



LINLITHGOW KAYAK RACING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LOWPORT CENTRE LINLITHGOW
23rd FEBRUARY 2009

Present:

Alan Fletcher, Pam Fletcher, Lewis Fletcher, Alison Fletcher, Derek Marshall, Nan Marshall, Diane Sharp, Breda Sneddon, Witold Zwiernik, Craig Holden, Pete Easson, Jack Robertson, Graeme Robertson, Gareth Smith, Tracey Smith, Rhonwen Smith, Cecile Redmond, Sean Redmond, Amy Redmond, Gavin Fraser, Neil Fraser, Louise Fraser, Jamie Clark.

Apologies:

Donald Gardener, Neil Redmond, Mr and Mrs Clark, Thomas Sneddon.

Chairman's Report:

Alan stated that it had been another great year for the club with Linlithgow Kayak Racing represented at every flat water racing event in Scotland.

A number of new boats and paddles have been purchased within the last year and during the previous racing season these were used to their full potential; the training required is significantly more than one or two sessions per week.

There has been huge progress from those paddlers involved in the development squad with promotions at every regatta. Three LKR juniors have been invited to join the national performance squad and associated support networks. A further two paddlers have been invited to the national development squad. Alan commented that it was important to ensure that we have junior paddlers coming up from all the age ranges to continue this excellent progress.

Some of the junior paddlers and coaches were involved in the 50th Velka Cena Regatta in Slovakia. Both paddlers and coaches have been invited to paddle/attend the Nottingham regattas. The squad members (plus coach) had recently returned from a cross country skiing training camp in Skalka in Slovakia.

The adult paddlers were also showing a determined effort to continue paddling over the winter months.

Alan was keen to extend the benefits of the training available to all junior members of the club with running and swimming being offered in the winter to offer continuity.

Looking to the future the club has applied for a grant for K2s; two high end boats and one stable K2. This should offer the club a range of boats for progression as paddlers improve.

A further project for boat storage at the canal basin has been undertaken by the committee and will prove hugely beneficial for those requiring to train during the week.

Finally, Alan indicated that he intended to stand down as club chairman and thanked the club committee, parents and all involved with LKR. The club has a good foundation laid down, good paddlers and is now in a good position to move forward.

Treasurer's Report:

Nan circulated an adjusted version of the club accounts for the members to see. Some of last years expenses had dropped onto this years expense sheet and had skewed the view; the adjusted version showed a clearer, current picture of the club accounts.

All of the LKR organised events were better attended in 2008 generating higher levels of income. The SCA took a slice of the money raised during the summer time trials which was new and affected the overall amount collected. This is something the SCA are looking into in general.

There is a possible £56 refund outstanding with Lowport; the club had been charged for the use of sea kayaks (used for safety purposes). This has been rectified and the club should not be charged for this in future.

Club kit cost the club money due to a change in the supplier. A new supplier is in the progress of being sourced and this should not be a problem moving forward.

The new club website (www.linlithgowkayakracing.org.uk) was a new cost for 2008.

Meeting expenses were less in 2008 as committee meetings were held in members houses rather than Lowport.

The club finances are in a healthy state with approx £2773 in the bank and £400 cash.

The AGM minutes from 2008 were proposed by Alan Fletcher and seconded by Derek Marshall.

Election of Office Bearers:

All of the existing committee members indicated that they were willing to stay on, either in their existing or new capacities.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
Chairman	Derek Marshall	Alan Fletcher	Cecile Redmond
Treasurer	Nan Marshall	Pam Fletcher	Diane Sharp
Secretary	Diane Sharp	Nan Marshall	Alan Fletcher
Child Protection Officer	Pam Fletcher	Derek Marshall	Diane Sharp
Head Coach	Pete Easson	Diane Sharp	Lewis Fletcher
Ordinary Member	Cecile Redmond	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall

Ordinary Member	Gareth Smith	Alan Fletcher	Nan Marshall
Ordinary Member	Alan Fletcher	Pam Fletcher	Diane Sharp
Junior Representative	Lewis Fletcher	Cecile Redmond	Nan Marshall
Junior representative	Neil Fraser	Pam Fletcher	Diane Sharp

AOB:

Changes to the club fees, and particularly boat use/hire charges were proposed prior to the AGM to reflect the current operational nature of the club.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding a proposal which had been drafted by Nan and Derek (on behalf of the committee) and a proposal presented by Donald Gardner by e-mail (following e-mail to all members with initial proposal).

An annual charge for the use and hire of club boats of £40/80 was unanimously agreed by all present at the AGM. The discounted rate applies to those having raced for LKR 4 times in the previous season (this will be increased to 6 races in the future).

A day rate boat rate of £2 was also agreed, but it is hoped that members will utilise the annual rate to reduce the administration burden.

No fee will be charged for Monday club nights, or for K2s or lightnings used in competitions.

The allocation, hire and use of club boats remains at the committee's discretion and any conflict of use or special cases will be resolved by the LKR committee.

Derek Marshall presented an overview of the boat storage locker programme that has been undertaken by the committee. A sub-committee has been formed to fund raise for this project (approx £11K (excl VAT) required to complete this project) but it was felt that the club was in a position to make the initial moves to get the project started.

Cecile Redmond proposed a vote of thanks to outgoing chairman Alan Fletcher for all his hard work.