

# Ipswich Octopush Club AGM 2007

Tues, 15 May 2007

Location: The Plough, Ipswich. Meeting commenced at 7.55PM

## Present:

Clare Williamson; Bob Rice; Nathan Peal; Ken Kirby; Charlie Simms; Ken Gould; Jim Darby (joined ~ 8.20PM)

We have quorum – 10% or 3 whichever is greater

### 1. Chairman's Report

Membership numbers are down on last year which has affected the ability of the club to enter competitions. A contributing factor is the fact that the Sheffield Pool is 3m deep! We need to focus on increasing the membership numbers over the coming year. There was some talk about offering free try it sessions for one month for new members. Also a poster campaign should attract new members. Nathan agreed to work on a poster & KenK said that he would take a look at the big poster on the stair well at Crown Pools & update it. We need to ask about putting posters up at Diveline; Galaxsea and Fore St. pool as well. KenG agreed to put up some posters at Adastral Park. Charlie suggested that we need to target the dive clubs in the local area & perhaps give the new trainees a 5 minute presentation at the end of one of their lectures towards the end of their diver training.

Last years minutes were agreed & accepted as a true record of the meeting.

This year we will review via email shortly after the AGM while the details are still fresh in peoples memory.

### 2. Treasurer's Report – Accounts & discussion of fees for next year

The accounts were analysed & it was clear that the reduction in numbers over the past few years has affected the ability of the club to pay for our pool sessions. Although, we don't currently have enough members to cover the pool fees, it was agreed that we should keep the membership fee the same for the coming year & focus on getting new members into the club. 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.

### 3. There is also the election of officers:

The current three Honary officers of the club are:

- Chairman - Ken Kirby -
- Treasurer - Charlie Simms -
- Secretary - Ken Gould -

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

- Clare Williamson - Ladies representative

No nominations were received from other members of the club to stand for the posts above. All those in the current roles agreed to continue. All officers re – elected by a unanimous vote.

### 4. Update on the new 50m pool for Ipswich.

Charlie also talked about the new 50m pool that is being planned for Ipswich in the car park outside Portman Rd., football ground. There are still some discussions going on, but it looks as though our underwater hockey requirements will be incorporated. The pool is expected to be 21m wide & allow two full underwater hockey pitches. The decision whether to build the new pool or continue with Crown pools is expected to be taken by the executive committee by September. If favourable, building should start by May 2008 and take about 1 year to complete.

### 5. AOB

Tournaments – KenK suggested that we discuss the motion passed some years ago where the club would sponsor the entrance fee to competitions. This was still agreed as a good idea to aid development of underwater hockey in the club. Carried unanimously.

New equipment held by the club – Charlie believed that there was no longer any need for the club to hold a stock of equipment as the new BOA shop was now up & running with a good delivery. However, KenK thought that it would be beneficial to keep a small stock in case of breakages etc. The consensus at the meeting was that if someone wanted to hold a stock of equipment, then the club would be happy for them to do so. Carried unanimously.

Grants – The BT Atlas Sports & Social Club are requesting applications for grants from its member clubs. Ken will make an application for replacement gulleys £300; First Aid Courses @ £20 each & 3 new pucks for skill development.

6. Adjourn for meal Mr Wings

Meeting adjourned at 8.45, retired to Mr Wings for Chinese.