



**LINLITHGOW KAYAK RACING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: LOW PORT CENTRE LINLITHGOW
23rd FEBRUARY 2015**

Present:

Derek Marshall, Nan Marshall, Cecile Redmond, Neil Redmond, Sean Redmond, Amy Redmond, Alan Fletcher, Pete Easson, John Lewis, Patrick Armstrong, Emma Brockway, Jacqui Brockway, Lewis Fletcher, Arne Bohle, Sandra Pirie, Paul Hughes, Jared Hughes

Apologies:

Diane Sharp, Rona Jenson, Terry Kowal and family, Milne family, Donald Gardner, Jason Toovey

Chairman's Report:

The AGM minutes from 2014 were proposed by Nan Marshall and seconded by Cecile Redmond.

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

Additionally Sean, Amy, Rona were thanked for their contributions to coaching over the winter months. Also to Neil was thanked for fixing boats.

Derek noted that Nan Marshall would like to stand down as role of Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Cecile Redmond is seeking a shadow as Secretary during 2015, to transition the role to in 2016.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Nan noted that there is a bill overdue from the swimming pool for Gym & Swim not reflected in the published summary. Most of expenditure in 2014 was due to new boats being purchased. There were no questions from those present.

Election of Office Bearers:

Most of the existing committee members indicated that they were willing to continue in their existing capacities. Nan Marshall and Cecile Redmond sought replacements/people to shadow, but no volunteers were identified at the meeting, so they agreed to continue.

Position	Member	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Derek Marshall	Jacqui Brockway	Pete Easson
Secretary	Cecile Redmond	Alan Fletcher	Sean Redmond
Treasurer	Nan Marshall	Derek Marshall	Cecile Redmond
Head Coach	John Lewis	Lewis Fletcher	Arne Bohle
Child Protection Coordinator	Jacqui Brockway	Nan Marshall	Alan Fletcher
Membership Secretary	Nan Marshall	Jacqui Brockway	Derek Marshall
Ordinary Member (website)	Arne Bohle	Neil Redmond	Nan Marshall
Ordinary Member	Karen Cadell	Derek Marshall	Cecile Redmond
Ordinary Member	Lewis Fletcher	Nan Marshall	Patrick Armstrong
Junior Representative	Finn Cadell	Derek Marshall	Lewis Fletcher
Junior representative	Emma Brockway	Amy Redmond	Finn Cadell

Club Fees:

There are no proposed changes to membership fees for 2015, with the exception of confirmation of the monthly training fee - £24 per calendar month. Boat hire fees are unchanged. Locker space is available at £1/week (£52 per annum). All present were supportive of this continued proposal.

Boat update – storage locker at canal basin has capacity for 16 boats and is currently full, mostly with boats which are regularly used for training to prevent having to maximise paddling time and avoid the need to transport boats from Low Port to regular sessions at canal basin. Rack at Low Port compound has space for around 8 K2's/older boats. Rack on wall at Low Port is mainly for SCA boats and older club boats. A few other boats are currently in storage with Cadells, Brockways, Marshalls, and are available for anyone who requires to use them.

Proposal from John to use some of Low Port Easkys to build confidence for novice adult paddlers. Currently agreeing flat fee with Low Port. Aim to encourage more adults to paddle and to include Easky course in Linlithgow regattas and potentially also other regattas.

Email notifications:

A proposal has been made by a couple of members about club communications which are currently blind copied to members. It has been noted that this may restrict the ability of club members to collaborate/share lifts and if email addresses were visible, it could improve flow of information/participation around club. There will be an opportunity on all registration forms to confirm if you are agreeable for your email address being visible to others for club communications. Members may decline consent to share if they wish.

LKR Kit:

Wearing club kit improves our club profile at events. A proposal was made that members racing in events and attending competitions should wear club kit. An arrangement is in place with a supplier (available via LKR website) with details and number to call to order. Members are encouraged to order for start of racing season in April.

Evelyn Pennycook:

LKR members expressed their sadness at the death in January 2015 of former Committee member and friend, Evelyn Pennycook. We shall all miss Evelyn's significant contributions to the club and notably her enthusiastic support to Nan at Monday night sessions.

