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Pointers . . .

Do not forget the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

which will be held on
January 30, 1960, at
5.30 p.m., in the Russell
Hotel, London, W.C.1.
There was only one
nomination to fill each of
the vacant places of Officers
and Members of the
Council. Therefore there
will be no

POSTAL BALLOT

and the election will take
place at the AGM.—Do
not think, however,
that we will have no use
for the

NOMINAL ROLL

Though all members of
the Union may attend
the AGM, only Full
Individual Members and
Full Members of clubs
are entitled to speak
and vote at a General
Meeting. In view of what
was said at the Special
General Meeting in
October about the "lack
of security" at our
meetings, a thorough
check will be carried out
at the AGM—against the
Nominal Roll. Ask your
club secretary whether
the Return of Membership
and the club's Nominal
Roll have been sent
in.—The

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

will meet before the
AGM to finalise their
plans for the 1960 season.
Please do not omit to
keep the editor of this
bulletin informed.

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OLYMPIC TRAINING FUND

Since 1936 when the first British canoeing team competed in the Olympic Games in Berlin, the BCU has continued to select a team for each successive Games — Henley (1948), Helsinki (1952) and Melbourne (1956). There can be no doubt that on each occasion the team was seriously handicapped since it was lacking in the amount of international experience that is essential for success.

Our paddlers can gain this international experience only by going to the continent. Unfortunately this costs a good deal of money which the Union is unable to provide. Despite all difficulties every individual has done his best. During the 1959 season we gained our first international success by winning a bronze medal in the European Championships. We think we have now the making of a good team for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, if we can provide them with better facilities and enable them to gain more international experience before the Games. However, they cannot do it alone. They need help.

The BCU has, therefore, agreed to launch an Olympic Training Fund which is quite distinct from the BOA appeal to meet the costs of sending the British contingent to the Games. Our fund will be used to enter selected paddlers in international regattas next season before the Games—to run training courses with perhaps coaches from the continent—to provide additional racing equipment and facilities for our paddlers—and in any other way help them to reach their peak in the important months before the Games.

The Union is sure that both clubs and each individual member will respond to this appeal. Do not neglect to send your contribution simply because it cannot be a large one. If every member of the BCU gave only half-a-crown, a sum of approximately £375 would result. Contributions, large or small, should be sent to the Appeal Organiser: H. Thelen, 13 Campden House, Harben Road, London, N.W.6. Make all remittances payable to "The British Canoe Union."

Annual Report of the Council 1959

I. LIST OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

		<i>Club</i>	<i>Retires</i>
<i>President</i>	Dr. M. Gillies	SCA, CCC	Next Year
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	J. W. Dudderidge	CCC, RCC, HSCC RichCC (Hon.)	This Year
<i>Acting Hon. Treasurer Council</i>	J. W. Dudderidge		
	R. W. Baker	CCC	This Year
	J. A. Bright	TCC	Next Year
	O. J. Cock	CCC, RCC	Next Year
	R. W. Emes	BCC	This Year
	E. E. McLellan	CCC	Next Year
	J. Spuhler	CCC, MCC, CF	This Year
	G. Swettenham	RichCC	Next Year
	R. F. Tyas	CCC	This Year
	<i>Co-opted Members</i>		
	A. Emus	RCC	
	J. W. Gould	LCC	
	H. Thelen	CF	

2. NEW CLUBS IN 1959

1. Hamelsham Canoe Club
2. Glead Boys Canoe Club
3. Warren Light Craft Club
4. Broxbourne Canoe Club
5. Durham Canoe Club
6. RAF College Canoe Club (Cranwell)
7. 293 Field Sqdn. RE (TA) Canoe Club
8. HMS Raleigh Canoe Club
9. Norton Canoe Camping Club
10. RA Junior Leaders' School Canoe Club
11. Marlborough School Canoe Club
12. All Arms Junior Leaders' Regt. Canoe Club
13. Coventry Canal Society Canoe Section
14. Llandudno Youth Centre Canoe Club
15. 22 Special Air Services Canoe Club
16. West Yorks Canoe Club

One club ceased to exist in 1959. From the handful of clubs who constituted the Union in the first post-war years, the Union has grown to comprise now 67 affiliated clubs plus eight clubs in the Scottish Division, the SCA, and the total membership is now almost 3,000.

3. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Co-operation with other national bodies concerned with physical recreation has been maintained. The BCU has continued its close contact with the CCPR and its technical assistance to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee. The appointment of a National Youth Officer and of the BCU Youth Committee whose work is referred to below, should do much to foster an intelligent and informed interest in our sport.

Arising from the AGM decision to institute a Postal Ballot for the election of Officers and Members of the Council, your Council drafted the necessary amendments in the rules and these were ratified by a Special General Meeting in October.

It is now possible for outside organisations interested in the work of the Union, but not themselves canoeing organisations, to become more closely associated with the Union through a new form of relationship termed Association. It is hoped that this will suit the needs of such bodies as Education Authorities and others concerned with outdoor activities and youth service.

Following the withdrawal of Mr. J. R. Dawes as candidate for the office as Hon. Treasurer, the Council appointed the Hon. Secretary to act as Hon. Treasurer until the next Annual General Meeting 1960.

4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Union has continued to play its part in the work of the International Canoe Federation (ICF), in particular through the service of the Hon. Secretary as a member of the ICF Board and Slalom Committee. The chairman of the BCU Sailing Committee also served as chairman of the ICF Sailing Committee.

5. RACING

In international racing this has been a year of outstanding success for in the European Championships at Duisburg a British competitor gained a bronze medal in the K 1 1,000 m event—the highest position we have gained in an international championship.

The Serpentine Regatta was held in perfect weather. There was a record entry from abroad and competitors from Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg and Holland provided an international flavour and stiff competition. The Karlsruhe club, which brought over Canadian tens, caused considerable interest and we shall hope to see a further development of this race.

The 500 m and 1,000 m National Championships events were held at Walton-on-Thames, the regatta base being the Walton Rowing Club whose officers gave valuable assistance. The 10,000 and 5,000 m races were held at Surbiton with TS "Neptune" as base, the officers rendering much useful help. This was a satisfactory venue which might well be used for other events.

Once again Long Distance Racing has had a most successful season, and a good measure of progress has been made. This points strongly to the growing interest and enthusiasm for this branch of our sport.

A high standard of organisation has been maintained. British entries were made once again for the Sella River Race, and although no outstanding results were obtained, useful experience and information was gained.

6. SAILING

Canoe Sailing had its most successful season in 1959. At the summer meet of the RCC at Hayling Island there were 25 starters including two competitors from Germany and one from Sweden. Council wishes to congratulate the RCC whose members brought home from the USA the international Challenge Trophy of the New York Canoe Club. This should stimulate sailing canoe interest in Europe. In 1960 Sweden is holding an international meeting at which Britain will be well represented.

7. SLALOM

We shall always remember 1959 as the golden year of slalom, for in it we won our first Gold Medal in an international event when Paul Farrant came first in the World Championships in Geneva. This was a fitting reward to ten years of hard work by British slalomists who had gallantly continued their efforts in spite of difficulties.

At home the year saw the re-arrangement of slalom divisions in a new scheme which has worked well. The National Championships were held at Shepperton—with a record entry of 58 spread over the three divisions.

This past year was also a notable one in the field of Rapid River Racing and the Union sent a team to Treignac where the French Federation very ably organised the first Rapid River World Championships. Useful lessons were learned in this—to us—new branch of the sport. It remains to be seen whether we shall be able seriously to compete with our continental friends as training in this country will present extreme difficulties.

8. TOURING AT HOME

The 1959 Easter Meet, held on the Bedford Ouse between Wolverton and Bedford, was not as well supported by members as some recent meets. Possibly the bad weather in the early part of the year had something to do with this: there had been extensive floods for weeks, some camp sites were still sodden, and the weather was not good. To compensate, this normally placid river had a good current and provided more excitement than some were able to cope with. There was a large contingent of members from youth clubs, a few of whom were perhaps not fully prepared for a trip of this kind.

By contrast the summer and autumn provided the most wonderful canoeing weather for several years—too wonderful in some ways, for many of the fast hill rivers became impossible. Canoeists explored the Beaulieu and Findhorn in Scotland. A meet at Whitsuntide on the Dorset Stour attracted 35 canoeists and was most enjoyable.

