

Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers (NZ) Inc
30th Annual General Meeting
12 February 2022, 3.00 pm Hahei Holiday Resort, 41 Harsant Ave

Minutes (Ian McKenzie)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Shaun Maclaren Welcomed attendee & thanked them for attending this AGM at Hahei

Shaun thanked the outgoing committee, Kayak Fest organisers, Meet the Paddlers organisers for their dedication, Paula Renouf for the recent code of conduct and position statement on equality, Allen Snowsill for liaison with Fest committee, Steve Cooper (Auckland) for website. (see also the President's report precis below)

2. Present and Apologies

Apologies have been received from: Russell Williams, Jo Putterill and Janet Dalton

Present:

Shaun Maclaren, Allen Snowsill, Lynn Burson, Steve Cooper (Auck), Steven Cooper (Chch), Mark Aspinall, Jay Howell, Ian McKenzie, Daniel O'Connor, Andy Harding, Lois Nixon, Jilliene Beale, Phil Beale, Jim Hawkins, Glenda Ray, Jacquie James, Robby Benson-Cooper, Liz Quarrie, Tracey Ann Laga, Peter van Kuyk, Paula Renouf, Michelle Mainwaring, Mark Jamieson, Phil Smith, Bob Wishart, Janet Purdey, Fiona Heenan, Robyn Laurie, Ruth Henderson, Peter Walker

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The Minutes of the 2021 AGM (Held by Zoom) have been displayed on the website for the past month for members to view.

Ian McKenzie moved that the minutes be accepted and they were accepted by the meeting

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the 2021 AGM

There were no specific items to deal with and the President's report covered the year's activity.

5. Reports

President (in full on the web site)

This past year has been challenging with the effect of Covid-19 and its subsequent restrictions on businesses and people. It has taught us all about being adaptable and dealing with what you have in front of you. It has been encouraging to see how businesses, associations, networks, clubs and groups have successfully risen to those challenges.

I am incredibly grateful to the 2021 Committee members; Ian McKenzie, Paula Renouf, Allen Snowsill, Russell Williams, Daniel O'Connor and Caitlin Gillespie for their total support, time and effort in working towards KASK being more sustainable for generations to come. I cannot stress enough the importance of having positive thinking, diligent committee members that enjoy working hard on the behalf of the KASK membership and are not there as of right.

I would like to thank and congratulate Paula Renouf on creating KASK's Code of Conduct and Position Statement on respect, harassment and equality and can be found on the website

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

Outcomes we achieved that aligned with our vision:

Membership: We continue to work on improving the experience for new and existing members, connecting with established and emerging kayaking groups, networks, and clubs, to offer them the benefits of Club Affiliated Membership and Associated Membership to their paddlers as well as to KASK. Individual Membership sees a reduction of \$25 from Kayak Fest registration.

External Relationships: We have continued to build our relationship with our external partners in water safety, actively involved in Water Safety NZ and New Zealand Safer

Boating Forum and their campaigns. As a member the Safer Boating Forum, we have participated in all of the monthly virtual meetings.

In 2021 KASK was again successful in obtaining funding for our 'Meet the Paddlers' roadshow. I would like to thank and congratulate Dallas Veitch and Caitlin Gillespie for the advertising and promotional campaigns and Dallas for taking up the coordination lead when Steve Flack was stuck in England and unable to return for many months.

Sport NZ has asked KASK along with, Surfing NZ, Surf Lifesaving NZ, NZSUP, Snorkelling NZ, Sport Fishing NZ and the YMCA to be involved in a Fun Festival Multi-Sport and Recreation six-day pilot event to be run in Taipa and Ruakaka, Northland in November 2022 for local school children aged between 11 to 15 years. The Fun Festival' goal/mission is to educate our tamaraki in an authentic learning environment i.e. the beach and ocean.

With the Safer Boating Forum we will again be advising retailers of their responsibility to promote paddlecraft safety.

DOC – Back Country Hut Passes: DOC has approached KASK to be involved in any future discussions regarding changes should they occur.

New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine: The magazine continues to flourish, due to the excellent articles and photographs contributed by you the members & to Jacque James editing skills.

Sponsor: Thank our core sponsor, Tim Muhundan of BizX.nz, for maintaining our CRM website platforms. Steve Cooper (Auckland) is now watching over the website and has this year has introduced a more detailed 'events' page and has recently a page on the history of KASK.

Sea Kayaking Web App: The KASK interactive app was launched in 2019. Currently it does not have a suitably skilled driver, something that the committee is aiming to rectify by seeking funding for further development of the App.

Events: With the Fest being a biennial event (until 2022 was postponed until 2023), I am hoping that we will soon have a fest in the South Island. It is intended that 'Meet the Paddlers' roadshow continues in 2022. It will be coordinated by KASK and sponsored by Safer Boating Forum but with a local flavour being run by clubs, associations, networks and groups. In addition to the roadshows, it is planned that a KASK Surf Camp will be held at Waihi over the ANZAC Weekend 2022.

National Standards: A working group experienced paddlers has undertaken a wide-ranging review on the feasibility of implementing national sea kayaking standards for NZ paddlers to aspire to. Guidelines are proposed for paddlers to be able to 'self-assess' their skills with a self-administrating system to be available on the KASK App platform.

That the 2021 President's Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Ian McKenzie, Seconded: Allen Snowsill - Accepted

Ian McKenzie presented the Accounts to December 2021

The Financial Records of Accounts for 2021 have been displayed on the website prior to the AGM for the past month for members to view. Ian reinforced that questions on the accounts are welcome at any time to keep the committee accountable. There were no questions at the meeting

That the annual accounts be accepted: Moved Mark Aspinall, seconded Lois Nixon, accepted

6. Election of committee members

Ian McKenzie, Steve Cooper (Auckland), Dallas Veitch, Caitlin Gillespie, Daniel O'Connor and Shaun Maclaren all put themselves forward for election as committee members

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

No-one stood for president and so this vacancy will be discussed by the new committee

7. Graham Egarr Awards

Paddle Award (Outstanding Contribution to NZ Sea Kayaking)

Jay Howell – contribution to sea kayaking in his area and for the production of a surf training video

Endorsed by the meeting

Magazine Award (Outstanding Contributor)

Jacqui James for her dedication to compiling and editing the on-line magazine

Bugger Award

No suitable stories this year, so held over for next year

8. KASK Kayak Fest 2023

This year's event was postponed until Feb 2023, so Hahei is again the planned location.

We hope for a South Island location in 2024

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

Photos for this year's fest competition were posted on Facebook and the committee is to consider how to secure photos on social media and in The New Zealand Sea Kayaker to avoid/prevent misappropriation/misuse.

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

Could we include a Buy/Sell/Swap at the end of Fest 2023? Perhaps donated goods could be sold for a donation to KASK

Lynn Burson noted that the photo competition entries has been reviewed and winners would be announced soon. People entering next time should check they have straightened horizons and selected the most appropriate category for their entry.