and we hope to continue those from now on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
- A charity run/ Walk was organised for the Mind Charity, which was very successful. 350 pounds was raised as a team; the target distance was met with good time.

Updates from the uni

- The University hoped to make plans for getting back to normal in third term, but haven't confirmed anything as of yet.
- Bucs polo competition is set to go ahead in July of 2021. Will be looking to sort teams out for this soon.

- We will hopefully be able to run a summer trip this year possibly to Wales or Scotland, depending on travel restrictions, interest and whether covid measures will be eased.

Hustings and speeches for new exec positions

Captain: Laura Gibbs is running for this role. Minutes were made by George while her hust was taking place.

- Laura has been doing kayaking most of her life and has been in the role of vice captain this past year
- She hopes to run sessions for destressing in exam.
- Have more socials that are just relaxing, like sitting by the River just to make up for lost time. We've had as a group.
- She wants to work closely with the trip sec so we can make sure we can get some trips to Scotland or Wales this year.
- It's really important to get fresh is out and about, primarily as they've had barely anytime on the water.
- When asked by George how she'd manage her time, she replied with it won't be her last year, she won't have her diss to focus on or too many summatives. She's 'very dedicated to the Canoe Club and is organised', but will make efforts to balance her time to make sure that the club isn't neglected.
- When asked by Joe where her favourite place to paddle is. She replied with on the same stretch of the River Dee in Wales that she did in the summer. She kept on it pretty much every day.
- Laura was asked to draw an otter and her drawing was particularly bad. She will not be voted in based on her ability to draw an otter for sure...

Laura was voted in by group members to be our new captain!

Vice captain: Joe Osbourne and Thomas Simpson were running for this role. First to hust, was Joe Osbourne.

- Joe is a first year and had experienced kayaking all his life. He is very experienced, with lots of qualifications that will be beneficial to the club. Good leadership skills; Having experience teaching rolling and teaching kids basic kayaking skills. He is also supportive of a trip to Wales.

- When asked the very mean question by George of how to improve transport. He replied with maybe investing in a trailer for kayaks (Which sadly we are unable to do due to team Durham rules but was still a good answer). Joe also replied with 'I would improve the relationship with Team Durham so that we can try and get Cars/ mini vans booked in good time. He also suggested finding somewhere to store boats nearby the pools so that we won't have to them as far.
- When asked what new stash would you suggest introducing to the club? Joe suggested Pogies as it is an essential for kayaking, and it's something a bit different from the normal stash.

That concluded Joe Osbourne's hust and Tom Simpson now began to perform his hust.

- Tom Simpson is a second year. And has been part of the exact for the past year as competition Secretary.
- He took part in organising many of the River sessions this year.
- He's very keen and has a good relationship with other members of the exec
- He aims to keep running morning sessions/ chill sessions, and organised lots of stash.
- He was asked the same question as Joe about what he would introduce with Stash. He replied with he would introduce more stash for everyone, hoodies and T shirts for normal club members, rather than just the exec.
- He was asked by Laura about how he would improve relationships with other unis and the alumni group. He replied that he would organise more trips with universities. Such as fresher's polo competitions and one on one matches against universities. He will try and get on the good side of the alumni group by organising River race in good time and get in touch with them quickly.

Anonymous voting for the role of Vice captain then began, with Tom Simpson getting the most votes and therefore becoming the vice captain for 2021! It was arranged that Joe can jump in at any point during the meeting to run for another role.

Treasurer : Matt Keegan was re-running for the role of Treasurer

- Matt is very experienced with running for the role of Treasurer and had a good year with grace. He is determined to keep things topped up and kept organised.
- When asked what he could invest in if he could, He suggested a trailer for kayaks. But sadly, this cannot happen 😞

- When asked what would he do if the Boat House was robbed in anyway, He replied with that you'd first check the insurance from Team Durham, cheque finances and see what we can actually invest in. And maybe contact the Alumni Group for financial support.
- When asked by George what the biggest change the club finance he'd make, he replied with. He'd keep applying for fundraising and funding, but wouldn't change much. Things are already going very well and are in good shape, he would just keep on top of things.

That concluded Matt's hust, anonymous voting resulted in Matt winning the role of Treasurer for this year!

Trip sec: Martin Murphy re-ran for this role

- *Martin Murphy is very experienced and has run many taster sessions in the past. He's very passionate and looks after club kiit. He has gone on many different trips and had experience with organising the; Being trip set for the past year*
- *He is keen to get the club out and about and get back to different rivers.*
- *When asked by Joe on whether we go to any artificial white water courses. Martin replied with definitely yes. We usually go to the Tees Barrage, but Nottingham is also on the table as that is a very good white water course. It all depends on transport.*
- *Martin was asked where would we go instead of the Alps if we couldn't travel abroad? He replied with Wales or Scotland due to travel restrictions.*

That concludes Martin's hust and voting resulted in him winning!

Kit and Safety: No body ran for this role at first, but then Joe Osbourne decided to run for this role since it was vacant.

- Joe has gone through and damaged kit in the past but have been able to fix and repair them suitably; lots of experience there.
- He promises to keep good check on group equipment and complete all the necessary checks (ie. Floating round in the river)
- When asked what his favourite BA is, he replied with Peak or Palm gear (good choice)

Joe was then voted in by the group!

Competition sec: Nobody ran for this role, despite Thomas trying to describe and advertise it. This role will be open for people to run for it; An EGM will have to be held for this. If no one runs for this position, tom will spread out his duties for this role.

Welfare: Abigail Allen and Ealish Green are running for joint Welfare

- They aim to make the club very accessible and keep it open to everyone
- To check that tips are open to all and answer any member's queries on the activities that are taking place in the trip to ease nerves.
- To remind people that welfare is there and what it covers
- Plan distress socials for students during exam period

Abi and Ealish were voted in as joint welfare

Social Sec: Rebecca Clarke re-ran for this role

- *She thoroughly enjoyed being social sec over the past year and was keen to do it again*
- *Wants to bring back the chicken socials when we get back to in person socials*
- *Wants to continue zoom socials*

Rebecca won social sec!

Media: Lara re-ran for this position

- *Successfully created a place for all photos over the past year and reorganised the Instagram*
- *She aims to keep updated with all social media and post twice a week*
- *Post things that are a bit different: like introductions into different types of kayaking*

Lara was voted in for media!

That concluded the husts for this year and the AGM! The group were reminded that there was a zoom social in the evening. A little speech for Lucy was given by Laura and the group 😊

