

SLEA PADDLERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE 3rd SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
AT 7.30PM ON SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2009

1. **Present**

Paul Russell, Beverley Russell, Stephen Callaby, Alison Callaby, Adam Callaby, Charlie Russell, Amy Callaby, Miriam Holden, Megan Hird, Kevin Matthews, Kieran Matthews, Barry Mair, Patricia Matthews, Mick Durkin, Jane Durkin, Phoebe Durkin, Dane Butler, Christine Butler, Paul Pattinson, Lisa Pattinson, Phillip Matthews, Liam May, Ben Holden, Callum May, Paul May, Elaine May, Jon Hird,

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Brian Wardell, Emma Whitton, Harry Wells and Callum Johnson.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Alison Callaby and seconded by Miriam Holden.

4. **Chairman's Welcome and Introduction**

Attached.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Attached.

Dane Butler did point out that the membership may not be correct. He wanted all to note that the grant that we had received saved the Club on a financial basis. If we took the grant away from the accounts then we would be overdrawn. It is essential that we raise money. Kevin Matthews asked that Dane Butler produce a breakdown at the next Committee Meeting in relation to the course fees. Dane Butler confirmed that he was able to provide that information immediately:-

£450.00 was paid in respect of Level 1 Course.
£150.00 was paid in respect of Canoe Safety Test.
£150.00 was paid to Barry Mair for his Level 2.

Dane Butler also mentioned that the Club had sold some equipment and we were waiting for a cheque for £750.00.

The Report was proposed by Beverley Russell and seconded by Kevin Matthews.

6. **Election of Committee Members**

i) **Election of Chair**

Barry Mair
Proposed by Dane Butler and seconded by Ellie May.

ii) **Election of Secretary**

Patricia Matthews
Proposed by Alison Callaby and seconded by Miriam Hird.

iii) **Election of Treasurer**

Dane Butler
Proposed by Stephen Callaby and seconded by Miriam Holden.

7. **Election of other Members of the Executive Committee**

i) **Coaching Development Officer**

Kevin Matthews
Proposed by Paul Russell and seconded by Patricia Matthews.

i) **Membership Secretary**

Alison Callaby
Proposed by Patricia Matthews and seconded by Ellie Russell.

ii) **Youth Representative**

Liam May
Proposed by Paul Harris and seconded by Kevin Matthews.

Adam Callaby
Proposed by Bev Russell and seconded by Patricia Matthews.

Ben Holden
Proposed by Ellie May and seconded by Miriam Holden.

Megan Hird
Proposed by Stephen Callaby and seconded by Kevin Matthews.

iii) **Child Support Officer**

Beverley Russell
Proposed by Ellie May and seconded by Kevin Matthews.

iv) **Equipment Officer**

Alison Callaby and Beverley Russell
Proposed by Paul Russell and seconded by Stephen Callaby.

8. Any Other Business

- 1) Barry Mair asked the meeting if anyone would be interested in buying sweatshirts? Adam Callaby confirmed that he had found a place where you can buy T shirts for £8.00. Miriam Holden mentioned that Direct Sales had supplied Sleaford Striders at £2.00 a shirt plus the initial artwork. The sports shop in town puts all the artwork onto the garments. It was proposed that Liam May and Adam Callaby would continue to carry out research into the sweatshirts.
- 2) Alison Callaby mentioned that at the last count we have 47 members signed up of which only 28 are active. All fees are due in January.
- 3) Ellie May raised the possibility of increasing Wednesday night fees and Barry Mair confirmed that this would be considered at the next Committee Meeting as will all fees for all other sessions.
- 4) Bev Russell suggested that we need a proper register for collecting fees in on Club nights. Both Bev Russell and Ellie May agreed to collect the fees.
- 5) Charlie May asked about the possibility of advertising the Club in the Target. Barry Mair explained that unfortunately the costs would be prohibitive.
- 6) Kevin Matthews reminded all that there was a trip next Saturday to a river in Yorkshire.
- 7) Alison Callaby and Bev Russell pointed out that there is a garage full of kit and subject to Coaching Development Officers approval dependent upon their paddling skills new members are welcome on river trips.
- 8) Megan Hird was presented with the Duck. Megan Hird also agreed to prepare some articles for the Target and also for the website. It was suggested that Megan Hird should be Press Officer. She agreed to do this.
- 9) Charlie Russell suggested that a Newsletter be sent out to people's houses every two months. However, Ellie May was concerned that this would get too regimented. Barry Mair confirmed he would continue with his Half Yearly Reports.

The Business part of the meeting finished at 8pm and was followed by a very enjoyable party.