



LINLITHGOW KAYAK RACING  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LOW PORT CENTRE LINLITHGOW  
8th MARCH 2010

Present:

Alan Fletcher, Derek Marshall, Nan Marshall, Diane Sharp, Pete Easson, Gareth Smith, Rhonwyn Smith, Cecile Redmond, Neil Redmond, Sean Redmond, Amy Redmond, Sylvia Forshaw, Graeme Robertson, Neil Fraser, Russell Morrison, Fiona Mitchinson, Isla Mitchinson, Diane Lambert, Jordon Lambert.

Apologies:

Donald Gardener, Pam Fletcher, Lewis Fletcher, Gavin Fraser, Craig Holden, Leny, Alexander and Isla Morrison.

Chairman's Report:

A copy of the chairman's report is included as Appendix 1.

The AGM minutes from 2009 were proposed by Derek Marshall and seconded by Cecile Redmond.

Additionally Graeme Robertson was thanked for his help with the swimming sessions being run with Pete.

Derek noted that Pam Fletcher was standing down as the Child Protection Coordinator and thanked her for many years service to the club; a bouquet of flowers were passed to Alan to forward onto Pam from the club.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurers report is included as Appendix 2.

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	Diane Sharp	Cecile Redmond
Treasurer	Nan Marshall	Diane Sharp	Cecile Redmond
Secretary	Diane Sharp	Pete Easson	Alan Fletcher
Child Protection Coordinator	Cecile Redmond (to be	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall

	shadowed	by	
	Sylvia Forshaw)		
Head Coach	Pete Easson	Nan Marshall	Derek Marshall
Ordinary Member	Gareth Smith	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall
Ordinary Member	Alan Fletcher	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall
Junior Representative	Rhonwyn Smith	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall
Junior representative	Sean Redmond	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall

#### AOB:

#### Club Fees:

It was proposed that membership fees are increased by £5 for junior and adults with family membership staying the same. This was passed by a vote of members attending the meeting.

Junior Membership	£15
Senior Membership	£25
Family Membership	£30

It was proposed that weekly subs are increased by 50 pence for those not requiring to hire equipment from Low Port. This was passed by a vote of members attending the meeting.

For those requiring to hire equipment from Low Port there was some discussion regarding the proposed increase in weekly subs of 50 pence or £1. The higher rate was proposed to try and encourage members to invest in their own buoyancy aids; purchase of a buoyancy aid would pay for itself if attending all of the Monday training sessions. The £1 increase was approved by a vote of members attending the meeting.

(Post meeting note: suitable buoyancy aids can be purchased from Decathlon ([www.decathlon.co.uk](http://www.decathlon.co.uk)), LOMO ([www.ewetsuits.com](http://www.ewetsuits.com)) or Bosun's Locker ([www.bosuns.co.uk](http://www.bosuns.co.uk)) locally and many more outlets by mail order or internet. It is also proposed that a kit swap/sell will be held at the club registration evening).

Boat hire fees remain unchanged from 2009.

#### Boat Storage Locker

Derek Marshall provided an over view of the current status of the boat locker project. The lease is almost finalised and fund raising will be the next phase.

On that note, Cecile Redmond is coordinating a fundraising bag pack at Sainsbury's in Linlithgow on 17<sup>th</sup> April from 1000-1600hrs. Volunteers are sought to 'man the tills' or answer questions from the shoppers. Please forward you names and availability to Cecile or add your name to the sign up form at the registration evening.

### '10 for 10'

LKR celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. To celebrate a '10 for 10' initiative is to be rolled out to encourage members to compete, and represent the club at 10 events; one for each year that the club has been running.

A sticker will be presented for each event attended and these can be collected on a card that will be presented to each member following the registration evening. Each member reaching ten events will receive a certificate and possibly win a prize at the end of year prize giving.

### Child Protection

All parent helpers were reminded that they are required to be disclosure checked; we ask for your full cooperation, help and understanding with this matter.

## Appendix 1 – Chairman's Report

The Season 2009 was one of the most successful LKR has had with representation at virtually all of the flatwater racing events in Scotland.

In Sprinting we, LKR paddlers, have achieved 13 Gold, 14 Silver & 9 Bronze medals at the Scottish Championships and our representation at UK level in Nottingham has been rewarded with 9 Gold, 5 Silver, 6 Bronze. Four medals were won at the British Sprint Championships held at Nottingham in July. 2 paddlers were promoted & 48 "A" Finals achieved over the season.

In Marathon we topped the Marathon Rankings, which are based on the entire season, in 5 separate divisions -

Div's 9 Amy, 8 Rhonwen, 6 Sean, 5 Derek, 4 Thomas.

At the Marathon Championships - Medals were gained in

- K2 Gold (Sean/Lewis) & Silver (Alan/Derek)
- K1 Vets Silver (Derek) & Bronze (Donald)
- Ladies Silver (Diane)
- Junior Gold & U16 Gold (Lewis)
- U14 Gold (Sean)
- U12 Girls Gold (Amy),
- U10 Boys Silver (Alexander),
- U10 Girls Bronze (Jordan)

The club took part in a number of Club events through the season.

Glasgow to Edinburgh	Retained the John Kinninmonth Memorial Trophy beating our previous record by 2:53 by covering the 56 Miles in a time of 08hrs 9 min & 56 secs. We entered a K2 relay team of 11 paddlers with a mixture of old and young paddlers.
The Highland Series	For which points are awarded to paddlers over the 3 Highland Marathons, Spey, Ness & Dee. The points are totalled for each club and in 2009 we came 4th.
Haslar Trophy	We had 8 paddlers that qualified for this event at Reading but due to clashes of dates we were unable to attend this in 2009. We will be looking to rectify this in 2010 for the event in Worcester

At the SCA's AGM in November 2009 your chairman was presented with the Lesley Lough Memorial Award - Youth Coach of the Year

During last summer the committee took up the opportunity to purchase of a high performance K2 from the BCU and we now have a top of the range white Plastex K2 here on the racks.

LKR organised a number of competitions through out the season on behalf of the SCA – Ratho Marathon, Linlithgow Regatta, Linlithgow Summer Series and the Winter Time Trials on the Canal. The WTT have suffered badly over this winter. All of these events have been well attended and we encourage all new members to come along and give them a try.

Our head coach, Pete Easson with the assistance of WLC & the SCA, has started to run after school sessions & introductory courses over the summer and autumn. We hope that the club will be able to benefit from these by way of increased membership and participation. It is intended that these will be run again in 2010.

Over the winter, Pete has organised games hall training on a Monday & swimming on a Thursday which have been well attended by the lightning age group paddlers and will stand them in good stead for the start of the season.

3 of our SCA squad paddlers & coach have attended a winter training camp in Slovakia which gave them the opportunity to train hard (up to 5 sessions per DAY) cross country skiing with other paddlers from Scotland and the Komarno club in Slovakia.

Kayak Storage Locker at the Manse Road Basin by the Union Canal – The committee have been working hard over the last 12 months on this project and we have been successful in obtaining Planning Permission, A Building Warrant & Technical approval from BWB. We are in discussion with BWB for a 10 year + lease of the ground and subject to funding we hope to get this project under way this season. The benefits from this facility will be felt across the club by having access to boats close to the water when we need them.

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their efforts over the past year and to Pam who has indicated she will be stepping down from the committee after many years of service in various positions which have included Secretary & Child Protection Coordinator.

## Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Copy of accounts summary to be attached to final version