In August a party of 70 canoeists, mostly in their teens, from Karlsruhe and neighbourhood, came with two buses and an accompanying lorry, and after a week in London took their three 10-seater canadians and a number of

folding boats down the Wye and Thames. The Union thanks the Canoe Camping Club for helping them with the arrangements for welcoming our visitors who told us that they had greatly enjoyed their trip.

9. TOURING ABROAD

Judging from the variety of inquiries received, members of the BCU ranged far afield during 1959. There were requests for information on Majorca, the Polish rally, the Adige, the Douro, Scandinavia as well as the usual haunts of canoeists in France, Germany and Austria. One club run a successful tour on the Loire, and others arranged foreign tours of which reports have not yet been received. The stock of French guides is now dwindling, and as these are going out of print they cannot be replaced.

10. FILMS

The British Film Institute report that the demand for 16 mm films on canoeing has continued steadily throughout the year. Arrangements are being made to bring the 8 mm films under the care of the BIF as well as the others. Strips and loops will continue as heretofore.

11. TESTS

The number of people submitting themselves for the BCU Elementary Test has considerably increased this year. It would appear that its real value is at last beginning to be appreciated. A syllabus for the Advanced Test is now in the course of preparation, and it should be ready for publication early in 1960.

Although no boys have come forward for the Gold Standard Test of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme during the past year, rumour has it that there is feverish activity at the Silver Standard level, and we may expect a spate of candidates in 1960.

12. NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATION

An organisation has been set up, headed by a BCU National Youth Officer, which, it is hoped, will ultimately cover the whole of the United Kingdom. The work of this organisation is to guide the canoeing youth of the country into correct and safe channels. It is intended to assist all youth organisations who wish to take up canoeing as a pursuit, and all canoe clubs who wish to have youth sections within their club. The work will be international as well as national so that parties of young people who want to go abroad, can be put in touch with the canoeing organisation of the country of their choice, and parties coming from abroad, can be catered for over here. A number of local youth officers have already been appointed, and these people can be approached by local authorities, youth organisations, clubs, etc., for advice. Further local youth officers are still required, and the Union shall be glad to hear from anybody interested in this very well worthwhile work.

13. ESKIMO KAYAKS

The kayaks belonging to the Union have been kept in good use throughout the year, both in demonstrations and in teaching.

14. PUBLICATIONS AND SALES

Canoeing in Britain was published quarterly in 1959. Its calendar of events was again invaluable to member clubs and its news of international successes has made it encouraging reading this year.

The guide books and pamphlets have been selling so steadily that in 1960 revision will have to be undertaken for re-publication. A new leaflet advertising the BCU has also been prepared.

BCU ties and badges have sold well and a blazer badge is now available.

15. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Council wishes to express its thanks for their services to the members who retire this year: J. W. Dudderidge, the Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. R. W. Baker, R. W. Emes, J. Spuhler and R. F. Tyas, Council members.

The Council wish to record their appreciation of the services rendered to the Union by John Dudderidge from its inception in 1936 and for the last 20 years as Hon. Secretary. He more than any other individual member was responsible for keeping the Union alive during the difficult war years, and he has done more than can be told to foster its expansion and development since that time. The Council hope that he will be able to continue serving the Union in another capacity.

Malcolm Gillies has informed the Council of his wish to relinquish the Presidency after the Annual General Meeting in January 1960. He, too, has served the Union well as Scottish Canoe Association representative and President for many years. The Council hope that he may continue to be actively associated with the work of the Union for a long time.

The Council also wishes to place on record its appreciation of the untiring work over a number of years of John Dawes who resigned the treasurership last year, and of Walter Frolic, who did excellent work as organiser of the BCU "shop."

We wish to acknowledge the invaluable services of N. B. Manson, chairman of the Long Distance Racing Committee since its formation, who resigned this office during the year.

Further thanks go to all who have helped the work of the BCU, exhibitors at the Boat Show, the Press, the BBC and other bodies, but most particularly our appreciation of their help goes to the CCPR, the wardens of Bisham Abbey and Thamesfield, and the "News of the World" in connection with the Serpentine Regatta.

