

# **Ipswich Octopush Club**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 10th May 2005**

**Plough Public House, Dog's Head street, Ipswich.**

### **Present:**

**Ken Kirby (Chairman), Charlie Simms (Treasurer), Ken Gould  
(Secretary) Clare Williamson (Ladies), Alan Hardcastle, Willem  
Hendriks, Tracy Salmon, Mark Powell, Sally  
Hammond,**

**Apologies:** Alan Beaumont, Fritz Watson, Robin Merritt & Jacques Theron.

The meeting opened at 20.00 with 9 people present

### **Chairman's Report**

Ken Kirby opened the meeting by explaining how we want the club to be run by the members and not just by a select committee. There has been a lot of work done on behalf of the club – especially by Ken Kirby and Charlie Simms to reach the standards required for the Sport England Clubmark standard. Codes of conduct and club equity policies have been written which will be passed to Ken Gould for inclusion in the club website. We have submitted the clubmark folder for scrutiny and are awaiting the results. As there is a financial incentive in a reduction of pool fees if we reach the clubmark standard the committee felt the AGM should wait until after the conclusion. However as the results have not yet been published it was felt the AGM should be held regardless. That is the reason the AGM was held later than the usual constitution date of April.

### **Amendment to Ipswich Octopush Club constitution**

At present clause 10.4 of the constitution states:

**Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the number of members of the executive committee present and voting on the question, but in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.**

At the 2004 AGM it was proposed that clause 10.4 be changed to:

**Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of club members present and voting on the question, but in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.**

This ammendment was unanimously accepted by all members present.

20.20 Nathan Peall & Jim Derby arrived making 11 members present.

### **Treasurers Report and Club Accounts**

Charlie Simms went through the club accounts for 2003/2004 and projected cost and income for 2005/6 . He answered questions about various fees and expenditure. Financial report is attached to these minutes.

### **Membership fees 2004/2005**

The discussion went on to club fees and what levels to set for 2005/2006. We do not expect the pool fees to be raised significantly even if we fail to reach the clubmark standard. Ken Kirby pointed out that we do have a surplus in the bank so if a shortfall occurred in the coming year we would be covered, and it is a massive job to chase everyone to increase their standing orders at the bank.

Members present unanimously agreed to the treasurers recommendation to keep club fees the same as the previous year.

### **Pool availability**

Charlie Simms has spoken to Crown Pools management on several occasions to try to get more pool time but the pool is used by the public so is not available for private club hire. The current pool times are unsuitable for junior club sessions and some senior members pointed out that it is very late by the time they got home after an octopush session.

Willem Hendriks suggested we look into using the pool at RAF Wattisham and agreed to find out about using that pool.

### **Elections for committee for 2005/2006**

As there were no other candidates for the posts the members present unanimously agreed that the present committee will remain in office for the next year:

Ken Kirby – Chairman,  
Charlie Simms – Treasurer,  
Ken Gould – Secretary  
Clare Williamson – Ladies representative.

After the change in the constitution above to allow any club members present to vote at committee it was not felt necessary to have other specific co-opted members.

### **IOC Reducing lifeguard cover**

Charlie Simms explained that on Monday nights we pay for 2 lifeguards at Crown Pools. Colin Grogan (Crown Pools Manager) has agreed to look at IOC covering the lifeguard responsibility providing we did site specific training. This training was completed by Ken Kirby, Charlie Simms, Nathan Peall and Clare Williamson. One of

these trained people will be present and responsible at all octopush sessions in Crown pools. This will result in a small reduction in pool fees.

### **First Aid Training**

Charlie Simms proposed that we formulate a co-ordinated first aid and emergency procedure. More members should learn first aid and go on courses. The meeting agreed that club funds should be used for first aid courses.

Ken Kirby agreed to update the training file to keep a list of current qualifications.

Charlie Simms proposed defibrillator training but due to the high cost and constant need for updates the meeting did not feel it would be appropriate use of club funds. There will always be a lifeguard in attendance who has in date defib training.

### **Competitions**

The meeting unanimously agreed that competition entry fees should be paid from club funds but all other expenses such as travel and food should be born by those attending.

A question was asked if we should limit the number of tournaments attended. The meeting felt that we do not attend an excessive amount of tournaments so each event will be considered at the time.

The meeting closed at 21.15