

# Kingston Kayak Club

## Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

### 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Present:** 39 members were present as per attendance list held by secretary (image attached)

**Apologies:** Nikki Rudkin, Lesley Medina

#### 1. Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Duncan Berriman proposed and Sarah Jones seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true record. 37 voted for. 2 abstentions. No matters arising.

#### 2. Chairman's report

Andy Davies reported.

The club continues to go from strength to strength. Last year pool fees were increased by Hull City council, and a decision had to be made as to how pool costs could be met. Andy noted that club members had continued to support the sessions and costs had been met.

Thanks and recognition was given to various club members: -

- Lesley Medina (Treasurer) for monitoring and tracking the club finances, which enables the committee to make informed decisions around spending.
- Julian Medina organised and ran successful marathons
- Duncan Berriman & Sue Burgess ran a successful slalom at Howsham
- The Lowthorpe family for running the Hull International. This year has proved particularly challenging as a new location had to be found for the event as Hull City Council had refused permission for it to be held on Princes Quay due to building works.
- During the past year Meg Rudkin was recognised as Volunteer of the Year by British Canoeing
- Luke Robinson won Young Coach of the Year, awarded by British Canoeing
- Sam Burrow and Jordan Allen are part of the slalom development squad
- Eddie Lart is on the U18 development squad for polo
- Alex Lowthorpe is part of the U21 GB polo squad for the World Championship in Italy later in the year
- Alan Fisher for all the work he puts in to ensure that the buildings are in good order
- Bob Jones, Gareth Jones and Ken Oliver ensure that equipment is monitored and in good working order, and carry out repairs when necessary
- All the volunteers on reception, their support is very much appreciated. Club members are reminded that they are volunteers and there is an expectation that they are treated with respect.
- Coaches for the time and effort they put into running the sessions/trips etc
- Pete Tasker for sending out the club newsletter to members
- Duncan Berriman and Dave Rawding for ensuring that the web pages are kept up to date and ensuring that all relevant information is included on it

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

3.1 Lesley Medina gave details of the club accounts. Her report is attached. Andy Davies proposed and Julie Dimaline seconded these as being accurate. Vote unanimous.

It was recognised that, with the support from Lesley, the committee has done a good job in monitoring and turning the finances round. There had been serious concerns around the club's finances during the previous year. As the accounts show, the club is in a better financial situation this year.

No other matters arising.

### **4. Changes to the Constitution**

No changes to constitution were discussed

### **5. Election of Officers**

#### **5.1 Chairperson**

Andy Davies offered to continue as chair for one more year and then he would stand down. Sam Tasker proposed and Neil Ward seconded this. Vote unanimous.

#### **5.2 Secretary**

Sue Burgess was nominated by Dave Rawding and seconded by Duncan Berriman. Vote unanimous

#### **5.3 Treasurer**

Lesley was thanked and has offered to continue. Duncan Berriman proposed and Aiden Whiteley seconded this appointment. Vote unanimous.

#### **5.4 Others**

5.4.1 Membership Secretary –No further nominations and Meg was happy to continue. Dave Rawding proposed and Barrie Carlisle seconded this appointment. 38 voted for 1 Abstention

5.4.2 Equipment Officers –No further nominations and Bob, Gareth are happy to continue. Ken Oliver stepped down. Andy Davies proposed and James Hamilton seconded this appointment. Vote unanimous.

5.4.3 Buildings Officer – Andy Davies thanked Alan for the brilliant job he has done holding the building up for the past twenty plus years. Alan is willing to continue in this role.

Alan noted that Bob Jones and Dave Lowthorpe also put a lot of time and effort into maintenance and repairs. Duncan Berriman proposed and Bob Jones seconded this appointment. Vote unanimous.

5.4.4 Youth Representative – Andy Davies thanked the youth reps and explained that there is always a need to refresh these positions. He was pleased to advise that several young club members are happy to volunteer.

Youth Reps nominated were: -

Liam Wilson

Abbi Graves

Rowan Bartholomew

Ben Jones

John Dickens

Linda McKenzie proposed and Andy Lowthorpe seconded these appointments. Vote unanimous.

## **6. Appointment of Auditor**

Lesley Medina advised that she is going to tender for new auditors as the current accountants have increased their fees

## **7. AOB**

Session Fees – The committee agreed to keep fees at the same level as they are currently. Hull City Council have not indicated how much they will charge from April this year as yet. If it's necessary to increase during the next year an ECM will be called to discuss.

Andy Davies nominated that the session fees remain the same. Gareth Jones seconded. Voted unanimously

Membership fees will remain the same for the next year too. The BCU levy has increased to £2.20 for seniors & £1.20 for juniors. Andy Davies proposed that the club charges £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors who are not BCU members. Scott Rudkin seconded. Voted unanimously.

Meg Rudkin raised that it's not clear on the membership form that this needs to be paid, so some club members do not include it in their membership fees. Andy Davies is going to look at the form to make it clearer.

Andy Davies reminded all club members that membership fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. If fees aren't paid by 1<sup>st</sup> June, paddlers will have to pay non-members fees per session. It was agreed that a receipt would be issued to paddlers when they pay their fees to ensure transparency.

Dave Rawding reminded all paddlers paddling in sessions during the week (not normal club night sessions) are expected to pay the fees on the night. There shouldn't be any instances when members pay in arrears.

Sam Tasker reminded members that information about club activities can be added to Facebook. It was also noted that Duncan Berriman keeps the website up to date and this is an important point of information for members and non-members, and should be the main point of information for everyone.

**8. Next Meeting AGM – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 7.15pm**

**9. Date Next Committee Meeting – Thursday 12 May 2016 7.30**