On behalf of the Council of the BCU,
JOHN W. DUDDERIDGE,
Hon. Secretary.

Fishing Rivers

Clubs are reminded of the request made by the Convenor of the BCU Touring Committee in his letter of July 3, 1959, to the clubs that if the club or any individual members wanted to canoe any of the following rivers:

Eden, Lune, Ribble, Wharfe, Dee, Upper Wye, Teme and Usk during 1960, they should let him or one of the two persons named below know of the proposed date well beforehand, preferably in January 1960.

These are rivers where landowners and fishing interests have most often objected to the passage of canoes. The Touring Committee hopes that the arrangements described below will be found helpful during the coming season.

The Touring Committee will meet on January 30, 1960, and discuss how the proposed trips can best be correlated, and will advise particular dates that should be avoided or suggesting joint arrangements if this will help towards a successful run.

All clubs are entitled to send a representative to this meeting, and they will be expected to abide by any decisions reached by it. The arrangements then made will govern the advice given to later enquiries by the three advisers appointed by the Touring Committee to collate information and advise members about objections, etc., to canoeing on particular rivers. So if you want to avoid being asked later to cancel a particular trip, please draw up your provisional programme for the season early in the new year and get in touch with the Union.

River

Eden, Lune, Ribble, Wharfe,
Dee

Please write to:

Derek Berry, 23 Windsor
Road, Clayton Bridge,
Manchester 10.

Upper Wye (above Glas-
bury), Usk, Teme F, Monnow.

Brian Harrison, The Bean
House, Cradley, Walvern,
Worcs.

RIVER DEE

Colonel Wynn, who owns both banks of the river Dee from Newwyd Bridge to Carrog Bridge, has intimated that he is prepared to permit canoes to pass down his water to a limited extent.

1. *October to February* inclusive: He will normally give permission to canoeists who write to him beforehand. This period is outside the fishing season (Please enclose when writing, as a matter of courtesy, a stamped addressed envelope).

2. *March to May* inclusive: no canoeing at all will be permitted. This is the height of the fly-fishing season.

3. *June to September*: Colonel Wynn might in some cases be prepared to give permission to clubs who write to him by the middle of February. In addition, any club wishing to do this, is asked to approach Derek Berry

(address above) in January. He will inform them whether any others are known to be applying during this period. If and when permission is granted canoeists should go through preferably about midday and if they come to a fisherman should land and ask him when they should pass.

Colonel Wynn's wish in making these stipulations is to be helpful and to enable canoeists to enjoy their sport without involving him in difficulties with his fishing tenants. The Touring Committee ask all members and canoeists who may read this, to respect his wishes. His address is:

The Hon. M. V. Wynn, DSC, JP, Rug Estate Office, Corwen, Merionethshire.

LD Races 1960

The dates of the following six LD races have already been established:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Organising Secretary</i>
April 10	Leamington	R. A. Sowman, 4 Landor Road, The Cape, Warwick.
May 22	Bedford to St. Neots	P. H. C. Banks, 23 St. Peter's Street, Bedford.
June 12	Chelmer	Mrs. M. Marriage, Well Cottage, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex.
June 26	Soar Valley	J. W. Allen, 5 Iliffe Avenue, Oadby, Leicester.
July 10	Bradford on Avon	M. H. Walden, The Kiln, Ladydown, Trowbridge, Wilts.
Sept. 11	Exeter	K. Catlow, 6 Fourth Avenue, Ringwell, Heavitree, Exeter.

It has been decided that all races run under the LD Racing Committee's rules will be eligible for points to be scored towards the committee's trophies. This means that the number of Ranking Races is no longer limited to ten, and therefore, it is expected that all the usual races as well as some others yet to be notified will be run as Ranking Races.



Leven Wild Water Test 1959

The exceptionally dry summer curtailed the number of occasions when it was possible to hold the Test. March and April provided good water but the following six Tests had to be cancelled. On October 25, when the final Test of the year was due to be held, the river made amends with a high

level of 10 feet one inch and with difficult wild water conditions. It was probably the most thrilling run in the history of the Test. New talent from some of the younger competitors came to light and the prize of the Gold Dipper for 1959 hung in the balance. K. White's performance on March 1, with a time of 7 minutes 21½ seconds, remained unbeaten at the end of the day, but the gap has tightened to the narrowest margin with Critchley only 3½ seconds behind him. Rohleder was next on the list with last year's runner-up, Shaw, in 4th place.

