

Minutes

Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club Committee

Meeting held
Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting opened	7:39 pm Minutes taken by: Vic					
Members Present		Present	Apology		Present	Apology
	Lawrie Chenoweth	X		Greg Kerr	X	
	Candice Charles	X		Vic Langley	X	
	Rob Godwin	X		Olivia Myers	X	
	Ken Guthrie		X	Geoff Baird	X	
	Gill Hilton		X	Sally Miller	X	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	September 2016 minutes accepted as true and correct representation of the meeting by Geoff Baird, seconded by Sally Miller					

President's report/clubhouse (Lawrie)

- CV AGM was held October 8, a few things of note came up which may be discussed fully in the general items at the end – we have had developments with Melbourne Water who are keen to invest in some more floating pontoons for canoeing clubs that INCC might be interested in applying for
- Lawrie has approached CV with an idea to work in partnership to keep the ball rolling with education programs, and possibly establish a Paddlepower program (aimed at introducing primary-school aged children to paddling through sit-on-top boats and a games-based approach to teaching) within INCC. All that it requires is the purchase of 10 sit-on-top kayaks, it will help our relationship with the council as they like to support school-kid programs
- Lawrie and Rob Godwin attended the Canoeing Victoria AGM on behalf of INCC and updated the INCC committee on board changes – Joe Alia has been elected to the board and Gary Flannigan has stepped down. Paul Grant (existing director) has been elected the new president and chair of the CV board

Treasurer's Report (Candice)

- No report, CC has been busy trying to restore the website after servers crashed, deleting a number of events and posts going back to July
- Candice had a chat with the council – their draft budgets are starting to be put together now so we need to decide how we want to proceed. One out of the three councillors is leaving, the other two are re-nominating so hopefully if they are re-elected we will maintain the relationships we have built with them. It was commented that the profile-raising efforts over

the last 2 years have been more successful than any other action from INCC which is worth noting. The council have also had a number of big budget projects which have taken away from INCC but it is still worthwhile pursuing. The challenge for INCC is to stay on the periphery so that one year if there are a few dollars to spare we get approved. Geoff suggested approaching Parks Victoria to see if we could partner with them and build a clubhouse on Parks land, however the bit we are in is council land so we still need to work with them. Lawrie pointed out if we had these bodies on our side however, it creates a stronger case for INCC that we can bring to the council.

Ongoing action: All to consider possible high profile person for 'recreational paddling media story'

- Lawrie spoke with the Boathouse re: boat motor storage (and fuel tank) and they were happy for it to happen, now is a matter of deciding on cost – still waiting for response for boathouse. The boat will be moored permanently but the fittings stored inside at a cost.

Action: LC to get official response from boathouse RE: motor storage at some point

Action: Committee to decide on model and boat size pending boathouse response.

Coaching (Greg)

- Coaches have been emailed asking for their availabilities and some have replied, most getting allocated their first or second preferences for beginner courses
- October course has not gone ahead due to the high river levels, people have booked in for the November course. No course scheduled in January due to difficulty in the past getting people to turn up and having to cancel courses in the past.
- Suzanne Lipe sent an email and suggested to Greg that preference for coaches conducting beginner courses be given to those who do not coach very often, specifically for those who are not involved with the INCC junior program or school programs who are out coaching on the water most weeks. We would like to keep as many of our club coaches up to date as possible given the requirements for re-registration and cost factors. In response to this, Greg suggested that the Sunday morning 9-11am development courses could be used as an avenue for club coaches to do more, for example they could be rostered on for one month at a time and this would be a paid position. He also suggested that advertisement for this opportunity could be put up as fliers around the club asking for expressions of interest
- During the busy months, we may run two courses – one on Saturday and one on Sunday to accommodate for those who may not be able to make the Saturday 11am timeslot
- Vic suggested purchasing one or two adult sit-on-top kayaks for use for big or very uncoordinated paddlers as even our biggest TK1s can be a challenge from some paddlers. Geoff suggested borrowing some for a come and try to test the concept before we purchase them, which was agreed by the committee.

Action: borrow two adult sit-on-tops from Canoeing Victoria next come and try day, test them out see how they go and if we like them, purchase some for the club

- Two free come and try days to be scheduled during Jan/early 2017. Suggested Saturday 21st January and Sunday Feb 19th

Action: Sally to check these dates for any clashes with races

- Some young members who had their coaching course fees subsidised by the club in September 2015 have yet to volunteer or contribute to any of the club coaching opportunities despite several reminder emails from Greg. The subsidy was paid for two juniors – Bridget Barnes and Hannah Scott

Action: Vic and Liv to approach Hannah and Bridget and book them into volunteering on a beginner course this upcoming summer

Boat Captain (Rob)

- Two boats with Lawrie have been repaired and are now back in action
- A few of the boats need minor fixes – loose screws and footplates – Rob will book these in to be fixed soon
- The boat stickers have been put on boats, a quick presentation will be made on Saturday 22nd with the Crewsaders, some coaches being present at 2pm.

