

Minutes of Hereford Kayak Club AGM

24th April 2024

Present: Bryony Jones, Karen Jones, John Cameron, Jeff Hyde, Andrew Lovegrove, Michael Oliver, Claude Bailey, John Jackson, Poppy Price, Sharon Colley, Ky Kyso, Nathan Hoon, Rob King, Bianca Jackson, Dave Cianchi, Theo Victor-Trott, Lee Champ, Sarah Deacon, Arvydas Keila, Mark Burgoyne, Ollie Burgoyne, Rob Balogh, Andrew Wibmer, Sue Wibmer, Kay Spencer, Tony Spencer, Mark Bellamy, Dave Goldsmith.

Apologies: Pete Jones

Dave G welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if everyone had signed attendance form which was circulating, and whether there were any apologies.

Minutes read and agreed

Dave did not believe there were any matters arising from them so we will move on with this year's meeting.

Chairperson's report:

Given by Dave Goldsmith.

Firstly, can I thank Kay, Claire and the rest of her team for the excellent curry served up tonight.

Your elected committee have held regular and well attended meetings since the last AGM and I would like to update you on some of the highlights.

The Club was accredited to the latest British Canoeing's Quality system in November last year. We have already received Paddle UK's 2024 revised accredited questionnaire and the committee will review the document over the next few months with the aim of being re-accredited in November this year.

It looks like this process will have to be completed annually.

Time trials have been held through last Summer and Winter and a successful Hereford Hasler was held in June last year and I would like to thank the members who make these events happen. They do not happen on their own. Rob will give us a short report on the race later.

The work on the boat shed that we discussed at last year's AGM has happened, after a fashion and we believe that the work they intend to do has now been completed.

The Rowing Club has recently advised us that they intend to recast the lower steps this Spring / Summer when the water levels are appropriate. We may lose access to the water

via the steps for a short time and we will attempt to keep you advised as and when we are advised.

Boat Purchases : In May last year the Club purchased a second-hand Kirton Tor.

In early April this year we placed an order with Kirton Kayaks for a Mirage Classic K2 in carbon kevlar and the boat should be with us in approximately 8/9 weeks.

In the last few days, we have also secured a build slot with Marsport for two Hobby Mk 2 K1's in glass fibre. These boats which are stability 8 will allow members to progress from the Kirton Tempest stability 10 boats through to the 5/6 stability Kirton Tors.

The need to purchase these boats was established during the production of our 2023 Development Plan.

And finally, we believe that the Club has been in existence now for 50 years and it is the committee's intention to organize a few additional events to celebrate this achievement during the year.

Any questions?

Race Report.

Rob thanked everyone for their help with this before and on the day. The day went well.

Special thanks to June for her running of the tea 'stall'. This was her last year doing this after many years of service and her hard work was much appreciated. Thanks also to Lee for dealing with 2 first aid incidents.

Financial Report.

HKC income and expenditure report handed out for 2023 and 2024 (up until March 2024).

Kay went through this. Rowing Club rent would have increased by 6% this year but 25% reduction given due to disruption caused by work on steels.

Kay said the committee had discussed raising fees and Committee agreed to put proposal of £5 rise in membership fee but no rise in boat storage fees (due to disruption re use of shed) to AGM

Adoption of accounts

Proposed: Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded: John Cameron

All in favour - yes

Adoption of revised membership fees

Proposed :Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded Lee Champ

Can I have a seconder?

All in favour - yes

Club Document Adoption.

Dave said we need to re-adopt the seven main Club Management Documents, Policies, and Statements.

These documents have not been changed since their original adoption and hopefully you have all found time to familiarise yourself with the via them web site prior to this meeting:

The documents in question are:

The Club Constitution.

The Club Code of Conduct.

The Club Health & Safety Policy Statement.

The Club Safeguarding Children & Adults at Risk Policy.

The Club Equality Policy Statement.

The Club Data Privacy Policy.

The Club Anti-Bullying Policy.

Can I have a proposer to adopt these documents please

Proposed : Sharon Colley

Seconded : Andrew Lovegrove

All in favour of adoption - yes

Election of Club Officers and the Committee.

I have not received any new nominations prior to this meeting, but that does not stop anyone contacting me after the meeting if they wish to join the committee.

I am pleased to be able to advise the meeting that the current officers and committee members are all happy to stand for another year:

They are:

Myself Dave Goldsmith – Chair.

Sue Wibmer – Secretary.

Kay Spencer – Treasurer.

Kay Spencer & Mark Bellamy – Welfare Officers.

And the Committee members are:

Andrew Wibmer

Rob Balogh

John Jackson

Theo Victor-Trott

Alan Burgoyne.

Tony Spencer.

Can I have a proposer for the re-election en-bloc of the officers and the committee please?

Proposed : Bryony Jones

Seconded : Sharon Colley

All in favour - yes

AOB

Dave said Kay has hard copies of this year's membership form which have a more detailed disclaimer within and needs to be signed. We need all members to complete the form and send it back to Kay. A copy can also be found on the web site.

Incident Book

Dave explained the new folder to report incidents and the importance of reporting all of these. We now have a good contact with the fishermen to let them know of any concerns as well as a designated contact with the rowing club.

Folder in boat shed. If you fill in a form please hand it to a member of the committee or if one not present leave in folder and it will be picked up after time trials.

Meeting closed at 8.25