

DERBY AND SANDIACRE CANAL TRUST

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday October 28th, 2025, at 7.30pm

Held at the Canal Cottages Draycott

Present: Chris Madge (Chairman)
David Savidge
Mike Wingfield
Mike Snaith
Chris ReesFitzPatrick
Chris Richardson
Tony Dawson
Don Olivant
Anne Madge (secretary)
15 other members attended.

Apologies: Max Craven
Chris Webster
Peter Warmingham
Paul Turner
Brian Dale

Chris Madge welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Item	Minute	Action
1	Adoption of the Minutes of the last AGM The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted unanimously, proposed by David Savidge and seconded by Paul Birtles.	
2	Matters Arising Any matters arising will be covered in the reports.	
3	Treasurers Report Chris presented the annual accounts, up to the end of March 2025 and the current cash position for the Trust. His report is attached. He identified that membership is down and that the café has renewed their lease for a further 3 years,	
4	Annual Accounts Adoption The accounts have been circulated prior to the meeting and are available on the website. Adoption of the accounts was moved. Proposed Chris Richardson Seconded Mike Snaith Carried unanimously.	
5	Reappointment of the Registered Accountants – CA Plus Our accountants this year have again been CA Plus. They are a not-for-profit organisation and a charity; they cost less than half of anyone else and give good service. Chris Richardson proposed staying with them, seconded by Charlie Chris ReesFitzPatrick and carried unanimously.	
6	Chairman's Report Chris gave a presentation covering what has happened over the past year. This is attached.	

	There were no questions from the floor.	
7	Kate Birtles award This was awarded to Simon Knott in recognition of his support of the riverboat with his technical expertise and also for his involvement with the working parties where he is a great asset and a star brush cutter wielder. The trophy was presented by Paul Birtles in recognition of his late wife, Kate.	
8.	Appointment of Directors In accordance with the Constitution the following directors have resigned: Kevin Miller, Mike Wingfield and David Savidge. Mike and David have offered themselves for re-election. Proposed by Chris ReesFitzPatrick Seconded by Mike Snaith Carried unanimously. Kevin has been a trustee and a director for many years and has now decided to stand down. During his time with us, he has served on Breaston Parish Council and on Erewash Borough Council where he sits on the planning committee. He has been a very effective help to the Trust during his time with us and the Trust extends its thanks to him.	
10	Appointment of Officers Chairman Chris Madge Vice Chairman Mike Wingfield Treasurer Chris Richardson Secretary Anne Madge Proposed Tony Dawson Seconded Simon Knott Carried unanimously.	
13	AOB David recorded a big thank you to all the volunteers at the working parties on behalf of the Trust and reported that there was a total of 2842 man hours achieved in the year from April 2024 to March 2025. Roger's team spent 90 hours on kit sorting and maintenance, 250 hours tree cutting and 414 hours on flail, mowing and hedge work. The total working party hours for 2024/2025 were 3596, we have had 8 corporate visits with 80 active volunteers and 399.5 total hours. The removal of the concrete bridge took 62-man days with a total of 318 hours on site. Anne agreed to book a programme of speakers for next year's members meetings with help from Peter Warmingham and would like suggestions. Paul Sturges will speak about Derby in the 1950's at the next meeting on November 25 th . She also requested photos to maintain interest on social media. CM thanked Chris ReesFitzPatrick and Andrew Baird for their prompt action when there was an attack on the Trust website on Sunday evening. We were deluged by emails from Latvia trying to get gift membership – a denial of service attack. Because Andrew acted quickly a quarter of a million emails were avoided. Fortunately, there is a firewall around the main website, so they failed to access this. The issue is now resolved and has been reported to Action Fraud. Chris thanked all for their support and closed the meeting at 8.41pm	