

## **SOUTH SKYE AND LOCHALSH KAYAK CLUB**

### **Minutes of the A.G.M. held in Breakish Hall - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Present:** Trish Botten, Frank Burstow, Dave Campbell, Vanessa Charles, Janni Diez, Martin Gilmartin, Jon Hanley, Janet Hopwood, Eleanor Jones, Lis Phillips, Helen Stephenson, Alex Townend.

**Apologies:** Morag and Gordon Brown, Willie Fraser, Neil Hinchcliff, Andy Law, Graham Wilson.

**Approval of minutes of A.G.M. held 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017:** Approved by Lis Phillips, seconded by Eleanor Jones.

**Chairman's Report:** (Frank Burstow)

Report attached.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Alex Townend)

Verified accounts attached. The balance is not greatly different from the start of the financial year. The account of the original Skye kayak club was finally closed and the remaining funds split between the North and South clubs, the donation received with thanks. As noted in the last treasurer's report the accounts were verified before the year's paypal receipts cleared the account and they show in this year's income. There will be adjustments carried forward to next year's accounts, for instance monies paid in coach training grants have yet to be deducted. The purchase of another double kayak will be a substantial outlay but the club finances are sufficiently robust to meet this and all our commitments.

**Secretary's Report:** (Janet Hopwood)

The membership numbers are fairly constant. Enquiries about the club have generally been from adults rather than for junior or family membership. The majority of enquiries are made through the website. The club members appear not to use the website very much and have not made use of the suggestions

box in the two years it has been available. New ways of engaging members may need considering.

**Appointment of Returning Officer:** Janni Diez was appointed. The committee stood down.

### **Election of Committee Members (3 Office Bearers and minimum of 6 Committee Members required)**

Frank, Gordon and Graham all resigned – thank you to all three for their commitment and contributions over the year.

Eleanor Jones was appointed as our new Chair and the committee was elected as follows:

Chair: **Eleanor Jones**. Proposed - Janet Hopwood, seconded - Jon Hanley.

Treasurer: **Alex Townend**. Proposed - Ellie Jones, seconded - Lis Phillips.

Secretary: **Janet Hopwood**. Proposed - Jon Hanley, seconded - Alex Townend.

Web Officer: **Andy Law**. Proposed - Janet Hopwood, seconded - Alex Townend.

Social Media Secretary: **Helen Stephenson**. Proposed - Janet Hopwood, seconded - Ellie Jones.

Child Protection Officers: **Lis Phillips** and **Jon Hanley**. Proposed - Ellie Jones, seconded - Janni Diez.

General Committee Members: **Vanessa Charles** and **Martin Gilmartin**.

Proposed - Janet Hopwood, seconded - Jon Hanley.

### **Weekly Club Nights:**

Club nights will follow a similar format to recent years with a three week cycle. An adult session in week one will be followed by a junior session in week two, these sessions will usually be based at Kyleakin. There will be a change in the third week when an evening paddle will be organised by Eleanor Jones and Janni Diez. Generally these trips will be suitable for adult paddlers with their own boats. Location and details will be available from Ellie or Janni a day or two in advance and members will be expected to contact them to take part. More information for the Kyleakin sessions and Ellie and Janni's contact details for the peer group trips will be sent by e-mail, website and facebook as soon as possible.

### **Monthly Day and Weekend Trips:**

Suggestions put forward at the meeting were for weekend trips to Raasay and the Small Isles. Any suggestions for weekend or day trips from members would be welcome as would be ideas and venue for a social event at the end of the summer season.

### **Summer Holiday:**

The **dates are fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Fidden Farm Campsite on the Isle of Mull has been booked. Any queries contact Ellie Jones.

### **Ratification of the Club Constitution:**

The constitution was amended and confirmed by Sportscotland as acceptable to meet guidelines on discrimination in October of 2017. It was distributed to the membership for comment and acceptance with a view to formal ratification at the next (2018) A.G.M.. There were no negative comments from the membership during the consultation period (or afterwards) and those present at the A.G.M. voted unanimously to accept the changes.

Last year Eleanor Jones wrote a consultation document to formalise the funding policy for awarding club grants to assist members undertaking training. Following discussion and in particular advice from Gordon Brown the final document was approved by the committee and adopted in September of 2017.

Eleanor Jones has replaced Frank Burstow as signatory to the club bank account.

### **A.O.B.:**

Ellie presented Frank with a bottle of wine, a very small token of our huge appreciation of all he has done for the club in his time as chairman. Although he's stepping down as chair he will still be giving us his time as a club coach and his companionship on paddles. Thank You Frank.

Our thanks also to Gordon for his many years of help and advice. We wish him, Morag, Iain and Eilidh happiness and success in their new adventure.

Thanks to Graham for his valued contribution during his time on the committee, we look forward to seeing him at club nights whenever work and raising the next generation of paddlers permits.

Our saddest goodbye is to **Fiona MacDonald** who died on April 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Fiona was such a keen and active supporter of the club and we were always in good company when paddling with her and her daughter Alice. When her illness prevented her from paddling she was still there helping out on the shore. Everyone in the club and the parents who knew her will really miss her.

Fiona's family and friends and neighbours have held a collection in her honour. Very generous donations have been made to a cancer charity, the Skye Mountain Rescue Team and our club. On behalf of the club members thank you. To Alice and all Fiona's family and her friends we offer our sympathy and regret.

**The meeting Closed**

