

HUMLEDON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Pinecroft Lodges, Ingleton at 5.30pm, 16th March, 2024

1 **Attendance:** 42 members & friends on day 2 of the Spring Camp, 2024

2 **Introductions**

Phil Puckrin (acting chairman) thanked everyone for attending. Camping here were members, helpers, carers, activity leaders and instructors of all- ages (10 – 80 years) all doing essential jobs for HOAA. Their excellent team working had kept the annual camps running so successfully.

3 **Minutes of last AGM:** (March 18, 2023) approved as a true record

4 **2023 Activity Report**

4.1 **Spring Camp, Hawes End, March 17 - 20**

49 members and friends enjoyed this new camp venue. The facilities and location were excellent with superb walks and canoeing from the site. AGM was held here on March 18th.

4.2 **Summer Camp, Grosmont, July 28 – 31**

Mattie, Steve, Josh, Phil & Paul Skinner. As well as enjoying themselves, the campers worked hard putting equipment back into hut following interior repairs and took rubbish back to Sunderland.

4.3 **Autumn Camp, Brathay, Oct 13 -16th**

45 attended (18 members) excellent activities, facilities & weather.

4.4 **Durham- Finchale Canoe Race & walk, May 1st**

Our 35th annual race held but only 2 HOAA canoes & 1 member able to take part (*Wayne Collier with Gerry Gray*).

Due to course difficulty decided this would have to be HOAA's last D-F race.

4.5 **York Canoe Race, June 24**

HOAA with 20 members & supporters paddling won short course team trophy. *Tony Hilton, Jonny Reed, David Wilson, Wayne Collier, Colin Campbell.*

4.6 **York Canoe-O, September 16th**

HOAA came 2nd in a new team race against "orienteers" & "canoeists".

Lauren Richardson, David Wilson, Jonny Reed, Wayne Collier,

4.7 **On-going programme of walks & leisure paddles at Durham**

Chris described how regular short walks and summer leisure paddles had been successfully held throughout the year.

5 **ENDEAVOUR TROPHY 2023**

Awarded to Josh for four days of very hard work at Grosmont helping to put equipment back into hut and removing excess from the site.

6 **Financial outlook**

Chris reminded the campers that HOAA relies mainly on financial support from friends and supporters together with grant applications to fund the activity programme. Chris particularly praised the generosity of John Lightfoot for his substantial financial donations every year.

Residential camps were the best activity that HOAA does benefitting large numbers of members and friends physically, socially and in mental wellbeing. They were also the most expensive with recent financial deficits for a single camp ranging from £1500 to nearly £4000. Future funding of camps is likely to become an increasing problem as all our members are on fixed and limited incomes and will find it difficult to increase their financial contributions. At the same time all basic camp costs are increasing rapidly, mainly hire of centre, food and transport. Chris thanked Phil for his work in securing grant funding last year totalling £7500 but said that it is already nearly depleted. Phil will continue to make grant applications for funding support and remains optimistic because of the high reputation HOAA camps have established.

7 **2024 Committee**

Meeting elected the following to serve: *Chris May, Phil Puckrin, Paul Skinner, Geoff Pratt, Dave Thompson, Sarah Benson, Ian Puckrin, Charles Race.*

It was also given approval to co-opt any new volunteers.

8 **New Independent Examiner**

Appointment of Julie Maxwell was approved

9 **Annual Subscriptions for 2024**

Due from April 1st. £10 for members, helpers & families. Please renew asap.

10 **AOB items:**

- 10.1 Phil explained in detail the reasons for his protest against the Council & landowner after Canoe-O. His intention had been to give HOAA a better chance to keep on holding the event and not to cause any upset.
- 10.2 Tony spoke of his concern about the deteriorating health of David, his older brother who like himself was an early HOAA member.
- 10.3 Adam named and thanked a number of people present whose help he particularly appreciated.