

# **Ipswich Octopush Club**

## **Annual General Meeting 2006 – Minutes**

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006**

**Location:** [The Plough](#), Ipswich. 7.30 PM start  
(The Plough – 2 Dogs Head Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 1AD. Tel 01473-288005)

Adjourn to [Mr Wings](#) (Chinese) 7, St. Helens St, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 1HE, Tel: 01473 212885 for 9.30

## **Welcome**

Meeting started at 7.50.

Apologies. Record members present & confirm Quorum (quorum is one tenth of current members but not less than three)

Apologies received from – Alan Beaumont; Bob Hickson; Chris Beaumont; Graham Timson; Willem Hendricks; Sally Hammond

### **Those present:**

Dave Warton; Charlie Simms; Ken Kirby; Ken Gould; Fritz Watson; Nathan Peal; Clare Williamson; Sanri van Tonder; Craig Harvey; Robin Merritt; Bob Rice; Martin Golding; John Miles;

Quorum is present

## **Chairman's Report**

Ken Kirby, including Club Mark standard update

The committee are here to administer the club & every member has an equal vote. The committee is not off doing their own thing, however the committee have had to make decisions such as club mark which required policies such codes of conduct, disciplinary procedures etc.

These policies are now on website – or will be shortly...

## **Treasurer's Report**

Charlie Simms, to include

BOA Update (Fees; Website; Development) & Overview of accounts

Profit of £460, primarily as a result of selling a set of gulleys that were paid for last year, but typically profit on gulleys is around £50.

No questions raised on the details of accounts – Concern was raised that there is a lot of money in the bank, currently £7k8. There was agreement that pool fees should be covered by membership fees. The surplus in the bank is due to the efforts of the committee in getting grants awarded for development in the past few years. The unavailability of suitable pool time has prevented the club from utilising this money. This money is to be used for development – e.g. First Aid, coaching courses, competition etc.

Summary of discounts that are applied to our pool fees:

25% - comes from a mixture of things – 5% discount if ½ of our members are from Ipswich area; 10% non profit, governing body, open & non discriminatory constitution, insurance to £2M. And a further 10% for having a policy to accommodate people on low incomes & provide a pool of kit for people to use.

Another 25% from Club Mark Accreditation. Although the club does not currently have the Club Mark accreditation, we have been working with the relevant bodies over the past 18 months (+) to achieve it. Because of this we have been enjoying these discounts on pool fees in anticipation Club Mark being awarded to the club. There is currently an issue with BOA not having a recognised coaching scheme. Charlie is working with Club Mark on behalf of BOA to sort this out. BOA have a coaching course to be introduced next year to address this.

If the club fails to achieve Club Mark accreditation it cost each member another ~£90 per annum in increased pool fees!

Club Mark is primarily concerned with increasing children's participation in sport. Club Mark provides a guarantee standard for schools to use the club & for parents to send their children to take part in that sport.

## **Membership Fee Proposals**

The order of these proposals were changed with respect to the original agenda to reflect a more logical sequence.

### **1. Proposals for Membership Fees for 2006/7**

**Option 1** – Do nothing; no increase in membership fees – keep membership fees predominantly as they are (subject to any changes agreed above). BOA membership fee is paid from club funds for existing members, new members must pay the first years BOA membership fee when they join the club.

**Rejected in first round of voting – not enough support**

**Option 2** – Keep the monthly membership fees the same as they are (subject to any changes agreed above), but request that the BOA membership fee is paid separately by each member at the time of renewal along with a £1 administration charge - £20 in total.

**For 4, Rejected**

**Option 3** – Increase all monthly fees by £2 to cover the additional cost of BOA membership. **With the addition that Junior membership should only go up to £8 (50p increase).**

**For 9, carried – considered the easiest to implement**

**Option 4** – Request that all members pay £50 membership fee to the IOC to cover BOA membership & some basic fee to cover pool hire. Each monthly fee to be reduced by a corresponding amount of £2.50.

