

SLEA PADDLERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE 3rd SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS
AT 7.30PM ON SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2008

1. **Present**

Ben Thorpe, Sophie Baker, Tony Baker, Lorraine Baker, Matthew Baker, Amy Callaby, Adam Callaby, Charlie Russell, Ben Holden, Miriam Holden, Dane Butler, Christine Butler, Bev Russell, Paul Russell, Steve Callaby, Ali Callaby, Paul May, Barry Mair, Karen Mair, Phillip Matthews, Kieran Matthews, Patricia Matthews, Kevin Matthews, Steve Cook, Nathan Cook and Alex Cooke.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Harry Well and family.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Miriam Holden.

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

Tony Baker opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He went over what we had done in the last 12 months. He reported that we had 30 registered members which is good for a small Club. The Surf Competition was a very good example of the good turnout of the Club. We have had two trips to Slenningford and were hoping to go again. We have had trips from Farndon to Newark several times. The best event of the year was Sleaford Navigation Day as we dominated the day and had a very good turnout for such a small Club. We made very good links for the future. Since then Dane and other members have enjoyed themselves at Haverholme.

In addition, there have been loads of river trips. The weather hasn't always been good for trips.

The Surf Camp was a highlight and this is thanks to Dane who thought up the idea.

The Summer barbecue was a really successful social evening. The Wednesday night sessions were not so successful as it rained every Wednesday and the Club went to the river at Tattershall rather than to the lakes. This was followed by four sessions at Newark and lots of

pool sessions. We have put on events for local groups such as the Cubs and Sleaford Catholic Youth. The Club has been represented in competitions such as the Youth Freestyle and Tony expressed the hope that there will be new faces from Slea paddlers competing in next year's Youth Freestyle.

Ben Thorpe, Mathew Baker, Phillip and Kieran and Martin Butler all did well in the ratings.

Ben Holden, Liam, Adam and Steve now go to Holme Pierrepont on a regular basis. Miriam and Ali are beginning to get into open boating and Tony commented that their faces were a joy to see at the Navigation Day.

Tony remarked that his favourite memory was Paul in the open boat in wellies.

The two real main advancements of the Club are the trailer and the website, The most significant is the trailer which was thanks to Steve. The website has been a great focus for the Club. On the coaching side there have been awards for a number of the Coaches as competent Paddlers. Dane is now a Level 2 coach. Barry is doing his Level 2. Steve and Miriam are doing a Foundation Safety Course and Kev and Tony have now achieved their Level 3. From a coaching point of view this puts the Club in a fantastic position as we can deliver all the Coaching Awards. Tony thanked everyone for helping to keep the Club going. He thanked Ben and Sophie for organising the Surf Camp. He thanked Lorraine and Dane for running the Wednesday night sessions sessions and he thanked all the adults and coaches and kids for attending the pool sessions and river trips. He particularly thanked Steve for the trailer, Barry for the website, Ali for the pool sessions, Dane for his letter to the BCU (which got the Club recognised) and Dane for Treasury Support and using his own funds to keep the Club afloat when necessary. He thanked Miriam and Paul for their bank support and Patricia for admin support

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Dane Butler provided a set of Accounts. Dane commented that we'd had a lot of expenditure on new kit last year after receiving a grant that gave us assets of £5500. They have however depreciated to £4,800.00. The pool session, river trips and sessions offered to Cubs, Explorers and Sleaford Catholic Youth have brought in money. We have had no grant or loans this year so the income is down a lot compared to last year, however we have spent a lot of money on the trailer. The pool sessions will help to bring our income back up. The Accounts were proposed by Paul and seconded by Barry.

6. **Election of Committee Members**

There were two resignations as Tony Baker resigned as Chair and Kevin Matthews resigned as Coaching Development Officer.

i) **Election of Chair**

Barry Mair

Proposed by Paul Russell and seconded by Kieran Matthews.
Carried unanimously.

ii) **Election of Secretary**

Patricia Matthews

Proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Dane Butler.
Carried unanimously.

iii) **Election of Treasurer**

Dane Butler

Proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Alison Callaby

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

i) **Coaching Development Officer**

Tony Baker

Proposed by Kevin Matthews and seconded by Lorraine Baker
Carried unanimously

ii) **Membership Secretary**

Allison Callaby

Nominated by Tony Baker and seconded by Miriam.
Carried unanimously

iii) **Youth Representative**

Liam May

Proposed by Kieran and seconded by Lorraine.

Adam Callaby

Proposed by Tony and seconded by Charlie.
Carried unanimously

iv) **Child Support Officer**

Bev Russell

Proposed by Ali and seconded by Charlie

8. **Any Other Business**

Awards were presented to Amy for Paddle Power.

The Duck was presented to Ben.