

AGM 13/03/24

At Elvet Hill House

Charlotte welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming!

1st thing to vote in the new canoe polo secretary roll

Polo sec will:

The polo secretary shall conduct matters that concern the training, the tactics and the content of sessions that relate to canoe polo.

This can/will include:

- *Creating sessions throughout the year that are tailored to support members and provide them opportunities to be involved in Canoe Polo: including beginner sessions and focused training sessions for those already involved in polo.*
- *Work alongside DUCC's coach/DUCC alumni to adjust training sessions to better the club.*
- *To suggest teams and tactics for Canoe Polo events such as (but not limited to): BUCs and Yorkshire Polo. The Canoe Polo Secretary should tailor teams specifically for the event whether it be open or women's league depending on the event.*

If approved in the 2024 AGM, the role itself shall be trialled for the 24/25 academic year and voted to remain as an exec role in the 2025 AGM.

Voted through – now have new roll

Media sec (only contested roll currently):

Erica: (proposer: Charlotte Fife, Seconder: Ben Dawson)

Wants to inspire people through pictures

Experience – media officer for mountaineering and

Like to increase representation of all levels and genders of paddlers

More pictures of kayaking/canoeing

Information posts – so people know what kit they need etc

What's going on etc – monthly plans (being spontaneous is hard)

Sophie: (Proposer: Izzy Lofthouse, Seconder: Will Lawrence)

Started 2 societies in college (dance + table tennis): secretary + social sec

Fresher can help fresh get into club

Flyers for freshers week

Map to get to boathouse on Instagram and info on using the website

Photos and videos

Use tiktok to advertise club

Club is close knit use day in the life so people know names and faces

Questions:

If we had a tiktok, what are go-tos to post on it?

Erica: get ready with me for kayaking

Sophie: tour of club: walking to mc to boathouse kit and stuff

Media needs to answer q on facebook etc – how do you do this well?

Sophie: check answers w people if you don't know

Erica: check answers, always has fb open etc

Bring back google drive?

Erica: love a google drive photos on it etc

Sophie: same

Will: how do you improve on what I did?

Sophie: tiktok, more photos

Erica: more kayaking photos and kayaking photos as backgrounds on info posts

Sarah: Draw an otter.

Votes: Erica wins

Captain:

Ben: (Proposer: Joshua Lapworth, Seconder: Charlotte Fife)

Lot of improvement – scored points at wwr, looking competitive

New gear – everyone looking a lot warmer

Lots of paddling this year, looking forwards to more next year

New boats hopefully

Wants to make better relationships with Newcastle and Northumbria – paddle w them + play polo

Get more competitive w bucs and yorkshire polo

Do more different type trips (canoes)

Whopper training

Questions

Nick what would you have done differently to charlotte

Racing before wwr for practice

How will you work with trip?

Working with exec has to be a collaboration

Suggests more targeted trips (eg certain levels), singular day trips

Biggest challenge?

TD – want more money, other clubs get more. Looks forwards to meeting w Richard and Alex

Which area are you weakest in and how would you still support that area?

Polo would still support it

TD fee caused drop in Wednesday sessions attendance?

Would look at recruiting from other clubs of likeminded people (eg adventure sports) since they have already paid TD membership

Most embarrassing swim?

Has a list

On Tees barrage, got stuck in a hole – thought he was being T rescued let go of paddle and realised it was the side. – he drew a picture of it

Votes: Ben wins

Vice Captain:

Charlie: (*Proposer: Nick Case, Seconder: Izzy Lofthouse*)

Enjoyed DUCC, tried to get involved with as much as he could inc polo and ww

Committed: lleft last Yorkshire polo with 4 goals less teeth and concussion

Organised – volunteers w air cadets plans trips and books pools with them

Has paddling qualifications can use for them

Wants to organise fsrt etc

Updating website swims and honoring river gods

Questions:

If td turn around and sy 9-seater is in garage, what do you do?

Need people whole jump in last minute, get requests in early

Helping other people?

Happy to help is organised, degree gives him time. Interested in helping media etc

Bad at oink my piggy oink, how will you improve?

Knee surgery, needs to work on the sound (alone in a dark room)

Stash?