The final table of results for this year, with a higher proportion of Silver awards and the lowest ratio of Bronze awards, points to astonishing progress and all round improvement in the standard of canoeing of most competitors. Out of 17 runs, 10 attained the Silver Standard, 5 the Bronze (1st Class), none the Bronze (2nd Class) or lower, whilst the remaining 2 capsized.

From the Clubs

The following clubs have affiliated to the Union since October:

The Air Squadron Canoe Club (Address: 22nd SA Regt., Merebrock Camp, Malvern, Lancs.. Secretary: Major J. Spreull).

The Llandudno Youth Centre Canoe Club (Secretary: M. Humphrey Smith, Wyndcroft Farm, Llanrhos, Llandudno, Caernarvonshire).

The West Yorkshire Canoe Club (Secretary: N. Cowgill, 1 John Street, Peterson Road, Wakefield).

The 2nd Chesterfield Senior Scout Troop Canoe Club (Secretary: R. E. Young, M.A., 14 Spencer Street, Chesterfield, Derbyshire).

The Kayak Touring Club (Secretary: J. A. Quin, 7 Roma Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17).

King Edward's Camp Hill School Canoe Club (Address: G. Saunders, 33 Orchard Avenue, Solihull, Warwickshire).

We also have learned that two more clubs have affiliated to the Scottish Canoe Association — the *Kyle Canoe Club* and the *Condor Canoe Club* — but we have not been able to obtain details.

...*Hamelsham CC* report a very successful first cruise in August from Hay to Tintern with 22 club members. On the way they met the German party in their large canadians. The whole trip was filmed. As the result of their experience on this trip it has been decided to make changes in the canoe building programme: some of the smaller canoes will be replaced with larger PBK20s. Though they have nothing but praise for British Railways who transported their craft to and from the Wye in record time, the club is still hoping to be able to purchase a large van for the purpose of transporting their canoes to suitable rivers in and outside the country. Membership has risen and it is contemplated to split the club into two groups for next year's activities.

Royal Leamington Spa CC has won the Hasler Trophy with a total of 156 points, and arrangements have been made for the trophy to be kept in the Town Hall during the year the club are the holders. The club has been promised by the town council that the old fire station will be made

available as a boathouse when the new county fire station is completed. In the meantime a temporary building will be erected adjacent to the existing boathouse to solve the immediate storage problems. Membership stands at 90 with a very much higher percentage of active members. During the next two years great efforts will be made to raise the funds to equip the new premises. Owing to the heavy competitive programme enthusiasm for camping tours has waned slightly, but the club's annual holiday in the Scillies was again a tremendous success. A programme of day tours will extend throughout the winter and LD racing and slalom enthusiasts will take advantage of these outings to keep fit. In addition, distance training takes place at weekends. New Craft is being built, especially for LD racing, and it is hoped that further support will be given to the status regattas in 1960.

Richmond CC reports that the end of the 1959 season was marked by the steep descent of the club raft to a ditch-like Thames, putting off all but the keenest paddlers. Two cold-weather cruises on November 18 and 22 were aimed at interesting beginners. Eskimo rolling classes are being held throughout the winter. On February 27 the club will hold their

annual dance and the Richmond Regatta has been fixed for June 15.

Manchester CC's membership figure has risen from 118 to 166 in one year. The summer programme was concluded with runs on the Tees and Dee. The former suffered from low water, but on the Dee water conditions were reasonably fair. During the winter there will be a series of "Mild Water" races on the Bollin (November 29, January 17 and March 6) and on the Ribble (December 20, February 21 and April 2). For the first Bollin race there was a turn-out of 21 with another 16 doing the river a "tourists." The Bollin races start at Chester's Farm, "Woodend," Mobberley, and the Ribble races at Edisford Bridge. Entries from other clubs should be sent to D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10.

The first club forwarding their complete programme for the 1960 summer season is the *Thames Group* of the *Canoe Camping Club*. They start the season off with a Thames run, Chertsey to Twickenham, on March 6. We will publish the full programme in our April issue.

