



LINLITHGOW KAYAK RACING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LOW PORT CENTRE LINLITHGOW
5th MARCH 2012

Present:

Diane Sharp, Derek Marshall, Nan Marshall, Pete Easson, Cecile Redmond, Neil Redmond, Amy Redmond, Sean Redmond, Gareth Smith, Karen Cadell, Jacqui Brockway, Emma Brockway

Apologies:

Syd & Irena Mitchell, Isla & Fiona Mitchinson, Watson Family, Jensen Family, Rhonwyn Smith, Lambert family, McKinnell family

Chairman's Report:

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

The AGM minutes from 2011 were proposed by Nan Marshall and no objections or comments were raised and the minutes were seconded by Cecile Redmond.

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	Diane Sharp	Pete Easson
Treasurer	Nan Marshall	Derek Marshall	Diane Sharp
Secretary	Diane Sharp	Nan Marshall	Cecile Redmond
Child Protection	Karen Cadell (joint with Cecile Redmond)	Derek Marshall	Nan Marshall
Head Coach	Pete Easson	Diane Sharp	Nan Marshall
Ordinary Member	Gareth Smith	Diane Sharp	Derek Marshall
Ordinary Member	Cecile Redmond	Nan Marshall	Diane Sharp
Ordinary Member	Alan Fletcher	Derek Marshall	Nan Marshall
Junior Representative	Amy Redmond	Derek Marshall	Pete Easson
Junior representative	Emma Brockway	Derek Marshall	Pete Easson

Club Fees

The club membership and boat hire fees remain at the same level for 2012. There has been a slight increase to weekly subs to £3/£5 (own buoyancy aid/hiring buoyancy aid). No objections to this rise were noted.

SCA Affiliation

There have been changes to the conditions of our club being affiliated to the national governing body – the Scottish Canoe Association. We are now required to forward on our members details (including name, address, date of birth and gender). The SCA also ask whether our members would like to be included in their mailing list – there is the choice to opt in or opt out of this. They intend to send details of events, offers and benefits that members of affiliated clubs are entitled too. A new tick box has been added to the 2012 membership form to document each members wishes regarding being contacted by the SCA. Either way the club as still required to forward your details onto the SCA – full details can be found in the Parents/Members Handbook for 2012.

AOB

Locker Management

Derek presented a draft proposal for the management of the locker at the canal basin. Prioritisation will be given to those able to demonstrate frequent and regular sessions on the canal with the committee having discretion in the case of over subscription.

A meeting is to be held between Low Port and LKR to discuss access to both the new locker and also the compound at Low Port.

Thanks

Pete Easson proposed a vote of thanks to both Low Port Centre and the SCA for their support over the previous 12 months.

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 2011, as can be seen by the array of trophies, was another successful one with 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 with a total 12 medals – 1 Bronze, 2 Silver & 9 Gold British Champions. With Sean being a 5 times British Champion Rhonwyn & Sean were selected to paddle for GB teams on the continent during the summer.

At the Scottish Sprint Championships held at Strathclyde Park in September were gained by LKR paddlers won 32 Medals - 20 Bronze, 5 Silver & 7 Bronze medals. Our own Sprint Regatta had to be cancelled in May due to the 35mph + winds on the loch. This affected our finances and also reduced our points total in the Scottish Sprint League.

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. Alas the Scottish Sprint League trophy was handed back to Kirkcaldy Canoe Club for last season but we can win it back this season.

In Marathon we topped the Marathon Rankings, which are based on the entire season, in 2 separate divisions. We have representatives in 5 division in Scotland – and it’s good to see some of our adult club members competing in these events.

At the Scottish Marathon Championships - LKR paddlers gained 2 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 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. We had paddlers entered 5 different classes.

In the Non-stop K1 race Lewis Fletcher came in first place in a time of 7hr: 50Min:17 Sec setting a new course record and taking a significant scalp by beating Shaun Thrower from Hereford

Diane Sharp was also the First Lady Non Stop K1 & 7th place overall in a time of 10:23:19

The Open Team relay there was a team of 3 which included Amy Redmond

In the K1 Relay class we had representatives in 2 teams with Sean Redmond in the winning team.

In the K2 relay team Class we had 11 paddlers sharing 2 K2's with a blend of young and adult paddler paddling distances between 3 – 5 km at a time. For this class we won the John Kinnimnonth Memorial Trophy.

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 2011 we came 4th and your chairman gained the largest individual total points over the series and won this Claymore Trophy.

