

**Minutes** (Ian McKenzie)

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Shaun Maclaren Welcomed attendees, thanked them for connecting to tonight's meeting and noted the online conference etiquette:

When about to talk, please introduce yourself.

Please mute yourself when listening to a presenter.

Use Zoom's chat function to send a question or statement to everyone or privately to a participant.

Shaun paid tribute to Gerry Maire, an Auckland paddler of some renown who passed away recently. He, with others of his time, was incredibly influential in introducing canoeing and kayaking to NZ & Auckland in particular in the 1960s. He was inspirational, a 'doer' and a legendary character who touched so many. The next Sea Kayaker magazine will reflect on what he has done.

Shaun asked Ian McKenzie to manage the AGM to make sure that procedures are followed and that nothing is missed.

**2. Present and Apologies**

Apologies have been received from:

Dennis Hynes, Peter Walker, Rob Brown, Aiden Frew, Brian, Margaret Hall, Peter Bowker, Ruth Henderson, Shelley Stuart, Janet Dalton, David Welch and Peter Somerhalder, Russell Williams

Present:

Shaun Maclaren, Chris H, Charles Barker, Rene Llames, Allen Snowsill, Pauline Ross, Jay Howell, Ian McKenzie, Dan O'Connor, Jude Sanchez, Renee Olivier, Robyn Laurie, Jim Hawkins, Glenda Ray, Jacquie James, Ian Howick, John Shaw, Philip Smoth, Celia Wade-Brown, Steve Flack, Robby Benson-Cooper, Noel Pepperell, Annette Mitchell, Tim Muhundan

**3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM**

The Minutes of the 2020 AGM have been displayed on the website for the past month for members to view. No one had any or comments regarding the minutes.

Shaun moved that the minutes be accepted and they were accepted by the meeting

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2020 AGM**

These are covered in the President's report, so not dealt with separately

**5. Reports**

**President** (also on the web site)

Thank you to members of the committee for their direction over the past year. It is because of their support and guidance on a variety of matters, including the magazine, that we are in the positive position that KASK is in. I would like to pay special thanks to Allen Snowsill and his team of regional coordinators for our best season yet of 'Meet the People'.

A special thanks to Tim Muhundan, a Committee member of six years standing and past president who resigned mid-year, for his advice, patience, drive, vision and time that he generously gave to KASK.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank (Tim's business) BizX for their ongoing sponsorship & support.

Jacquie James, our magazine editor, deserves a special mention for the way that she has handled the transition from printed to digital & for how she puts together a magazine when there are so few contributors – thank you Jacquie.

Thank you also to Karen Grant who continues to do a wonderful job as administrator with the accounts, email communication and reports.

In the past year the committee, despite Covid restrictions, successfully worked on:

- Continuation and growth in the number of paddlers participating in Meet the People roadshow.
- A National Standards Working Group under the direction of Daniel O'Connor reviewed previous KASK studies and present NZ kayak training documentation and available guidelines, but their work is not yet complete.

- As a result of the sharp rise in printing costs, a smooth transfer to a digital magazine, & we acknowledge it was uncomfortable for some to accept the digital only.
- Formed an initial working relationship with Torpedo 7, a major kayak and equipment retailer
- Russell Williams assisted with participation at the NZ Safer Boating Forum and its sub committees, Ian McKenzie with the Water Safety NZ AGM and forum.
- Committee members participated in and supported regional events away from home.

**Where we could have done better:**

- Development of the KASK app floundered due to lack of funding. We will be able to address this in 2021
- Liaison with major commercial kayak and equipment retailers

**In the coming year we will work on:**

- Establishing KASK Regional Ambassadors who will keep the committee informed of trips/events around the country, what assistance KASK can provide
- Continuation of coordination of Meet the People around the regions and provide assistance as required.
- Seeking external funding for further development of the KASK the App, to link it with the Coastguard App and to make it available free of charge for all paddlers
- Kayak Standards Working Group - it is hoped that in 2021 we will see the creation of a singular set of standards / guidelines similar to BCU, ACA, Paddle Canada & Paddle Australia that use a self-administrating system such as the KASK Safety App platform and make it a 'guideline' for paddlers to be able to 'self-assess' their skills.
- Identify a location and leader for Kayak Fest 2024
- Greater liaison with major commercial kayak and equipment retailers
- More people supporting the magazine with articles and photographs.

That the 2021 President's Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Ian McKenzie, Seconded: Allen Snowsill - Accepted

**Ian McKenzie presented the Accounts to December 2020**

The Financial Records of Accounts for 2020 have been displayed on the website prior to the AGM for the past month for members to view.

Printing was abandoned because the cost was not sustainable. The committee considered subs could be put to better use promoting safety and paddling skills.

Monies raised from subscriptions go towards annual administrator costs, preparation of accounts, IT licences, a digital printing programme subscription for the magazine editor. Note that if anyone is comparing this year's results across past years, that the reporting date has changed, now December but has previously been March and before that June.

That the annual accounts be accepted:

Moved Annette Mitchell, seconded Robby Benson-Cooper, accepted

**6. Election of committee members**

Ian McKenzie, Paula Renouf, Russell Williams and Allen Snowsill all put themselves forward for election as committee members a further year and Daniel O'Connor stood for election

Shaun Maclaren stood for election as President for a further year and to handover in 2022

Committee nominations were all accepted and confirmed as elected by the meeting

**7. Graham Egarr Awards**

Paddle Award (Outstanding Contribution to NZ Sea Kayaking)

David Welch has been nominated for the trophy for 2021

Formerly a keen Canterbury Sea Kayak Network paddler, David moved to Nelson a few years back and has been running detailed, comprehensive training sessions during the week and weekends. His enthusiasm and love of the sport is regarded as one of the reasons for the large number of new people getting in to kayaking and joining the Nelson Club

Endorsed by the meeting

Magazine Award (Outstanding Contributor, selected by magazine editor)

Ruth Henderson continues to be a major contributor of both high quality articles and photographs to the magazine and assists in 'proofing' prior to distribution

Bugger Award

Has been awarded to Bill Watt for his naked encounter with a Sea Lion when it got between him, his clothes and his kayak.

Endorsed by the meeting, story to be published in the NZ Sea Kayaker

**8. KASK Kayak Fest 2022 – update**

Allen Snowsill & team are preparing for the 10-13 Feb 2022 event at Hahei. Registrations will open in the next month or so.

**9. KASK Kayak Fest 2024**

Leader needed, preferably to attend the 2022 event to gain as much experience as possible

**10. Any matters those present wish to raise for the Committee to consider during the year?**

No matters were raised

**11. Any questions from people attending the AGM (that can be answered by the Committee)?**

Regional ambassadors - and how does this fit with existing networks and regions?

There are 5 or so regions, reps will coordinate with the clubs & networks in their regions and with the KASK Committee

**12. Meeting closed 9.00 pm**



Signed by:

Shaun A.P Maclaren

President

28th February 2021