Chelmsford Boating Club are running time trials during the winter and will organise a Canoe and Camping Exhibition at Chelmsford early in the New Year.



From Headquarters & Committees

BCU TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Club Committees are requested to consider their representation on the various Technical Committees of the Union (Racing, Slalom, Touring, Long Distance Racing). These committees are re-constituted each year, and all clubs taking an active part in one of the branches of our sport, are entitled to nominate a representative to each committee. Such nominations, even if the names are the same as the previous year, should reach Headquarters not later than January 30, 1960.

NEW BCU SLALOM SECRETARY

Following the resignation of Bill Horsman, Don Lucas, 5 Harts Leap, Sandhurst, Berks., has been appointed secretary to the BCU Slalom Committee.

WHITSUNTIDE MEET 1960

The Touring Committee hopes to follow up the enjoyable trip last Whitsuntide on the Dorset Stour by arranging one next Whitsuntide, if permission can be obtained from the landowners, on the Salisbury Avon; if not, on the Suffolk Stour (Constable's country). Members from any club will be welcome. Further details will be given in the spring number of 'Canoeing in Britain.'

THE DEXTER TROPHY

The Paddling Racing Committee have recommended the award of this trophy to R. G. Downing for his performance in the 1959 National Championships.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

The Scottish Youth Hostels Association intends to run, as in previous year, a series of week-end and day courses for canoeing at the Rowardennan Youth Hostel, by Balmaha, near Drymen, Stirlingshire, on Loch Lomond. There are some vacancies as instructors, and if there are members who have a week-end or a week to spare, they should write to A. C. Cromar, Scottish Youth Hostel Association, 7 Bruntsfield Crescent, Edinburgh 10. Rowardennan Youth Hostel is perhaps one of the finest houses on the shores of Loch Lomond and is an ideal canoeing centre.

OLYMPIC TRAINING

The Paddling Racing Committee have already drawn up a list of Olympic "possibles" and have appointed D. J. Woolley as coach for paddlers in the Midlands and R. Parker as coach for those in the South. The coaches will be responsible for ensuring that those on the list are undertaking active winter training.

EASTER TRAINING COURSE

The annual Easter Training Course will be held at the Navy League Boat Training Centre at "T.S. Neptune" on Raven's Ait, an island in the Thames at Surbiton. The course is intended both to provide paddling training for persons who are comparative newcomers to the sport and also to give intensive training to experienced canoeists. The training will be under the control of Ray

Blick, a competitor in the last Olympics. The course will commence on Thursday evening, April 14, 1960, and will finish on Monday afternoon, April 18, 1960. The charge, inclusive of board and lodging, will be approximately £2 5s. 0d. Applications for the limited vacancies should be sent to the Hon. Sec. of the Paddling Racing Committee, A. L. Todd, 47 Knightwood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey, accompanied by a deposit of £1.

DANUBE CRUISE 1960

The Canoe Camping Club is organising a trip down the Danube from Ulm to Linz. Departure is on Friday, August 6, with arrival back in London on August 21. The fare will be about £15, but it must be stressed that to keep the fare as low as this there must be at least 25 participants. Under 21s will get a still lower fare. Any member of the B.C.U. can join this party. As usual the members of the party have complete freedom of movement between starting and finishing point, but they may if they wish join the main party. The Canoe Camping Club hopes that other clubs will join in as far as the travel arrangements are concerned thereby obtaining maximum fare reductions. Full details may be had from John Mayhead, 13 Ashdale Avenue, Kempston, Bedford.

BCU YOUTH CRUISE ON RHINE AND MOSELLE

At the invitation of the Badischer Kanuverband in the German Canoe

Association (DKV) whose members visited this country last August, the BCU Youth Committee will organise a cruise for Junior members of the Union and its affiliated clubs on Rhine and Moselle in July, 1960. The party will depart in the evening of Friday, June 30, and return in the morning of Sunday, July 16.

The journey will be made by rail and steamer to Cologne and from there onward by coach to the starting point of the trip: Freiburg. The trip will go down the Rhine back to Cologne and on the Moselle from Trier to Coblenz. Strasbourg, Heidelberg and Wiesbaden will also be visited.

