

Ipswich Octopush Club AGM April 2017

The Briarbank, Ipswich

Tuesday 25th April 2017

Those Present:

Nathan Peall (Chairman); Ken Gould (Secretary); Ken Kirby (Treasurer); John Wright; Martin Golding; John Miles; Charlie Simms; Alan Hardcastle; Clare Williamson; Alan Beaumont and Robin Merritt.

(11 members present)

Apologies - Bob Rice; Willem Hendricks; Graham Timpson and Fritz Watson. Jim turned up at the close of the meeting - no surprise there ☺

Meeting Started at 7.30 at The Briarbank, Ipswich

1. Chairman's Report – Nathan Peall

Nathan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Another year past, successful Berck tournament, we were strategically not last & not first, probably joint 3rd as we legged it & had a picnic on the train. Two Manchester friends joined the team; plus ex-member Amy came back into the fold for the competition.

The Sawston guys came over to visit for a 'make shift' competition which was great. They are even happy to come again. We could go over & see them? KenK & Nathan have been a few years past

We've had various people coming to try out sessions which resulted in some new people joining, but then unfortunately leave again. Tom (new this year) had introduced a couple of friends who didn't continue. Liz stopped coming too - she was ridiculously busy.

Jane has also decided to leave this year. She was getting battered and it was too much for her! Compared to the Sawston crowd we are not that physical in the game!

Some discussion then ensued. One of the barriers is the late timing of the sessions. KenK reported that this was an issue across the country and not just with Octopush as BSAC were also having problems getting the early timings for diving

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

Ken circulated copied of the members payment sheet which shows that we currently have 19+ maybe 20 members.

Annoyingly there have been some unauthorised withdrawals against the club account. Ken is in contact with the bank on this and he has confirmed that it has been repaid in next months statement. It's annoying because as a club we are not able to arrange direct debits against our account so how can other people!

The finances show that the club is around £1,100 or so in profit for this year which is good.

Projected figures for next year divided by the members is about £38; so we are OK to keep with the current £45 membership fee for the coming year.

Voting on Club Fees - Full Membership Fee:

Ken proposed to leave membership fees at the same for the coming year; seconded by Charlie - **carried unanimously**

3. Election of Officers:

A bit back to front, but we voted on the Lady's/Vagitarian's representative first. Ken Kirby proposed Jim Darby - **carried unanimously**

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

Charlie proposed for current committee to remain in charge other than Lady's representative who has left the club - **carried unanimously**

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

BOA News - Ken will retire as the Chairman of the BOA later this year after 10 years at the helm - Well done that man! Nathan proposed a vote of thanks which was echoed by all at the meeting.

4. AOB

1. Berck Competition - 1st w/e in December is the 2nd/3rd - put the date in your diaries.
2. AlanH proposed that we have some club funds to help sponsor some aspect of future competitions - **carried unanimously**, specifics to be decided on a case by case basis
3. Charlie pointed out that our gullies are looking a bit battered. Concern that we should be looking to drive new members; perhaps a junior session which sparked much discussion and debate. Perhaps look at 10-11 on a Sunday at Fore St. The club could take that hour on for 6 months to try & drum up some interest. - **carried unanimously**.
4. Any DBS Checks (was CRB) can be carried out by BSAC on our behalf.

Meeting ended at 20.03.