



LINLITHGOW KAYAK RACING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LOW PORT CENTRE LINLITHGOW
28th FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Alan Fletcher, Alison Fletcher, Derek Marshall, Nan Marshall, Diane Sharp, Pete Easson, Gareth Smith, Rhonwyn Smith, Cecile Redmond, Neil Redmond, Amy Redmond, Sean Redmond, Russell Morrison, Diane Lambert, Jordon Lambert, Patrick Lambert, Irena Mitchell, Syd Mitchell, Anke Haase, Coque Mampel, Lourdes Danta, Rona Jensen, Aileen Brand, John Cadell, Leny Morrison, Russell Morrison, Alexander Morrison, Isla Morrison.

Apologies:

Helen McKinnell, Jack Douglas, Lewis Fletcher.

Chairman's Report:

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

The AGM minutes from 2010 were proposed by Derek Marshall and no objections or comments were raised.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurer's report is included as Appendix 2.

Election of Office Bearers:

The majority 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	Pete Easson	Rona Jensen
Treasurer	Nan Marshall	Derek Marshall	Cecile Redmond
Secretary	Diane Sharp	Nan Marshall	Gareth Smith
Child Protection	Cecile Redmond	Rona Jensen	Pete Easson
Head Coach	Pete Easson	Derek Marshall	Rona Jensen
Ordinary Member *	Gareth Smith	Derek Marshall	Diane Sharp
Ordinary Member	Alan Fletcher	Derek Marshall	Diane Sharp
Junior Representative	Rhonwyn Smith	Derek Marshall	Diane Sharp
Junior representative	Sean Redmond	Cecile Redmond	Diane Sharp

* A possible third ordinary member may be added subsequent to the AGM.

Club Fees

The club membership and training fees remain at the same level for 2011. There has been a slight amendment to the boat hire price list for 2011. The charges themselves have not increased since last season, just the way they are administered; this is summarised below:

Boat	Junior	Senior
Lightning	No charge	N/A
Basic K1	£10/20*	£40/80*
High Spec K1 (allocated by committee)	£40/80*	N/A
Race Specific (such as 70WM)	N/A	£20
Other (K2s etc at events and club nights)	No charge	No charge

- * The lower rate applies to those who completed '10 for 10' in 2010 (or those joining the club for the first time)

LKR Code of Behaviour

Due to a few isolated incidents over the previous six months LKR introduced a code of behaviour. The initial document was issued in response to the first incident and has been a 'work in progress' since; this is to ensure that the final document is acceptable to all members. A copy of the proposed final document was circulated prior to and during the AGM. A copy of the final document is included as Appendix 3.

A further explanation was provided as to why the committee felt this document was required by LKR; it is to provide a baseline to explain/document the types and level of behaviour we expect from all paddlers, members, coaches and helpers associated with LKR.

The code of behaviour will be included as part of the membership form and as such members will be agreeing to abide by the principles of the code of behaviour when joining the club. Full details of code of behaviour, child protection policy is included in the club handbook – which is available to all members – either from the secretary or on the club website (www.linlithgowkayacracing.org.uk).

AOB

There was no further business for the meeting. Derek Marshall thanked his fellow committee members for their work and support over the previous 12 months and Cecile Redmond thanked Derek on behalf of the club.

Appendix 1 – Chairman’s Report

The Season 2010 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, came back from the British Championships in Nottingham with a total 6 medals. 5 paddlers were promoted in the UK Sprint competitions with 48 1st Finals being achieved.

At the Scottish Sprint Championships held at Strathclyde Park in September 10 Gold, 10 Silver & 7 Bronze medals were gained by LKR paddlers.

The Scottish Sprint League is competed for by all clubs in Scotland over all 6 Sprint Regattas where points are awarded for each end every paddler who competes – this includes 8 year olds to ... well let’s say older.

This trophy was first awarded in 1980 when it was awarded to Kirkcaldy Canoe Club. In 1981 to Kirkcaldy Canoe Club, And again in 1982, 1983, 84, 85,2009 for the last 30 years. Until 2010 when it was Awarded to LKR – We are the best Sprinting Club in Scotland – Congratulations to you ALL.

In Marathon we topped the Marathon Rankings, which are based on the entire season, in 4 separate divisions. There were 8 Marathon promotions over the season and we now have 2 paddlers in the top division in Scotland.

At the Scottish Marathon Championships - LKR paddlers gained 3 Gold, 4 Silver & 3 Bronze Medals.

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

Glasgow to Edinburgh This challenge takes place over 2 days to cover the 56 Miles from the centre of Glasgow to the centre of Edinburgh. Last year we were not able to take part in the K2 relay so that trophy was relinquished to KCC. We did however enter a K1 team relay team with 4 Paddlers which was reduced to 3 paddlers following the first change over due to a hand injury. We did how ever win the trophy in a time of 9:26:44. We also had a paddler take part in the K1 relay (2 paddlers) & they finished in a time of 10:15:40.

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 & in 2010 we came 3rd.

Haslar Trophy To qualify for this competition a paddler has to compete in 3 qualifying events in Scotland to then take part in the finals down south. We had 5 paddlers including 2 lightnings that took part in this event at Worcester which was a good learning event for young and old alike.

At the end of last Summer the committee sold one of the high performance K1 - the C-Max for £600 - the reasoning behind this was that the boat was a large volume boat for paddlers weighing in the range of 80kg + and we do not foresee there being much demand for this. The moneys for this have been put towards the purchase of a "More Stable" K2 (Diane's Barge) which is on order.