Clubhouse Coordinator (Rob)

- Rob and Geoff have done some measurements of the ergos and available space in the club in order to make some minor renovation plans – we would have to rip out all the internal walls in the caretaker's area in order to have sufficient space. It seems like for the funding, council obligations, safety requirements and effort required against the achievement we will have from taking out the walls, it doesn't look like a promising idea.
- Rob will make some shelves to put in the committee room to help clear it up
- The possum problem seems to be mostly dealt with, the last session seems to have done the trick
- A few more maintenance things required in the ladies' showers but they are almost done – thank you to the efforts so far
- Bluestone stuff near trailer parking need a bit of movement to make it easier for towing – a job for the next working bee
- INCC have bought a new trailer which is currently in SA. We are currently working on the most effective way to go and pick it up. It is paid for and is a good trailer – Lawrie suggested maybe paying somebody who is driving back from Adelaide to pick it up for us and we can pay them enough to cover fuel and some extra as a thank you

Enrolment Officer/rack report (Geoff)

- Rack report circulated prior to meeting
- Query as to 'short term membership' options for people who would like to join the club for a limited tenure (e.g. a paddler who will be in Melbourne October-December and doesn't want to join the whole year). Geoff proposes they pay 100% of the CV and AC membership and then 75% of the club component, which is valid for 6 months. Another option is to allow overseas club paddlers to join INCC for free as has happened on occasion in the past; however this is not the way we want to continue in future. Candice also suggested that instead we ask these members to pay the full amount and then reimburse a small amount if they leave within 6 months. The issue for this is that it causes the treasurer and membership officer considerably more effort for a cost which isn't huge anyway (yearly adult membership approx. \$320ish so savings would be around \$50). A vote was called to decide if we want to introduce an "overseas membership" which still has the full AC, full CV component but the individual is refunded 25% of the INCC component upon leaving within a 6 month period. It was decided that the membership policy will stay as it is, no new membership category will be introduced.
- Cleaner couldn't get in this week – problem not in access system, problem is the door getting stuck, dropping and seizing on the step

Action: Geoff and Rob to have a look at it and organise for it to be fixed

Website/Communications report (Candice)

- We had a website server issue over the weekend which caused lots of the posts and calendar events to be removed. It was restored to the "most recent backup" which ended up

being July because the more recent backups also failed. While it was being fixed, a newer backup was found and uploaded which overwrote all the stuff that had been added in the meantime, causing lots of duplicates. It has since all been restored and fixed and is back to normal in working order. Thank you Candice and Liv for your efforts on this.

- Candice suggested that perhaps we should move our host server to one of the larger services which have better redundancy and backup systems. She suggested Netregistry which is huge and actually cheaper than with our current server. We will move our site to one of these bigger providers when the time comes to renew host fees.

General business

- Sally has moved the time of the Spring social paddle to 8:30am so it doesn't take the whole day, she has the support of MLC and members. Fliers have been posted to the website and will be put around the club. All are encouraged to attend; it should be a good fun day. Leaders and backstop paddlers will be decided on the day
- Ken will be an apology for next meeting
- After 5 years on the committee, Vic Langley will not be re-nominating for a committee position at the AGM. She is completing her last semester of university and will be moving on to a full time graduate job in Jan 2017 - it is looking like she will be moving interstate. Vic would like to thank everybody she has had the fortune to work with on the committee over the years. We have a fantastic club with fantastic members and nothing demonstrates that more than the commitment and effort put in by the committee members to make sure we have a club which runs smoothly and is here to stay for the long term. She is excited to see what happens in future, especially with the club development and junior programs, and will definitely be keeping an eye on things from afar!

Annual General Meeting

- Vic has got a booking being held at Edinburgh Gardens Community Room which we will have confirmed once Vic hands in the forms – we are also applying for a temporary liquor license, part of which requires us to have a RSA certified person to serve on the night. Liv has an RSA and has agreed to be the designated bar tender on the evening.
- Catering will be done by not-for-profit Lentil As Anything restaurant, who provide work experience opportunities for disadvantaged groups and put their profits back into the community. Their business model asks people to pay for what they feel their meal was worth instead of having set prices – the same applies to catering. Vic put forward a proposed payment of \$1300 (what we have paid previously for AGM catering) and was accepted by Lentil as Anything who are more than happy to cater for our event within that budget.
- Vic to check with Reka RE: aus team members and sub junior awards (coordinate with Liv), Reka to send award recipients to Lawrie to organise trophies
- Lawrie to get in touch with John to decide on other club recipients
- Lawrie to get in contact with AJ Reynolds to see if she's happy to speak at the AGM, if she is unavailable we may approach Gill's partner Stu after their fantastic achievements in Rio
- Lawrie to arrange Gift for AJ for thank you (/gift for Stu)
- For next year's AGM, it might be worth checking out Collingwood Harriers Football club – something to keep in mind
- Candice to invite re-nominating local councillors to be invited (maybe even get some press there?) even though they may not be re-elected

Action: VL to return final venue booking form to council and liquor license application form

Action: VL to have discussion with Reka regarding Aus team presentation format

Action: LM to coordinate with Reka to decide subjunior awards, send list to LC for trophies

Action: LC to approach AJ/Stu to be our guest speaker, arrange thank you gift

Action: LC to chat with John Young to decide club award recipients

Action: CC to send invitations to councillors to attend AGM if available

Action: All to approach an INCC members to float the idea of joining the committee

Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.58pm

Next committee meeting Thursday 8th December 7.30pm