Paddling criteria for Nottingham:

Lightnings at Nottingham are governed by the Mini Sprint Series rules which are published in the BCU Sprint & Marathon Handbook. The 2015 rules state:

- Paddlers must be over 9 & under 12 on 1st Jan 2015 (year of birth 2005-2003) and must be able to paddle a K1 Lightning over 500m in less than 4 minutes.

Categories:

- Mini Sprint (Lightning) A - 500m in under 3mins 30 seconds
- Mini Sprint (Lightning) B - 500m in between 3mins 30 seconds & 4 mins

Child Protection:

All LKR coaches have completed the PVG scheme updates required. Currently some coaches are in the process of updating Safeguarding & Protecting Children training.

Closing Remarks:

Derek thanked everyone for coming

Appendix 1 – Chairman’s Report to the AGM 2015

2014 was another very successful season. LKR had representation at all of the flatwater racing events in Scotland.

In **Sprint** the Scottish Sprint Championships had to be moved at short notice to Linlithgow Loch from Strathclyde Park. Very strong winds reduced the number of events to competing over 200m only. This reduced the number of medals available & LKR came back with 16 individual Medals - 1 Gold, 8 Silver & 7 Bronze medals.

The British Championships in Nottingham were spread over 3 regattas and the first was in June, for the Seniors & U23’s. Lewis Fletcher in the 200m final was second to Ed McKeever the Olympic Gold Medallist and is the current GB U23 Champion which is a tremendous achievement.

The junior GB Championships were held in September and in total LKR paddlers won 7 medals – 4 Bronze, 1 Silver & 2 Gold - so we have 3 British Champions (Lewis Fletcher, Amy Redmond, Emma Brockway).

We had 4 paddlers competing for team GB in Europe last season and I'll let them tell you later how they got on.

Our own Sprint Regatta in May on Linlithgow Loch was a great success with 60 paddlers taking part, 24 from LKR. 19 course records were set.

The Scottish Sprint League is competed for by all clubs in Scotland over 3 Sprint Regattas. Last season - this was affected by the weather, with one regatta having to be cancelled and the Championships relocated as previously mentioned. Points are awarded for each and every paddler who competes.

Hannah, Kristina, Matthew, Skye, Emma, Amy, Rhonwyn, Diane, Jason, Cecile & Derek all winning their respective leagues.

Again this season the Scottish Sprint League trophy was retained by LKR – this is only the 3rd time in 30 odd years that it has not been in the possession of Kirkcaldy Canoe Club.

In **Marathon** we have had a big increase in numbers, increased from 11 to 24, with all ages from 8 upwards taking part. This is great to see – 8 of the 24 were Lightning paddlers.

Once again we were runners up for the Scottish Marathon Club Trophy –all it needs is a few more “bums on seats” for 2015 please.

At the Scottish Marathon Championships – Skye & Cecile were first in their respective divisions with a further 3 paddlers picking up Silver & 2 collecting Bronze positions.

Our own Marathon was again held in Linlithgow on the canal. We had 48 Paddlers taking part with 13 from LKR. This event is suitable for all paddlers including Lightnings and took place on 26th April on the canal with distances available for all abilities.

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

Scottish Racing Week

This is a series of 5 races that take place over 8 days and we have the following category winners:
Sean Redmond - Long Course

Finn Cadell - Short Course,
George Pennycook - U12 Lightning
Hannah Toovey - U8 Lightning

Glasgow to Edinburgh Marathon

This challenge takes place over 2 days covering the 56 miles from the centre of Glasgow to the centre of Edinburgh. We had paddlers entered in 5 different classes:

In the K1 solo race Jason & Derek completed the course together in a time of 9hr:28 min.

K1 relay class we had 2 - 1/2 teams – Sean Redmond & Colin McMorrin (KCC) finishing in a time of 06hr:52min, which is new course record.

Oliver Bohle & Robert Kerr (SKR) were third in 08hr:17mins.

And finally "The Ladies who Launch" - Cecile, Jackie, Lorna & Kate(FCC) completed the K2 relay in 10hrs:02mins.

Devizes to Westminster

This is a non-stop 125 mile race that takes place every Easter. In 2014 Diane Sharp took part with Michael Yeomans (KCC) in a K2. Alas the team had to pull out in the early hours of the morning after completing 88miles (in 17 hours) due to injury. This was a fantastic effort, having completed many months of training on lumpy water in the dark.