The party, which will be accompanied by an equivalent number of German canoeists and leaders, is expected to number 25-30 participants. The age limit is between 16 and 21 years. Boats (large Canadians), tents and all equipment (except air beds and sleeping bags), food, etc., will be provided. The total cost will be in the neighbourhood of £18 10s. 0d. This covers everything (except pocket money), including travel, loan of boats, tents, equipment, food, sight-seeing trips by coach, which will be accompanying the party all the time, medical and accident insurance, etc.

Applications should be made immediately through club secretaries. Parents' consent must be obtained. A minimum amount of physical fitness and canoeing experience are required. For further information write to the BCU Youth Officer: Lt.-Col. I. F. G. Hall, 54 New Street, Chelmsford, Essex. Offers for two leaders are also welcome.



23rd BCU Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

2. To approve the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on October 4, 1959.
1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
3. To receive the Report of the Council.
4. To receive the Statement of Accounts.
5. To elect Officers and four Members of the Council in place of those retiring.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	R. W. Baker	J. W. Dudderidge	J. A. Bright
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	M. Macpherson	R. W. Baker	O. J. Cock
<i>Council Members</i>	Lt. Col. I. F. G. Hall	O. J. Cock	R. W. Baker
	R. W. Emes	Dr. M. Gillies	R. F. Tyas
	J. Spuhler	G. Swettenham	J. A. Bright
	R. F. Tyas	R. W. Baker	J. Spuhler

No further nominations have been received to fill these vacancies and therefore the election will take place at the Annual General Meeting and not by Postal Ballot.

6. To appoint an Auditor.
7. To consider the following motions:
 - (a) Proposed by Dr. M. Gillies and seconded by Miss E. E. McLellan:

“That J. W. Dudderidge shall be President of the Union for the year until the Annual General Meeting 1961, thus filling the vacancy resulting from the retirement of Dr. M. Gillies.”

- (b) Proposed by D. S. Berry and seconded by B. J. Harrison:

“That in Rule 71 Clause (d) there be inserted an extra sub-clause to read as follows:

(v) Draft regulations in connection with touring on private waters if or when they should consider it desirable.”

By Order of the Council

JOHN W. DUDDERIDGE,
Hon. Secretary.

The meeting will be followed by a film show.

Notice is drawn to the following Rules of the Union:—

Only Full Individual Members of the Union, Full Members of Affiliated Clubs, Officers of the Union and Members of the Council shall be entitled to speak at General Meetings (Rule 50).

Every Full Individual Member of the Union and every Full Member of an Affiliated Club shall have one vote only. No person shall have more than one vote (Rule 65).

Any Member of the Union entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Union shall be entitled to appoint another Member of the Union who is entitled to speak and vote at General Meetings, as his proxy to speak and vote instead of him . . . The instrument of proxy shall be in the form prescribed by the Council and shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not less than three clear days before the General Meeting (Rule 66).

Easter Meet 1960

Thursday, April 14 - Monday, April 18, 1960

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Non-members will be welcome as guests of members of clubs or the Union. Youth Clubs wishing to come should write well beforehand giving probable numbers of boats and participants and numbers and canoe experience of the club leaders so that they can be appropriately briefed. There should be at least one leader to every eight youths unless the boys are already experienced canoeists.

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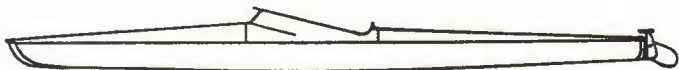
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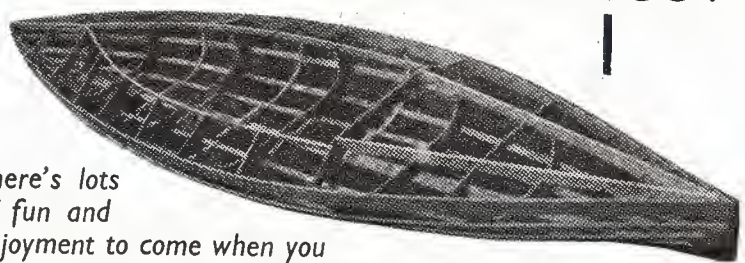
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