

# Ipswich Octopush Club AGM April 2015

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

## Those Present:

Nathan Peall (Chairman); Ken Kirby (Treasurer); Ken Gould (Secretary); John Wright; Martin Golding; John Miles; Charlie Simms; Alan Beaumont; Clare Williamson; Jane Stone; Tim Bence

**Apologies** –; Willem Hendricks; Bob Hickson; Graham Timpson; Jim Darby; Robin Merritt; Fritz Watson; Bob Rice; Alan Hardcastle;

Meeting Started at 7.45 at The Briarbank, Ipswich

## 1. Chairman's Report – Nathan Peall

A steady year for the club. We have welcomed Alex & Jane to the club this year & lost Amy as she has moved to Wales. She did join us for the Berck Competition in December. This will again be early December 2015 for those interested – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Adam also joined us for a few sessions

March 2016 is a qualifying competition if anyone is interested in joining. It will be in Yorkshire in a 2m pool or we could enter Division 5 at Nautilus later this year.

Particularly pleased that those people that have been injured or unwell have all returned back to the club ☺

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

Ken distributed copies of the Club Accounts; Fees Collected Sheet & Club Account Summary to the meeting. Pool £8k, membership £7k5; Additional money from single session fees & equipment.

Equipment – we sold 2 sets of goals & have made £150 on those. We also buy pucks for the club.

**We made a loss of ~£1k this year!** Each quarter we pay £2k+ for the pool sessions which we MUST have available in the club (we have £4,691 in the club currently which is ~£1k less than last year).

Projected pool hire for next year – 6 months at current price + 6 months at +5% + BOA fees & pucks etc gives a projected spend for next year of £8,865 between 16 (averaged full paying members)

### Discussion on reducing the number of sessions from 3 to 2 per week:

A proposal was discussed around dropping from 3 to 2 sessions per week rather than an increase in the membership fees.

Which one to remove? Monday is the best session for training & indeed playing. Also it allows us to invite other teams (Sawston) to the club.

Sunday would be the session to drop, as this is (normally) the least well attended (although this last week we had 14 at the pool). Thursday & Monday would give a better 'balance' to the week.

The club should look to introducing a junior session in the future. If this was to happen then the Sunday session would be the only candidate as the others are too late in the evening. Linda (coaches swimming) has said that there are swimmers that are interested in what we are doing, but to be honest they are very young. Charlie did remark that he has never heard of a junior session not getting people in & being successful.

Stopping the Sunday session would save £12/month on membership fees.

After the discussion it was asked if anyone was keen on reducing the number of sessions - No

### Voting on Club Fees:

Discussion around pool fees to meet the club's deficit of £1,000 from last year. After the discussion the following proposals were made by the Treasurer & voted through unanimously. Please ensure that you change your standing orders with effect from the **June Payment**.

- **Concession** rate to be increased to £31.50 pcm – carried unanimously
- **Full Membership** fee to increase to £45 pcm – carried unanimously

- **Junior/Student** Fee – Keep the same – carried unanimously
- **Per Session** Fee – increase to £7; keep the annual membership fee at £100 – carried unanimously

### 3. Election of Officers:

No one else wished to stand & all three current officers were prepared to continue in their existing roles.

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

All voted through unanimously

& up to three co-opted members to represent the views of specific areas of the club. There was a tight battle between Clare & Jane around who would be happy to stand as Lady's representative:

- Jane Stone – elected as Ladies representative

Voted through unanimously

### 4. AOB

KenK's BBQ 4<sup>th</sup> July, with a local 4 piece band (Kio) coming as well from about 5/6PM. Ken now has his all singing/all dancing Bar B Q & is keen to show it off ☺

Team for Nautilus – 1<sup>st</sup> w/e in November – warm up for Berck too. In Sheffield over 2 days of the w/e

AGM ended at 20.40

Adjourn for a meal Adjourn for meal Turkish at the Mahzen Turkish barbecue restaurant

<http://www.mahzenrestaurant.co.uk/>