

# Ipswich Octopush Club AGM May 2016

## The Shannon, Bucklesham

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Those Present:

Nathan Peall (Chairman); Ken Gould (Secretary); John Wright; Martin Golding; John Miles; Charlie Simms; Clare Williamson; Willem Hendricks; Bob Hickson; Graham Timpson; Jim Darby; Robin Merritt; Fritz Watson; Alan Hardcastle and Ken Kirby (Treasurer)

(15 members present)

**Apologies** - Alan Beaumont; Jane Stone; Tim Bence; Bob Rice; Liz Mathews; Paul Cakebread & Liz Jones

Meeting Started at 7.35 at The Shannon, Bucklesham

## 1. Chairman's Report – Nathan Peall

Welcome, great turnout tonight. Special welcome to our newest members of the club; Liz; Liz & Paul & more recently Charlie, sadly none of whom are able to make it tonight.

The numbers at the sessions have been good throughout the year & we even had to have 3 teams on one occasion which was 'interesting' to manage.

We need to make the most of our pool time by turning up early enough so that the job of picking teams is easier.

Sadly we didn't get enough interest to enter a team into the Beck tournament last December. We are looking forward to put a team together for the competition this year. Charlie will confirm the date as soon as he has it, but it is usually the first w/e of December.

Special mention to Clare for playing in the GB Lady's Masters team in South Africa. Clare was voted player of the tournament by her team ☺ Nathan was also at the World's referring.

KenK has just got back from referring at the Czech tournament

Nathan went to Sawston recently & they are enthusiastic about coming to Crown Pools again for another tournament. Everybody agreed that this was a good idea & Nathan will look to arrange this.

Possible option to have a go at the Nautilus tournament in a 2m pool at Sheffield this year - any takers??

Busy hockey calendar for other competitions - one at Dordrecht, Netherlands on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October; known as the Mussel tournament - Apart from the UWH being played there will be 150 kg of mussels that will be prepared & eaten with a lot of fine wine ☺

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

Various reports were circulated - Membership Fees Collected sheet; Full Transaction Listing & Club Account Summary

There has been some illegal transfers from the club's account! Ken has arranged for those to be refunded back into club funds.

There are some UWH Goals that were due for delivery in February and need to go out urgently. The first goals were not up to scratch so they have been remade and will be shipped this week.

The club is up just under £1,500 on the year. This is due to having some new members; some money refunded from Christmas sessions & we made a bit of profit from the goals.

The club has 16/17 full paying members & some concessions. Looking at the financial requirements for next year Ken has calculated (based on an equivalent of 18 full paying members) that the club needs to charge £42 per person to cover the costs. Full members are currently paying £45 so we are covered.

### Voting on Club Fees - Full Membership Fee:

The treasurer proposed to keep the pool fees at the current level for the next year - 1 abstention; 2 disagree (and believe the fees should still go up, even if only a little bit); everyone else agree. - **Carried**

Ken then put in a passionate plea for everyone to get to the pool on time as we are just throwing money away. So turn up on time. Please can everyone aim to leave 10 minutes earlier than you normally do from now on?

### Voting on Club Fees - Annual Membership Fee for those that pay per session

There was also a discussion around the annual fee currently at £100, for those members that rarely come to the club & pay £7 per session. There was concern expressed that this is too high & should be reduced.

The treasurer proposed to reduce the £100 annual fee to £30 which would cover the BOA membership/insurance - 2 against; remainder for it - **Carried**

## **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.

- Jane Stone – elected as Lady's representative

**Voted through unanimously**

## **4. AOB**

1. KenK's BBQ is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, with a local 4 piece band (Kio) coming as well from about 5/6PM.
2. Fritz - picking teams is very difficult - please can we turn up on time or send a text to say that they are going to be late
3. Vote of thanks to the committee
4. Vote of thanks to those that pick the teams
5. **Pucks** - the club has two new Simms pucks; there was a vote on getting a new [Canam puck](#) (green one) as well - **Carried**
6. **Big Bore Snorkels & gloves** etc see Nathan. KenK has a big right hand glove for sale.
7. **Fins** - Nathan needs some new fins & suggested that the club looks to put a [Ruku fins](#) order together 😊

Meeting closed 8.10