

Ipswich Octopush Club AGM 2008

Tues, 20 May 2008

Location: The Plough, Ipswich. Meeting commenced at 8.00 PM

Present:

Clare Williamson; Bob Rice; Nathan Peall; Ken Kirby; Charlie Simms; Ken Gould; Alan Hardcastle; Martin Golding; John Miles; Graham Timson; Fritz Watson; Jim Darby

We have quorum – 10% or 3 whichever is greater

1. Chairman's Report (Ken Kirby)

Only one competition attended last year - Manchester Octopush Tournament (MOT). No trip to Berck, France as their pool was being refurbished. Numbers are still low, but we did manage to attract one new member & an ex member re joined.

We produced a new poster for display in Crown Pools to attract new members. This cost £100. So far this poster has resulted in a number of enquiries, but no new members yet.

It is now a requirement that we have a 'responsible adult' at each pool session in case of incidents. It will be their job to write a report of the events.

2. Treasurer's Report – Accounts & discussion of fees for next year (Charlie Simms)

Charlie went through the accounts & it was clear that the continued low membership over the past few years has affected the ability of the club to pay for our pool sessions. The club made a loss of ~£600 last year which equates to 2 full members! The club reserves stand at ~£5,000. A copy of the accounts will be emailed out to members along with these minutes. It was recommended that the membership should cover the cost of the pool hire to ensure that the club is not left out of pocket again. The projected pool fees for this coming year coupled with the membership fees at their current rate will mean that the club will make a loss of £961 next year. Obviously this is not sustainable. There then followed then a detailed discussion on how the membership fees should be increased & on the types of membership that should be offered.

Initially there were 3 proposals that were voted on. The one with the least number of votes was then rejected & another vote cast on the remaining two options:

	Option	Vote 1	Vote 2
1	All members pay the same amount (£30/month) regardless of how often they come. Concessions will still apply for ladies & Junior which will be increased by £3 per month	5 for	10 for
2	All existing membership groups will remain, but all fees will be increased by £3	4 for	2 for
3	Full membership to increase to £30, the two session membership to change to be any two sessions in any week & increased to £25. Ladies & Junior memberships to increase by £3 & the single session membership to be scrapped.	3 for	N/A

Option 1 carried 10 for, 2 against.

These price rises will take affect from the 1st July 2008. Please ensure that your standing orders are updated accordingly and are also paid by the 5th of the month to help the treasurer track payments.

We then discussed the 'visitors' pool fee. There was concern that some members might reduce their membership & just pay the £5 per session fee so it was proposed to also include an annual membership fee as well.

It was proposed that any member attending the pool sessions for more than one month that the 'per session visitors pool fee' should remain at £5, but that an annual membership fee of £50 be payable which will include the BOA membership & insurance – Carried Unanimously

For clarity the new membership fees will now be:

Membership Type	ALL 3 Sessions		Two Sessions		One Session		Monday only	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Full	£360.00	£30.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Ladies	£240.00	£20.00					N/A	N/A
Junior/Student	£180.00	£15.00						

Per Session Fee (Ladies & Men) **£5.00** **IOC annual membership fee of £50 will be due & will include BOA membership & insurance.**

In fact this is in line with what was predicted at last years AGM – Quote:

“If we are unable to increase the membership by next year it is likely that the membership fees will need to go up to £30 a month so it is in the interest of all members to assist in whatever way they can to increase the number of members.”

This still holds true – the club needs to find more members.

It was also felt that it should be stressed that the membership fee is an ANNUAL one that members are allowed to pay monthly and that monthly payments cannot be ‘missed’ due to holidays etc.

3. Election of Officers:

Nominations for the following three honorary officers were received:

- Chairman – Nathan Peall
- Treasurer - Ken Kirby
- Secretary - Ken Gould

& up to three co-opted members to represent the views of specific areas of the club. Currently just one was received:

- Clare Williamson - Ladies representative

The club wishes to thank Charlie for many years service as Treasurer of the IOC.

All officers elected by a unanimous vote.

4. AOB

None

5. Adjourn for meal at Mr Wings

Meeting adjourned at 8.50, retired to Mr Wings for Chinese.