



THE CANTERBURY PILGRIMS BOAT CLUB
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Reg. No. 1175543

**Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting held at
Jasmine House at 6:30 pm on Wednesday 20th March 2019**

- 1 Welcome** from the chairman, Ewan Pearson (EP). Attendees: Tom Hoppé, Michael Dover (MD), Darrell Barnes (DB), Alastair Brown (AB), Andrew Rudkin (AR), Joe Phillips (JP), Nigel Press (NP), Jon Williamson (JW), Ben Loxton-Edwards (BL-E), Ed Thomas.
- 2 Apologies** were received from Mike Brown, Angus Forbes, Keiron Allen, Charles Foinette, Richard Fishlock, Richard Church, Richard Roberts.
- 3 Thanks**
Thanks were proposed to Michael Dover for hosting this AGM at his home, a proposal agreed to by all.
- 4 Minutes of the 30th AGM of 12th March 2018** were received. It was noted that English Nature should be referred to as Natural England; and that the Henley Cricket Club debenture expires in 2019. Subject to those amendments, adoption of the minutes was proposed by DB, seconded by JP and agreed to without dissent. They were signed by EP.
- 5 Matters arising**
All the necessary documentation in respect of Trustees had now been received.

A marquee for use at Henley Royal Regatta had been purchased.

Rowing photos for display in the Green Room was a matter still to be addressed by MD. This prompted an enquiry about David Goodes' photos: EP said that David's family wished to retain them for the time being but he hoped that in time they would make their way to the school. JW said they must then be housed somewhere appropriate. BL-E asked if there were any ideas for a KSCBC Club Room: JW replied that this was being developed.

EP said that Sue Tingle had been invited to Henley Royal Regatta but a conflict of dates resulted in no attendance by the OKS Development Office. EP said that Jonathan Tennant (KSC Governor) would be coming to Henley Wednesday this year and JW had invited Peter Roberts (Headmaster) for Henley Saturday.
- 6 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2018**
Adoption was proposed by JP, seconded by BL-E, approved by all and signed by EP. DB undertook to lodge these with the Charity Commission and complete the Annual Return.

There was a brief discussion about the Beaugié Medal Fund. The £20,000 donation made in 2018 would attract Gift Aid tax relief (DB said that claiming this had been postponed in order not to exceed the Independent Examination threshold of £25,000 of income). EP said that an earlier donation of £2,500 had been paid to the school and that he was in



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discussion with the Bursar to have this returned to the Beaugié Medal Fund, managed by the Pilgrims. **Action: EP**

7 Election of new Trustees

AR and EP, retiring Trustees by rotation, offered themselves for re-election. This motion was proposed by AB, seconded by NP and agreed to be all.

8 Water Safety Report

EP (Acting Water Safety Officer) had submitted the required report to British Rowing.

9 KSCBC Report

JW updated the meeting with individual successes by KSCBC rowers at the British Rowing Championships and in the England/France match. Adverse weather had hampered entries for the Schools' Head of the River, but the school would be competing at Kingston on 23rd March. JW concluded that the Boat Club stood on a good base for 2019/20 and overall was encouraged by the quality of rowers.

EP asked how the Pilgrims might be able to help the Boat Club. JW said that what was required was a club room which the Boat Club could call their own. The Shirley Hall Green Room was not ideal and concern had been expressed (but disproved) about noise disturbing pupils sitting exams. The Fencing Club had a space of its own in the Malthouse, and arts generally were accommodated in St Mary's Hall.

BL-E suggested that there could be a quid pro quo: in return for supporting rowing scholarships, what efforts would Peter Roberts (Headmaster) make? EP supplemented that question by asking if CPBC support in some way for activities at St Mary's Hall would be useful?

JW responded by noting that there had been no internal school candidates for the Director of Sport and that sport was not being actively promoted at KSC.

10 Westbere Lakes

NP updated the meeting with the progress that he had made. He had obtained agreement from Natural England to cut back vegetation and was working with ecologists in finding an alternative habitat for the Desmoulins snail (*Vertigo moulinsiana*). More substantial development such as dredging and removing obstructions would entail commensurate expenditure, for which funding would be needed.

NP has already offered to donate funds to CPBC to enable certain invoices to be settled. DB suggested that Richard Fishlock might be interested in helping with fundraising and would approach him. **Action: DB**

11 OKS Rowing

BL-E updated the meeting with progress on the Head of the Charles entry (there is a WhatsApp group of some 35 names). 10 Pilgrims would be rowing at Leander on 23rd March.



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BL-E also showed an advertisement in *Rowing* magazine for a joint Oxford/KSC Junior Rowing course.

12 Rowing Scholarships

Discussion took place about how this scholarship should be promoted and what the selection criteria would be. It was agreed that parity should eventually be sought with the David Gower Sports Scholarships.

JW said that the school would have to act swiftly if a suitable winner were identified: the winner would be known in the summer of any year with the expectation that s/he would enter the school in September.

BL-E undertook to write up a paper to be presented to the Headmaster, asking in return for an indication of what the school could do for CPBC. **Action: BL-E**

13 Events for 2019

Head of the Charles

Leander Dinner 23rd March 2019

Henley Royal Regatta 3rd to 7th July 2019

KSCBC/Pilgrims Canterbury Dinner 21st September 2019

14 Henley Royal Regatta

JW suggested that an event on the Wednesday would attract more parents and rowers (who would be competing, but who might have been eliminated by the Saturday); the Headmaster would very probably also be there on the Wednesday.

EP asked if the school would pay for the event in the same way as they do for similar sports gatherings at Birley's pavilion. **Action: JW**

The meeting agreed that the main event would move to the Wednesday with Saturday continuing as a less formal reunion.

15 Next Annual General Meeting

While reiterating their thanks to MD for his hospitality, a majority of those present expressed the view that a date in March was not ideal and it would be more convenient to hold the AGM in Canterbury. The Chair held a vote on this change as a one year trial to be reviewed at the next Trustees' meeting. The motion was passed nem con.

As a trial, the next AGM will therefore be held in Canterbury on 21st September 2019.