

Lothian Sea Kayak Club Annual General Meeting

Draft Minutes of Meeting held at The Grange Club, Portgower Place, Edinburgh

19.15 Thursday 24 March 2022

1. Welcome and Apologies; Report (Claire Eadie)

Elaine Martin (Secretary) welcomed members to the meeting.

There were apologies from : Lynn McGeorge, Karin Piegsa, Richard Bolt, Lucy Freem, Michelle Heron, Mike Buckley, Jane McLaren, Sarah McIlroy, Ken McIlroy, Fiona McLay, Katerina Stein, Jane Stewart, Andrew MacColl, Markus Hill, Lindsay Donald, Catherine MacDonald, Martin Downing, Alison Callum, Stefan Bott, John Sheldon, Alan Dickinson, Mark Mitchell, Sandra Pirie, Shishir Nagara, Carol Williams, Graeme Scobie, Brian Horne, Lisa Evans, Tim Gibson, Richard Young, Emma King, Robert Smith, Ann Lansburgh

Clare Eadie (chair) gave her summary of the last year. The North Queensferry container base was approved in April 2021, two containers were in place by October and one container was full by January 2022. In February there was a gardening weekend at North Queensferry in order to clear the weeds around the site of the containers.

There were zoom talks by John and Lindsay Donald, Neil Black, and Sue Couling from Coastal Spirit in April. Also Grade A and Pathway Paddles started in April and continued throughout the year. Evening paddles started in April and the last evening paddle was in September. November saw the first Chat from the Chair.

There were trips to Staffa and Treshnish and Raasay and Rona in May; Gigha and the Farne Islands in June; Fidra and the Environs, Loch Sunart, Montrose, and Barra in July; Mull of Kintyre and St Abbs in August along with the Annual Picnic at Seacliff; Eyemouth, North Berwick, and Kyles of Bute in September. October saw the Ratagan away weekend and there was a Foundation Safety and Rescue Training Course at the Lagoons. In February there was a Mallow Bashing Trip to Lamb.

Outdoor First Aid Courses were run in May 2021, June 2021, and March 2022 and a Sea Kayak Repair Course in March 2022.

Pool sessions started in November 2021 and continued until March 2022. There were social nights held at the Grange Club: September was Incident De-brief and Scottish Charity Air Ambulance; November was a presentation by David Simpson on predicting Sea Conditions; in December the Social Christmas Quiz and Curry had to be cancelled due to Covid; January was Wildlife and Conservation on the Forth with John Hunt from the Sea Bird Centre in North Berwick and February there was a social night with British Divers Marine Life Rescue.

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM of 24 Mar 2021

Elaine Martin (Secretary) invited the meeting to approve the draft minutes which were on the website. There were no questions or comments. Their adoption was proposed by David Simpson and seconded by Chris Morgan.

3. Approval of Financial Report 2021 (Graham Bailey, Treasurer)

Graham Bailey (Treasurer) summarised the financial report. The full text is on the website. Club cash reserves stood at £15 198 with a surplus of £521.

Janet Archibald asked if we should hold a reserve of £15 000 and Graham stated that if there was a fire at the containers then the reserve would help to replace club kit. Lothian Sea Kayak Club has insurance that covers theft.

One member raised the issue of Liability Insurance and stated that clubs need an employer number for liability insurance if you use pay-pal. There was a bit of discussion about this, and David Simpson agreed to ask the SCA about Liability Insurance.

The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Clare Eadie and seconded by David Towsey.

Action: David to ask SCA about the Liability Insurance

4. 2021 Membership Fee (Graham Bailey)

Graham Bailey proposed that the membership Fee remains the same. Janet Archibald seconded the proposal.

5. Training (Ian Patterson)

The club held various courses throughout the year. Two courses for Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning were held in March and April/May and eight people trained. Four Outdoor First Aid Courses were held and forty-eight people trained. Two Foundation Safety and Rescue Training Courses were held training seventeen people. Sessions were held at Musselburgh Lagoons providing skills coaching and self and assisted rescue practice. Pool sessions were held at a new venue (Leith Academy) with a new online booking system. Members organized BC Performance and Leadership awards including Coastal Sea Kayak Award (CSKA), Sea Kayak Leader (SKL) and Sea Kayak Award (SKA).

6. Safety and Talks (David Simpson)

£1700 was raised at the SCAA event.

David Simpson reminded members about the need for designated leaders for Pathway and Grade A Paddles and to remember to tell the Coastguard when paddling. Peer paddles need to agree on leadership and decision making and that members should make a regular commitment to the club in order to improve their performance.

7. Appointment of Chair & Appointments/Reappointments to Committee

Claire Eadie nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Graham Bailey nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Elaine Martin nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Ian Patterson nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Neil Black nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Graeme Seggie nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Melita Luxton nominated by Charles Hammersley seconded by Cherry Kelsey

Richard Leeson nominated by Clare Eadie seconded by David Simpson

Gerry Milligan nominated by Clare Eadie seconded by David Simpson

Joanne Boyle nominated by Clare Eadie seconded by David Simpson

Alison Callum nominated by Elaine Martin seconded by John Donald

There were eleven nominations for members. Under the constitution all could be appointed.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss

9. Awards

Elaine Martin presented awards in the form of a wooden carved kayak to three members who stood down from the committee in 2021. Alan Fraser, David Grieve and Rod Dalitz received these awards for their hard work and longstanding contribution to Lothian Sea Kayak Club.