Hasler 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 3 paddlers including 1 lightning that took part in this event at Bedford which was a good learning event for young and old alike.

Last season we purchase of a "More Stable" K2 (The Dolphin) which has proved very popular with the adult paddlers at both Sprint & Marathon events.

The club has also accepted a gift of a stable K1 / touring kayak from Mr Jon Hutt which will be useful for introducing adult paddlers to K-boats.

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 again over this winter with 2 of the 5 being cancelled due to Ice & the cancelling of the regatta as previously mentioned. 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 4 other volunteer coaches. Rhonwyn, Lewis & Sean have now achieved their Level 1 coaching qualification and will assist with the coaching where possible.

Over the winter, Pete 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.

4 of our SCA squad paddlers & 3 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 and 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 long last started work on this project – the structure has been erected and clad which only leave decoration and the installation of the roof coverings. 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 would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped with the work on the locker and it is hoped that this work will be completed over the next 2-3 weeks.

Last season we ran a promotion called “10 for11” with the idea of acknowledging every paddler who managed to compete in 10 competitions over the season. The results were that 12 paddlers achieved the 10. The total number of bums on seats representing LKR was Bums on seats was 244 - this down on the previous season partly due to the loss of our regatta.

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 Wokingham in September.

Again I would like to thank all my fellow committee members and coaches 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.

Looking Forward

There will be a change to the coaching this season, due to work commitments and other domestic events, the coaches will vary from week to week – so it is important the when you drop off your child that you come in to reception to ensure that the session is on.

The spin of from this is that we will continue through the summer and not be taking the July break.

Lastly the Registration Night on the 19th March will have the usual boat cleaning session for the kids which allows for the adults to sort out the administration – we would also like to take this opportunity to have a chat with the parents regarding our expectations for the coming season.

LKR Locker Operations

Club Members

May store 1 boat in the Locker for a fee - This includes allocated club boats.

This Fee to be £1.00 per week paid quarterly in advance

Key will be issued

Visitors

May (subject to space being available) store 1 boat in the locker for a fee

This Fee to be £5.00 per week paid in advance

Key may or may not be issued depending on the arrangements.

Club Boats

Non-allocated boats & K2's – No Fee

Non Club Boats (SCA K2's etc)

From time to time these boats may be stored – No Fee.

Keys

Keys will be issued to the following

- * Club Coaches

- * Members paying to store their boats (deposit required)

- * Visitors paying to store their boats depending on the local arrangements (deposit required)

A record of key holders will be maintained by the club & members would be expected to sign for the key.

Should the spaces available be oversubscribed the committee will allocate the spaces.

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Linlithgow Kayak Racing Accounts

01/02/11 - 31/01/12

2011-12		2010-11	
Income	Membership Fees	£680.00	£725.00
Training Fees	£1,111.50		£1,519.50
Gym & Swim 2009		£93.80	
Gym & Swim 2010	£390.52		£860.20
Gym & Swim 2011		£467.40	
Membership & Training	£2,258.90	£390.52	£3,198.50
Regatta	£0.00		£152.00
Ratho	£114.00		£127.00
Summer Series	£262.00		£274.00
Winter Series	£0.00		£40.00
Prizes	£0.00		£86.22
Events	£376.00	£0.00	£593.00
Boat Hire	£601.00		£366.00
Kit	£0.00		£69.85
WLC Club Affiliation	£0.00		£100.00
Gift Received	£0.00		£14.00
Interest	£2.94		£6.28
Total Income	£2,848.32		£4,261.41
Expenses			
Affiliation Fees	SCA	£50.00	£50.00
Website		£44.50	
Engraving			
Trophies			
Equipment	Sale	£125.00	£600.00
Equipment	Buy	£550.00	£739.00
Equipment Hire Low Port		£22.00	£31.00
Equipment Repair		£20.00	
Hall Hire		£7.60	
Meetings			
Refreshments		£4.49	
Room Hire		£12.95	£14.55
Prizegiving		£16.00	
Gifts		£7.99	
£145.00	£642.55	£616.00	£891.53
Total Expenditure	£497.55		£275.53
Overall income for year	£2,350.77		£3,985.88
Current Financial Balances			
Bank Account		£12,204.58	
Cash		£710.87	
£12,915.45			
Other Income	£421.83		Boat Storage Locker - Sainsbury's Bag Pa
Still to pay	£10,500.00		Boat Locker - Blacksmith, Materials, Insu
- committed	£124.40		Gym & Swim 2011