

Ipswich Octopush Club AGM May 2013

Those Present:

Nathan Peall (Chairman); Ken Kirby (Treasurer); Ken Gould (Secretary); John Wright; Bob Rice; Martin Golding; John Miles; Clare Williamson; Bob Rice; Charlie Simms; Alan Hardcastle; Jim Darby

Apologies – Robin Merritt; Willem Hendricks; Alan Beaumont; Tim Bence; Bob Hickson; Fritz Watson; Graham Timpson

Meeting Started at 7.45 in the side room at Briarbank Brewing, Fore Street, Ipswich

1. Chairman's Report – Nathan Peall

We've had a good year.

Sawston club near Cambridge are currently having some maintenance works on their pool so there is scope for them to come over & play with us on a Monday night.

Ken Kirby talked about BSAC taking over as the UK governing body for the BOA. BSAC have professional people employed to help with all aspects of the club. Ken (as Chairman of the BOA) has forged good relationships with the BSAC officials.

Club Mark - re-accreditation would have to be via BSAC & they will send someone from HQ to assess our documentation, but they will only do this twice a year. Ken is looking for help with sorting out the club's re-accreditation.

Sadly the club did not attend the annual Berck competition in France this year due to prior commitments of some players & the late notice of the competition w/e. Hopefully we will be able to attend in 2014. This trip is open to all abilities of players.

The club still has a problem with getting the early evening pool times from the Council and as such we can't attract younger members to the club by running a junior session.

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

Accounts: The club made a profit of £695 last year, primarily due to the closure of Crown Pools. This saved the club £1,500, so the clubs would have effectively made a loss over the year. If we get one or two more members we would be fine & we do have a financial buffer in the club. Ken pointed out that the club must keep at least £2k in the buffer to allow for advanced payment of pool fees.

Ken has assessed the Club's finances & projected the requirements for the forthcoming year. He has calculated the club requirements based on approx. 17-18 full paying members. The club has been trying to attract new members, but this hasn't been forthcoming for the past couple of years. The Treasurer concluded that we can continue over the next year with the same membership fees as last year. (NB, the fees were increased last year)

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

Voting on Club Fees - Proposal – Maintain clubs fees at existing level:

There was a discussion on the finances & club fees. Ken Kirby proposed that we keep the club fees as they are for the coming year.

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

NB - Remember that we voted two years ago 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:

Charlie put forward a vote of thanks to the current officers for their contributions to the club; echoed by those present.

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 isn't happening this year ☹, but John Wright is going to finish his water tower conversion this summer so there will be a club Barbie at some point over the summer ☺

The Ipswich Octopush Club poster has now been resurrected at Crown Pools outside of the gym. This has attracted one lady to come & try the sport just recently.

Club tops & club logo will be discussed & an order raised for those interested..

AGM ended at 20.20

Adjourn for meal at ??? - Thai or Brazilian?