Fleeces – need 2 more people

Ask people what they want – doesn't necessarily need to be VC

Meme stash – drew it

Votes: Charlie wins

Treasurer:

Roisin: (Proposer: Charlotte Fife, Seconder: Ben Dawson)

Does maths, Can count

Was treasurer for barbie soc this year

Has a computer

Questions:

How do you avoid money gets lost through website?

Monthly check ins and message people

Message to if people refuse to pay

Favourite excel fn?

Not that good at excel, but multiplying

How would you want to spend money roughly?

Been good this year – increase budget for socials

Already bought a lot of new kit

Get another dryrobe/warm gear

How would you split money so everyone feels like their membership comes back to them?

Form asking people what they'd most want or look at signups for people who mainly do polo, ww or beginners etc

Votes: Roisin wins

Trip:

Charlotte: (Proposer: Joshua Lapworth, Seconder: Chloe Almond)

Did it in 2nd year – enjoyed the roll

4th year engineer – but Martain did it in his 4th year
Wales, Alps, TT, Scotland, Refreshers, more day trips
Collaborations with other clubs
WWSR and AWWSR
Bring back club ices (for those who want to partake)

Questions:

What would you do differently to last time?

Improve communications (w drivers and leaders)

Will you stop avoiding ices?

Not the biggest avoider

Would you involve alumni/how?

Specifically those who have a car

Wants to keep them involved: Scotland, Wales, Alps etc

Favourite trip?

Scotland 1st year – learnt a lot

Most recent swim?

Pulled shoulder, fell in when Sarah aggressively bumped her

Accepted Wear

Votes: Charlotte wins

Training:

Madeline: (*Proposer: Charlotte Fife, Seconder: Izzy Lofthouse*)

Continue the organisation

Want to get more people involved and to drive

Putting out forms so we know who's available when so who's running sessions is planned in advance

Questions:

Had issues w leaders running too much/little?

Cancel sessions if we need to avoid burnout. Have a rota so its more organised

What would you improve on what Noah did?

More advanced warning so people turn up

Will you make phone calls?

Will call pools so we get an immediate response

Votes: Madeline wins

Polo:

Izzy and Noah: (*Proposer: Sarah Appleby, Seconder: Chloe Almond*)

Lots of polo sessions

And if we have drivers they want to do more Stockton

Questions:

What would you do that Sarah hasn't?

More beginner polo

Would you be booking pools for training sessions?

Ask Maddy to get Darlington

Votes: Izzy and Noah win

Social sec:

Will: (*Proposer: Izzy Greenwood, Seconder: Roisin McMahon*)

Turns up to most socials – only missed 3

Bring back Wednesday spoons

Mix of drinking and non-drinking socials

Questions:

1st social?

Something chill bc of exams

How do you plan socials?

Keep socials going so we can get through bars

How do you get people to spoons?

Will go to spoons on his own if no one else will come on Wednesday

Ratio of drinking to non-drinking?

3:2

Would you let me drink before we climb?

Can't stop you

Votes: Will wins

Welfare:

George (Graham!) (video): *(Proposer: Izzy Lofthouse, Seconder: Noah Coombe)*

Ron lazy, Graham not as lazy

Neither at AGM

Graham: best taste in biscuits

Graham: Sympathetic, Truly beautiful

Keep friendly

Fun for all abilities, more good vibes

Sophie: *(Proposer: Charlotte Fife, Seconder: Ben Dawson)*

Great taste in biscuits

Is fresh and has got cold a lot so will know how to look after them

Will look after exec and help them balance responsibilities (especially VC!)

Questions: *(Note George not present to answer)*

Favourite biscuit?

Bourbons

If someone had an issue with someone on the exec?

Speak to someone senior/ not on the exec

What if you need welfaring?

If I needed welfare I'd speak to a different member of the exec

Votes: Sophie wins

Kit and Safety:

Fin: *(Proposer: Charlotte Fife, Seconder: Ben Dawson)*

Will continue doing bare minimum if no one else want to

Will keep boats fixed

Questions:

If a fresh wants to do the job will you give it to them?

Yes

If someone broke a racing C2 how would you fix it?

Confident he could – its fiberglass

How many boats broken this year?

Doesn't know

Policy on storing boats in boathouse?

Get rid of boats of people whove left (make them take them)

Move boats around like tetris

Can't turn down people storing one boat if other people have multiple

Charlie: Can you fix polo boat number 7 (bc he broke it)?

Yes

Votes: Fin wins