LKR continues to organise 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 again suffered badly over this winter with 3 of the 5 being cancelled due to Ice. 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 continued to work closely with our paddlers who are members of the National Performance & Development Squads along with our 3 other volunteer coaches.

Aileen Brand who is the SCA/WLC Development Coach has continued 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 2011.

Over the winter, Aileen has organised Gym & Swim activities Mondays & Thursdays which have been well attended by the lightning age group paddlers and will stand them in good stead for the start of the season.

Aileen has also been working over the winter with the members of the Regional Training Squad and we are hoping for big things this season.

4 of our SCA squad paddlers & 2 coaches have again attended a winter training camp in Slovakia which gave them the opportunity to train hard (up to 4 sessions per DAY) cross country skiing with other paddlers from Scotland and the Komarno club in Slovakia. Three of these paddlers have just returned from a 7 day warm weather training camp in Portugal.

Kayak Storage Locker at the Manse Road Basin by the Union Canal – We have all the required permissions & we were intending to be on site with construction in January 2011 but there was a small issue with BWB – the area of ground was already leased to LUCS!. This is being sorted and LUCS have been very helpful & we hope to be on site very shortly. The benefits from this facility will be felt across the club by having access to boats close to the water when we need them.

Last season we ran a promotion called “10 for10” with the idea of celebrating LKR’s tenth anniversary by acknowledging every paddler who managed to compete in 10 competitions over the season. We intend to run this again for 2011.

The results were that 17 paddlers achieved the 10 competitions with a further 10 reaching 7-9 events. The total number of bums on seats representing LKR was a whopping 380 over 37 events. (Kinghorn 1 was most attended with 31)

Finally looking forward we are looking to increase our attendance at the Club Sprint Championships in July at Nottingham & the Club Marathon Championships (The Hasler Trophy) at Bedford in October.

During last season you may remember that there was a cameraman who kept appearing at training and various competitions. He was working to produce promotional videos on behalf of WLC and we will be showing this following the conclusion of this meeting.

I would like to thank all my fellow committee members for their assistance over the last year and last but not least I would like to thank our Mr Fix It – Neil Redmond who has continued to work away in the background refurbishing and repairing equipment.

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Copy of accounts summary to be attached to final version

Linlithgow Kayak Racing Accounts

01/02/10 - 31/01/11

2010-11

2010-11	Membership	2009-10		
Income		£725.00	£550.00	
	Fees			
Training Fees	£1,519.50		£844.00	
Gym & Swim 2009	£93.80		£37.00	
Gym & Swim 2010	£860.20		-	
Membership & Training	£3,198.50	£0.00	£1,431.00	£0.00
Regatta	£152.00		£79.28	
Lightning Regatta	~		£48.00	
Ratho	£127.00		£76.00	
Summer Series	£274.00		£193.00	
Winter Series 2009-10	£40.00		-	
Prizes	£86.22		£22.13	
Events	£593.00	£86.22	£396.28	£22.13
Boat Hire	£366.00		£978.00	
Kit	£69.85		£109.47	
WLC Club Affiliation			£100.00	
Gift Received			£14.00	
Interest	£6.28		£3.38	
Total Income	£4,261.41		£2,677.06	
Expenses				
Affiliation Fees	SCA		£50.00	£50.00
Website	£44.50		£34.36	
Engraving			£8.00	
Trophies			£6.00	
Equipment	Sale of C-max		£600.00	£1,213.44
Equipment	Paddles		£739.00	
Equipment Hire Low Port	£31.00		£0.00	
Equipment Repair			£10.00	
Meetings				
Refreshments	£4.49		£12.20	
Room Hire	£14.55		£10.50	
Prizegiving - Deer Park	£16.00		£0.00	
Gifts	£7.99		£0.00	
£616.00	£891.53		£10.00	£1,334.50
Total Expenditure	£275.53		£1,324.50	
Overall income for year	£3,985.88		£1,352.56	
Current Financial Balances				
Bank Account			£9,961.12	
Cash			£500.05	
£10,461.17				
Other Income	£672.02			Boat Storage Locker - Sainsbury's Bag Pack
£200.00				Boat Storage Locker - L'gow Round Table
Still to pay - committed	£6,528.00			Boat Storage Locker - Blacksmith
£400.00				Gym & Swim 2010

Appendix 3 – Code of Behaviour

Code of Behaviour in Linlithgow Kayak Racing (LKR)

The aim is for all paddlers in LKR is to be safe, to improve performance and to have fun. All LKR members must therefore abide by this Code of Behaviour as a condition of their membership. Parents/carers of children under 16 must ensure that their child understands the behaviour requirements.

Paddlers and Children

- Remember that everybody comes to enjoy themselves on and off the water. Set an example you wish others to follow. Treat other paddlers and members with respect at all times
- Take care of all property belonging to the club, Low Port, SCA and other club members
- Avoid all behaviour which may inconvenience or upset others
- Co-operate and listen to coaches, helpers and officials at all times
- If you have a problem tell your coach or an adult you feel you can trust
- Rules are there to protect you. Make sure you paddle and train safely at all times and obey the rules on land and water

Coaches and Helpers

- Paddlers' welfare and safety is paramount. Make sure activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Set an example you wish others to follow. Treat paddlers and members with respect at all times
- Ensure full compliance with the SCA Child Protection Policy and Guidelines
(<http://www.canoescotland.org/AboutUs/ChildProtection/ChildProtectionPolicyandGuidelines.aspx>)

LKR will not tolerate behaviour which does not support the Code of Behaviour. Please refer to the LKR Information Booklet for further details.