

Minutes of the KASK Annual General Meeting
Held on 10 March 2012 at Wainui, Banks Peninsula during the annual KASK
Forum

Items:

1. Ian McKenzie opened and chaired the meeting (and took these minutes). Ian referred to the benefits that KASK brings to kayaking and the benefits to members such as the annual Forum, safety/technical information in the handbook and newsletter, powerful talks on safety such as that from John Kirk-Anderson.
2. An attendance list was circulated and apologies called for.
3. It was noted that the 2011 AGM was held in 2011 in conjunction with the forum at Anakiwa
4. Paul Caffyn invited any feedback on KASK to his email address
5. Reports:
 - President – as the position is currently vacant Paul gave a summary of activities during the year
 - Publications – Paul Caffyn spoke about the Sea Canoeist Newsletter and suggested that this could be electronic only
 - Safety – KASK represents kayaking and other recreational boating to Maritime NZ, Water Safety Council and National Pleasure Boat forum
 - Accounts – Balance approximately \$19,000 which includes \$6,500 grant for a safe paddling guide. Membership is approximately 370 members (95 in Canterbury, 84 in Auckland)
 - Website – provides discussion forum, trip stories, safety. Sandy maintains the web site and is happy to continue.
6. Elections
 - President – Conrad Edwards and Ian McKenzie were nominated for president however both declined and so the position was left vacant to be filled when a suitable candidate is found
 - Doug Aitken elected to the Committee
 - Conrad Edwards to consider joining the Committee
 - Paul Caffyn to continue with Publications
 - Sandy Ferguson to continue as webmaster
 - Sandy Winterton to continue as liaison with Water Safety NZ
 - John Gumbley to continue as DOC liaison
7. Business
 - Print copies of Sea Canoeist Newsletter are preferred by members present rather than electronic only
 - Place of KASK on Maritime NZ forum was discussed. Why is KASK the default representative of other groups such as White Water, Waka Ama and Dragon Boating? It was suggested that we advise these other organisations of the role that KASK has adopted.
 - Next forum to be held at Raglan
8. Next Annual General Meeting – to be held in association with Forum at Raglan
March 2013

KASK AGM

Wainui 2012

List of attendees:

Jillian Wilson	David Winkworth	Lois Cowan
Waveney Inch	Howie Barnes	Tony Snelling-Berg
Brenda Rainsbury	Richard Clark	Hanna Snelling Berg
Robert Rainsbury	Liz Clark	Ian McKenzie
Tony Greaves	John Booth	Paul Caffyn
Darcy Mawson	Ross Whale	Sandy Ferguson
Richard Cowan	Gail Atkinson	
Diane Winter	Robert Hall	
Ron Keeble	Mark Hyde	
John Kirk-Anderson	Steve King	
Murray Rowden	Ross Shipman	
Doug Aitken	Alison Turner	
Ian Hamilton	Conrad Edwards	
David Welch	Emma Bradley	
Chris Neason	Karen Gray	
Mike Neason	Kerry-Jayne Wilson	
Lesley Murray	Peter Syms	
Alan Hayne	Matthew Booth	
Dave Cook	Miriam Booth	
Owen Shrimpton	Ryan Booth	
Ingrid McGeachen	David Christie	
Glen McGeachen	Margot Syms	

Kiwi Assoc. of Sea Kayakers (NZ) Inc

Administration Report dated 27/02/12

Financial: Balance of Westpac Account No. 1706 0010205
As per Statement No. 298 Dated 27/02/12 **\$19,493.75** current balance

Membership: As @ 05/03/12 **370** NOTE: family memberships being counted as one subscription
approximate Numbers located in: North Island = 200, South Island = 165, O/S Australia = 5

Breakdown by Region:

Canterbury (Region 12) - 95	Otago (Region 13) - 14
Auckland (Region 1) - 84	Marlborough (Region 11) - 13
Wellington (Region 9) - 42	West Coast (Region 14) - 7
Tasman (Region 10) - 25	Southland (Region 15) & Manawatu (Region 4) Both - 6
Waikato (Region 3) - 22	Overseas : Australia (Region 16) - 5
Bay of Plenty (Region 5) - 18	Taranaki (Region 8) - 4
Northland (Region 2) - 15	Hawkes Bay (Region 6) & Wairarapa (Region 7) Both - 3

Membership appears to have fallen away slightly on numbers for the same time last year. This is difficult to rationalise with membership fees remaining the same as last year, in fact, being better value for money with the introduction of a small "Discount" available to current members booking DOC accommodation. Every little bit helps, right?