LKR also organise 2 race series during the season, in summer on the loch, & in winter on the canal.

The Summer Series

This year we were able to run all the 5 events as programmed with 41 paddlers taking part over the series with Rhonwyn, Isla, George, Alexandra, Kristina & Hannah all winning their respective classes.

The Winter Series

These take place on the canal, 5 times during the winter months. We had to cancel 1 due to ice. Again numbers competing increased with 1 more event still to come on Sunday 15th March, 2015.

All of these events have been well attended and we encourage all new members to come along and give them a try.

Our new head coach, John Lewis, with the assistance of Low Port Centre has been working hard at getting more paddlers on the water, including parents. We aim to involve parents with training to enable you to have confidence when helping to supervise the paddling.

Monday night winter Gym Sessions have mostly been taken by Sean with the assistance of Amy. We are likely to be losing the services of Sean for a while and we wish him well for the future.

I would also, again, like to thank Rona for taking the winter swimming sessions at the Academy on Thursday nights.

Both of these sessions are aimed at the lightning age group paddlers and will stand them in good stead for the start of the paddling season.

Our SCA squad paddlers will be giving us an insight into their last 12 months activities later tonight (presentation to follow).

In October we invested in & took delivery of 3 brand new Vajda kayaks which are aimed at our adult paddlers and are now stored in the locker. We also invested in 2 paddling machines for winter training which are being well used.

Nan has indicated that she would like to stand down from the 2 roles that she has performed over the last several years. Membership Secretary & Treasurer and we would like to thank Nan for her hard work in these roles.

Cecile is the club Secretary and is looking to have another person shadow her for this coming season with a view to passing this position on this time next year.

Again I would like to thank all my fellow committee members and coaches for their assistance over the last year, especially to Nan for her work and support, 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.

And a final plea - if a boat gets damaged please let us know so we can fix them and avoid someone nearly sinking during a competition!!

Appendix 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Linlithgow Kayak Racing Accounts
01/02/14 - 31/01/15



		2014-15		2013-14	
Income					
	Membership Fees	£830.00		£885.00	
	Training Fees	£1,840.00		£1,442.00	
	Gym & Swim 2012				£140.50
	Gym & Swim 2013	£136.28		£42.35	
	Gym & Swim 2014	£195.93			
	Membership & Training		£2,802.21		£2,028.85
	Regatta	£142.00		£107.00	
	Ratho/Linlithgow Marathon	£116.00		£85.00	
	Summer Series	£120.50		£132.50	
	Winter Series	£54.00		£24.00	
	Prizes		£99.14		£74.99
	Events		£333.36		£273.51
	Boat Hire	£325.00		£360.00	
	GIR Received	£65.00		£20.00	
	Total Income		£3,525.57		£2,682.36
Expenses					
	Affiliation Fees SCA		£75.00		£50.00
	Equipment Buy		£6,089.80		£375.00
	Summer BBQ		£47.23		
	Prizegiving		£58.80		
	Engraving		£8.50		
	Meetings Room Hire		£16.36		£17.76
			£6,295.69		£442.76
	Boat Storage Locker Key Deposits	£40.00			
	Insurance		£493.00		£501.43
	Fees			£389.00	
			£453.00		£112.43
	Total Expenditure		£6,748.69		£555.19
	Overall Income for year		-£1,223.12		£2,127.17
Current Financial Balances					
	Bank Account		£4,195.52		
	Cash		£255.94		
			<u>£4,451.46</u>		

Proposed 2015 Fees



Membership

Junior	£15
Senior	£25
Family	£30

Training Fees

Come & Try	£5 per week for 2 weeks max
Junior Members	£24pcm - this covers all sessions
Senior Members	Will pay per block of lessons - tbc

Boat Hire Fees

Lightrings	No Charge if attending club events
Adult	
K1 / K2	£80 pa *(£40 pa - see below)
Junior	
Nelo/Bako/similar	£80 pa *(£40 pa - see below)
Other K1/K2	£40 pa *(£20 pa - see below)

Boat hire to be arranged with a committee member
- see website for more information

*Reduced fee applies if the paddler has represented the club
at least 6 times last year

Boat Locker Space Fees

All	£52 pa
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