

SLEA PADDLERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE 3RD SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS AT 7.30 pm ON FRIDAY 24TH NOV 07

1. Present

Christine Butler, Dane Butler, Steve Cook, Nathan Cook, Alex Cook, Bev Russell, Paul Russell, Alison Callaby, Steve Callaby, Paul May, Elaine May, Miriam Holden, Lorraine Baker, Tony Baker, Ben Thorpe, Sophie Baker, Emma Whitton, Patricia Matthews, Kevin Matthews, Kieran Matthews, Phillip Matthews, Callum May, Charlie Russell, Adam Callaby, Ben Holden, Amy Callaby, Liam May, Matt Baker.

2. Apologies

Barry, William May, Daniel Pendrigh, Lee Pendrigh, Matt Balerdi

3. Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Kevin Matthews and seconded by Lorraine.

4. Chairman's Welcome and Introduction

Tony Baker introduced the committee and welcomed everybody to Sleas Paddlers second AGM. He reported that in the past year we have set out a framework, written the constitution, set up an account with HSBC and set a timetable for 12 months of paddling. In addition the committee approached a local network fund and obtained £7,000, which was used to purchase boats and other equipment from Desperate Measures. When the club was first established we had one level 2 coach. We have now spent money on whitewater safety and rescue course. Lorraine Baker and William Maw have attended a first aid course. Dane Butler, Lorraine Baker, William Maw have completed their level 2 training. Kevin Matthews and Tony Baker have completed their level 3 training and Lorraine has now successfully completed her level 2. This means that the club can now deliver one and 2 stars and the hope next

year is to be in the position to deliver 3 star assessments. There is a need to get more people in different boats. There is a need to deliver the website.

Any money raised will be used to develop the coaches and in particular next year, the aim is to allow the coaches to attend open boating courses and to encourage new coaches and also to buy more equipment and enable us to do more river trips.

5. Treasurers Report

Dane Butler had provided a set of accounts and confirmed this was the first full set of accounts for the club. The deficit is shown only because we may not get a grant next year. The club spent £6,500 on equipment, this has depreciated, so we need to look at raising money, either by way of grant or by fund raising. Miriam proposed that the meeting should accept the accounts and this was accepted by Steve Callaby.

Tony Baker confirmed the philosophy of the club is that we should always have sufficient monies to pay the BCU fees and the balance should be spent on the club.

6. Election of Committee Members

i. Election of Chairman.

Tony Baker
proposed by Alison Callaby,
seconded by Paul Russell
carried unanimously.

ii. Election of Secretary

Patricia Matthews
proposed by Dane Butler
seconded by Matt Baker
carried unanimously.

iii Election of Treasurer

Dane Butler

proposed by Lorraine Baker

seconded by Patricia Matthews

carried unanimously

7. Election of other members of the executive committee

i. The coaching development officer

Kevin Matthews

proposed by Paul May

seconded by Elaine May.

carried unanimously

ii Membership Secretary

Alison Callaby

nominated by Tony Baker

seconded by Kevin Matthews

carried unanimously

iii. Youth Representative

Phillip Matthews and Sophie Baker

proposed by Emma Whitton

seconded by Kevin Matthews

carried unanimously

iv Child Support Officer

Emma Whitton

Proposed by Tony Baker

Seconded by Lorraine Baker

carried unanimously

8. Any other Business

- i. Alison Callaby asked for clarification of the coaches to members paddling ratio. This was provided.
- ii. Sophie Baker suggested that the club should advertise at St George's college of science and technology as the students may be interested in taking up canoeing as a secondary sport. Kevin Matthews however, advised that this should wait until the warmer months.
- iii. Steve Cook offered to take over the website. Proposed by Tony Baker, seconded by Kevin Matthews.
- iv. Emma Whitton reported that past members of Sleaford Youth Club provided us with the monies to purchase an open canoe last year. She has recently spoken to Derek Andrews, who said that they have not yet agreed who they are going to give the money to. There is a possibility therefore that we might be able to get some more funding.
- v. Emma Whitton suggested, as far as developing new members and funding is concerned, Carre's is a specialist sports college. They have a sports liaison officer who works with schools and the community. It was suggested we contact Carre's grammar school for ideas as to how we can get funding.
- vi. Miriam Holden reported that when you go on to the BCU website there is no mention of Slea Paddlers. Dane Butler confirmed that he intended to contact the BCU and ask how they have given us value for money in relation to the monies we pay them to establish the club.
- vii. Steve Cook asked for clarification of the boat licences. This was clarified by Tony Baker.

viii. Notification of Awards

Adam, the current holder of the swimmers award presented the swimmers award to Charlie Russell for his recent spectacular swim on the Slea.

An award was given to Steve Callaby as a thank you for all the hard work he has done, in particular in relation to building the trailer.

The formal meeting was then followed by a most enjoyable social.

9. Date of the next AGM

Friday 21st November 2008