

Ipswich Octopush Club AGM May 2012

Those Present:

Nathan Peall (Chairman); Ken Kirby (Treasurer); Ken Gould (Secretary); John Wright; Fritz Watson; Alan Hardcastle; Graham Timpson; Bob Rice; Martin Golding; Jim Darby

Apologies – Robin Merritt; John Miles; Willem Hendricks; Clare Williamson; Alan Beaumont; Tim Bence; Bob Hickson

Meeting Started at 7.30 in the side room at The Plough, Ipswich

1. Chairman's Report – Nathan Peall

We've had the Sawston club over for a game this year which was enjoyed by all. We're looking at arranging another visit over the coming year.

Crown pools is currently planned to re-open on 11th June, barring any unforeseen circumstances!

The club has had another great trip to Berck, France for the annual competition - hard work for those that went as there weren't any subs for our team. It was also nice to see Martin Golding joining the 'usual suspects'. This trip is open to everyone of all abilities

Clubmark - BOA is in discussions with BSAC about taking over Clubmark coordination for Octopush so all Clubmark submissions may be done will be through them rather than Ipswich Council

Because we can't get the early evening pool times from the Council, we can't attract younger members by running a junior session.

Olympic Torch procession opportunity should anyone want to take this up - please contact Nathan for details

Refereeing – KenK & Nathan are very active in this area, as indeed is Jim, both nationally & internationally.

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

Accounts: The club made a loss of £490 last year,

Fritz has made the club some UWH goals which we have sold at a profit. Vote of thanks to Fritz put forward by KenG & seconded by Nathan.

We have reserves of £5k5, but we need to have quarterly pool fees ~£2k & which we have to paid in advance.

Ken has assessed the Club's finances & projected the requirements for the forthcoming year. He has allowed for the fact that we don't have any Monday night sessions until beginning of June and based his assessment on approx. 16 full paying members in the club

The club has been trying to attract new members, but this hasn't been forthcoming for the past couple of years & as such the Treasurer recommended that we increase the fees to £40.

The club can discuss individual requirements as necessary (this is part of our Clubmark)

Voting on Club Fees

All payment increases are due from the 1st July 2012

Proposal 1 – Just one concessionary fee:

There was a discussion on whether to have just one standard concessionary fee for the club as there appears to be several different figures that those on concessionary fees are currently paying:

Proposed by KenK to have just one concessionary fee, seconded by Nathan - Agreed - **Vote carried unanimously**

Proposal 2 – Agreement on the concessionary fee:

There then followed a lengthy & involved discussion on what the value of the concessionary fee should be.

Fritz proposed a single monthly concessionary fee of £28, seconded by KenG, Agreed - **Vote carried unanimously**

Proposal 3 – Monthly membership fees:

Main Fees discussion

Option 1 - No Change

If we don't increase it we will lose £1k over the next year. Our assets will cover this but it is undesirable to eat too far into our reserves.

Option 2 - Increase standard monthly fee to £40/month

Proposed by KenK, seconded by Nathan - Agreed - **Vote carried unanimously**

NB - Remember that we voted last year to have a reduced fee for new members of £20 for the first six months (after the first 4 free sessions)

3. Election of Officers:

Fritz put forward a vote of thanks to the current officers for their contributions to the club.

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. Currently there is just one:

- Claire Williamson - Ladies representative
- No other nominations received

Voted through unanimously

4. AOB

Ken's BBQ 14th July - date for your diaries

Ken Kirby has the BOA try-out kit, so if any group wants to come & try Octopush we have the kit available at short notice 😊

Ken K has paid to have our poster in Crown Pools re-printed. Nathan will follow up once the pool re-opens

AGM ended at 20.15

Adjourn for meal at the Rios Brazil where Charlie Simms joined us.