**Rejected in first round of voting – not enough support**

### **Option 3 carried & to come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.**

### **2. Proposal to simplify fees for those members attending TWO out of THREE sessions per week – Rather than different amounts being payable for TWO out of three sessions per week depending on whether both are a Fore St. or one at Fore St. & the other at Crown Pools. Simplify this to a standard fee of £20 per month (annual £240). Still need to identify which two sessions are being paid for & £5 still payable if attending the other session.**

**The reduction applied for permanently missing one of the weeks sessions should be the same regardless of which session is missed. So reduction would be £60 per session that is normally missed, £120 if two sessions are normally missed each week. Pool has to be there for the use of members.**

**For – 13 unanimous, carried**

### **3. Proposal that members paying on a per session basis only should pay the BOA membership fee separately at renewal.**

There was quite a lot of discussion around this proposal with a number of 'What ifs' being raised. The following motions were carried:

Existing BOA members from another Octopush club that visit IOC must pay £5 for the session. - unanimous

For those new to Octopush, the first three sessions are free & then they pay £5 per session for the next three sessions. After that they must join the club & the BOA. If they opt not to pay their membership on an annual/monthly basis then they will be expected to pay the BOA membership up front at the time of joining & pay £5 per session.

Existing members that do not to pay their membership on an annual/monthly basis will be expected to pay their BOA membership when it is due for renewal (1<sup>st</sup> October)

Monday is the new entrance night.

**For – 13 unanimous, carried.**

### **4. Girls per session fee was £4 will be increased to £5 in line with other members.**

**For – 13 unanimous, carried**

In all cases annual fees will be increase accordingly.

## Summary of New Pool Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006

New Membership Fees adopted May 2006 due July 2006

Membership Type	ALL 3 Sessions		Two Sessions		One Session		Monday only	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Full	£324.00	£27.00	£264.00	£22.00	£204.00	£17.00		
Ladies	£204.00	£17.00					£144.00	£12.00
Junior/Student	£96.00	£8.00						

Per Session Fee  
(Ladies & Men)

£5.00

BOA membership is paid in full when due (1st October)

## Constitutional Changes

Ken Kirby:

*Paragraph 16.1 of the club constitution states*

*" There shall be an annual general meeting of the club, which shall be held in the month of March or as soon after as practicable thereafter."*

*It has become apparent that March is not the best month to hold the AGM so I suggest the wording of paragraph 16.1 of the constitution is changed to:*

*16.1 There shall be an annual general meeting as soon as practicable after the end of the club accounting year.*

**For – 13 unanimous, carried**

The secretary is in control of the club's master documents & will make changes as agreed.

## Competitions

It has been agreed at the last AGM that the club will pay for the entrance fee for the club to take part in competitions. All other fees (transport, food, accommodation etc.) to be paid for by those taking part. Discussion & vote on whether this should remain a policy of the club.

Membership fees are used to cover the pools fees. The money used to pay for competitions comes from money that has been secured from grants for club development.

**For – 12, carried**

## CRB Checking

2 years ago, Nathan processed CRB checks for a number of people within the club. It is good practice to redo them. Nathan will organise this.

## Election of Officers

There are four officials to the club committee, although any member present at a club meeting is able to vote on any proposals being discussed.

Chairman	Ken Kirby
Treasurer	Charlie Simms
Secretary	Ken Gould
Ladies Representative	Clare Williamson

No other nominations for committee posts were received either before or at the meeting. All existing committee members agreed to continue if no one else was willing to take on the role of running the club.

**For – 13 unanimous, carried**

## AOB

1. Charlie Simms – Proposal to introduce a referee's rota for the Monday sessions. This will promote 'fair play' by all; experience for qualified referees; a more 'competition like' game where substitutions can be made mid

point. An option would be to have two referees identified for each session, but each referee only refereeing for ½ the game so that both referees get to play during the session.

In general, considered to be a good idea to trial this approach. Concern was raised that the nature game might turn too much into a stop/start type of game which wouldn't be as enjoyable.

Will require some effective means of stopping the game underwater – Charlie to investigate.

2. Observation from Clare – Girls have missed playing in the shallow end on a Monday night.
3. Fritz proposed a vote of thanks to the existing committee for all the work that they have put in over the past year.
4. KenK raised the issue of membership for swimming on a Monday night on behalf of BobH. It was felt that there are two options available with the new membership structure. The first would be to pay the BOA Membership when it falls due & to pay £5 per session. The second would be to pay £17 per month as a standing order to attend any Monday session. It was felt that this offered sufficient options for Bob to still participate in the club.

## **Close**

Meeting closed at 9.15 PM

***Retire to Mr Wings for Chinese for 9.30***