

Minutes of Hereford Kayak Club AGM

30th April 2025

Present: Andrew Lovegrove, Tony Spencer, Sue Wibmer, Dave Goldsmith, Andrew Wibmer, Lee Champ, Theo Victor-Trott, Jeff Hyde, Dave Cianchi, Mark Burgoyne, Ollie Burgoyne, Tatjana Kiela, Arvydas Keila, John Jackson, Bryony Waddell, Adam Waddell, Karen Jones, Sharon Colley, Mark Bellamy, John Cameron, Kay Spencer,

1.Apologies: Sarah Deacon, Pete Jones, Dave O'Brien, Olly Main, Rob Balogh, Poppy Price

Thank you everyone for taking the time to attend the AGM.

2. 2024 AGM Minutes:

The minutes of last year's meeting have been circulated and is everyone happy that they are a correct record of the meeting dated 24th April 2024?

Confirmed thank you.

3. Matters Arising:

I do not believe that there are any matters arising that will not be covered in this year's reports so if you are all happy, I will move on to the next item.

4. Chairperson's Report:

Firstly, can I thank Kay and her team for another excellent curry served up tonight.

Your elected committee have held regular and well attended meetings since the last AGM and I would like to thank the committee for the support they have given me as chair. I would also remind all members that a copy of the meeting minutes can be found on the Club website.

I would now like to update you on some of this year's highlights:

The Club was re-accredited by Paddle England in October 2024 and it is the committee's intention to maintain our Quality Club status each year with Paddle England.

On the 23rd June we held the 2024 River Wye Hasler Race. The race was well attended with 91 boats and 113 paddlers. All attendees appeared to enjoy the racing, food and the day in general.

On the 11th August, we celebrated 50 years of Hereford Kayak Club.

The weather was good and attendees enjoyed a wonderful day catching up with past and present members, eating, indulging in pleasure paddling, K4 paddling and competing in some very competitive Tempest sprint challenge.

Kay & Tony put together an excellent display of photographs taken over the 50 years which caused much discussion and memory recalls for all the attendees.

At the end of the day, we presented Kay & Tony with a pictorial map of the local water, in thanks for the dedication and support that they have both given to the Club over many years.

Time trials have been held throughout the year and the recorded times can be found on the Club website.

The recasting of the lower steps, noted at last year's AGM was completed and we wait to see how long it will last.

Regarding the proposed installation of the boat crane, we do not currently have an update on this project.

The three boats that we ordered from Kirton Kayaks and Marsport were received and have been well used since their arrival.

And finally, two crews representing Hereford competed in DW this year. Mike and Sam in C2 pulled out at Marsh due to illness. Rob and John completed the race finishing in 10th place in the Civilian race and 3rd place in the Veteran Class. Well done to them.

Any Questions? - none asked

5. Financial Report:

Kay talked through the financial report that was handed out. Explained that it seems like a large increase in this years Rowing Club fees however last years had been reduced due to the work on the boat shed and steps which both impacted the club.

Closing balance was down on previous year which can be accounted for by the purchase of the 3 new club boats. Club race made a good profit last year, which cannot always be guaranteed.

This years rowing club fees have already been paid.

Kay talked through the reasons for the committees decision to recommend that both membership and boat storage fees should rise by £5

Adoption of the accounts.

Proposed: Andrew Lovegrove

Seconded: Lee Champ

All in favour: All agreed

5.1. Proposed Club Fee Increase.

Adoption of the revised membership fees.

Proposed: John Cameron

Seconded: Andrew Lovegrove

All in favour: All agreed

6. Club Document Adoption:

The Club Documents, Policies and Statements that can be viewed on the Club website. However, they need to be re-adopted at each AGM by the members:

These documents 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.

The Club Junior Members Policy & Guidance.

Any Questions? None asked

Adoption of the Club documents:

Proposer: Mark Burgoyne

Seconded: Ollie Burgoyne

All in favour: All agreed

Andrew thanked Dave for all his hard work on this.

7. Election of Club Officers and Committee:

I have not received any new nominations prior to this meeting, but that does not stop anyone contacting me or a committee member 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 - Chair.

Sue Wibmer - Secretary

Kay Spencer – Treasurer

Kay Spencer & Mark Bellamy – Welfare Officers.

The remaining Committee Members are:

Andrew Wibmer

Alan Burgoyne

Rob Balogh

John Jackson

Theo Victor-Trot

Tony Spencer

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

Proposed: Bryony Waddell

Seconded: Shron Colley

All in favour: All agreed

8. AOB.

None put forward

Meeting Closed at: 8.15pm