This has been made possible by the introduction of 'Electronic Receipts' which are either emailed or posted to new members or members renewing their annual subscription. All payments, either by cheque or by direct payment, are issued a receipt when the bank statement is reconciled. It therefore is very easy for DOC to confirm with members applying for their discount, that they are paid-up/current members. All members need do is produce a 'hard copy' of their receipt which

has their specific ID#, the receipt number, the date paid, the amount paid and the member name/s (if in the case of a family membership). This system of receipt was well underway as the KASK membership year rolled over to year 12 at the beginning of August 2011. All current members should now have their electronic receipt. If you have pre-paid before June 2011, and do not have a receipt, please email me and I will confirm your payment and issue a receipt.

Response from the Membership Renewal Form was initially really good but dwindled to a trickle after the 2nd notice was sent out. Thank you to all the members and new members paying by cheque, for complying with our request to make cheques payable to 'Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers' rather than KASK. This was something Westpac initiated at the beginning of this year's subscriptions. I have to admit, it did catch a few out in the beginning.....'Old habits are hard to change' but thankfully these early hiccups are mostly a thing of the past.

I have only one other issue that I would like to clarify. I wish to re-iterate the terms of KASK Membership..... **subscriptions run from 1 August through to 31 July the following year.** We begin sending out reminder notices from June, with the June-July newsletter. If members pay their renewal fee after the 30th September they may experience a lapse in their membership and in turn miss an issue of the bi-monthly newsletter. New Members paying their subscription in June or July will have full membership for up to 14 months. I understand there will always be extenuating circumstances for one or two people and I will always endeavour to keep mailing lists up to date, to ensure all members receive their entitled copies of the newsletter. Speaking of our current members mailing list I have received a few newsletters marked "Return to Sender – unknown at this address". Please remember to notify Admin (me) of any changes to contact details. This may be a quick email to inform KASK of a change of postal address or a change of email address. It makes for a worry free 'mail out', if I have made the appropriate amendments to our data base, prior to sending this mailing list to our publisher in Wellington.

I wish only to add, that it has been a privilege to be involved with members of KASK. I am confident this is the beginning of a long and happy relationship.

Publications and Safety Report for 2012 KASK AGM by Paul Caffyn

Newsletter – the high standard has been maintained
Thanks to all those who have supplied articles and photos
Plea for photos, reviews, trip reports, gear reviews

Handbook

Only 80 copies left from the 750 print run, 2008. Query as to a 5th edition or produce as PDF files on website, or as a CD

Safety

Of the two National Pleasure Boat Safety Forums held in the past month Kevin Dunsford at the Auckland gathering and myself at the Wellington one.

No progress yet with the change re PFDs from mandatory carriage of to the mandatory wearing of. I was tasked by the Dunedin coroner re reporting on the death of two Frenchman on Lake Wakatipu

Sandy Winterton has been WSNZ liaison for the past 12 months.

KASK COMMITTEE

After 20 years on the committee it is time I stood down and encouraged younger paddlers into fulfilling roles of the committee. My enthusiasm for pushing publicity for KASK has waned, and I do not have the experience with the latest publicity and promotion tools such as facebook, twitter etc. To date, KASK lays a significant role in representing all recreational paddlecraft operators in NZ, and KASK needs to maintain a high profile in encouraging safety initiatives, publicity and promotion.

KASK does have a grant to go towards production of a 'safe paddling guide' – this will be like a companion volume to the 'Safe Boating Guide.' If anyone has the time and skills so be involved with this, please get in touch.