

Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers (NZ) Inc
Minutes of the 28th AGM, 9 February 2020, Otehei Bay, Urupukupuku Island

Present:

Shaun Maclaren, Tim Muhundan, Jim Hawkins, , Mark Aspinall, Mary Caldwell, Peter Bennett, Peter Bowker, Rupert Harding, Ruth Henderson, Sam Brens, Steve Flack, Charles Barker, Glenda Ray, Aaron Dixon, Allen Snowsill, Shelly Stewart, Chris Breen, Aidan Frew, Andrew McMullen, Steve Cooper, Paula Renouf, Robert Brown, Bill Haagh, Cornelius Boerjan, Jennifer Roberts, Caitlin Gillespie, Jo Putterill, Bevan Walker, Renee Olivier, Paul Rutherford, Dan Furkert, Quinn Miller, Terumi Butt, Lois Nixon, Bohdan Szymanik, Nora Flight, Liz Wynne-Jones, Kevin Sparks, Alison Sparks, Lorraine Williams, Russell Williams, Jess Gibbs, Chris Wallis, Bridget Pride, Hanne Mellsop, Jilliene Beale, Phil Beale, Conrad Edwards, Arran Dixon, Robby Benson-Cooper, Lindsay Duncan, Michelle Mainwaring, Janet Purdey, Noel Pepperell, John Gumbley, Allen Snowsil, Sandy Clark, Darcy Mawson, Ali Lawrence, Robert Hall, Dennis Hynes, Natasha Romoff, Mike Gilbert, Daniel O'Connor, Peter Fuller, Jonathan Allen, Aidan Frew, Ruth Henderson, John Shaw, Anne Murray, Lisa McCarthy, Mark Dabbs, Neil Gow, Amber Champion

Apologies

Ian McKenzie

1. Welcome and Introduction

Shaun Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Update on matters arising from the 2019 AGM

- Shaun explained the difference between Affiliated Club membership and associated membership
- Subsequently the committee decided that Networks/Groups that don't pay subscriptions can apply to have Associated Club Membership that don't have voting rights. Affiliated members have one vote per club.

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2019 AGM (published on the website)

That the 2019 AGM minutes be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Maclaren / Seconded: Steve Flack
Adopted

4. President's Report (Displayed on the website for the month prior to the AGM).

Thank you to members of the committee for their direction over the past year. Special thanks to Paul Caffyn whose momentous achievement of being editor and driving force behind the magazine, and for his unwavering advocacy for sea kayaking at the Safer Boating Forum, and to Steve Flack and Ruth Henderson for their hard work on the Meet the People Roadshow and who have decided to stand down.

In the past year the committee successfully worked on:

- re-vitalisation of the KASK website with special thanks to our sponsor BizX
- establishing Jacquie James as the Magazine Editor
- developing the KASK app to be ready to launch with a major input from our enabling sponsor BizX
- participation at the NZ Safer Boating Forum and Water Safety NZ AGM and forum

Where we could have done better:

- explanation of club affiliated membership and network /group associated membership
- greater representation by KASK committee members to link with people, paddling around NZ

In the coming year we will work on:

- Meet the People Roadshow and hand it over to the regions so that they can continue assisting new paddlers.
- seeking external funding for further development of the KASK the App, to make it available free of charge for all paddlers
- increasing membership through club affiliated and associated memberships
- increasing the value of 'Individual' membership in turn to increase overall membership numbers
- facilitate a national standards working group
- identify a location and leader for Kayak Fest 2022
- Shaun urged people to support the magazine with articles and photographs.

That the 2020 Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Tim Muhandan / Seconded: Paula Renouf

Adopted

5. Financial Report 2019

Tim summarised the financial report, (prepared by the KASK Administrator) that is published on the website, in the absence of Ian McKenzie.

Any surplus in the account is identified for Kayak Fest

That the 2020 Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: Tim Muhandan / Seconded: Robert Brown

Adopted

6. General Business

Election of a Life Member

- Deb Volturmo
- Moved: Shaun Maclaren/Seconded Dan Furkert
Adopted

Election of committee members

- Ian McKenzie and Tim Muhandan stood for re-election.
- Paula Renouf, Russell Williams and Allen Snowsill stood for election to the committee with Paula and Allen consenting to be 'authorised signatories' for the KASK bank accounts.
- Shaun Maclaren stood for re-election as President for a further year, intending to handover in 2021, but stay on the committee and that he be takes up role of 'administrator' for the KASK bank account.

That the election of the committee be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Maclaren / Seconded: Tim Muhandan

Adopted

Proposals

Adding membership value

Individual members will get a \$30 rebate on future kayak fests?

Does the membership want the committee to approach outdoor retailers for discounts, would it be a value to individual members? Would you like us to proceed?

General discussion amongst members. It was generally agreed that there are better ways to spend the money, and that working with retailers to support KASK will ultimately help to increase membership. Paula Renouf stated that the App is already a great benefit to members. Alison Sparks stated that in the USA the retailers supported the national standards and training, and this has had a positive effect on membership. Chris Wallis suggested using the KASK flag at events in the regions and making KASK more visible.

All agreed for KASK to become partners with retail rather than offering members discounts.

Unanimous approval

National standards

Shaun proposed setting up a working group to look at the feasibility of having national kayak standards. People identified were John Kirk-Anderson, Russell Williams, Amber Champion, Deb Volturmo and Dan Furkert. Natasha Romanoff and Conrad Edwards stated a lot of work was done on this 10 years ago. Shaun suggested he will work with them to try and locate this information. Chris Wallis volunteered to be part of this group.

Mike Gilbert supported this initiative and gave his support from Paddle Canada. Mike stated he will take this to his Exec team to support KASK and to send any information that would be helpful.

Unanimous approval

The committee made the following proposals to the constitution

Membership

Membership of the Association shall be by one of the following categories:

- a) **Individual Members:** Any person who has applied for membership and has duly been voted a member.
- b) **Affiliate Member:** Any fee-paying club, association and or incorporated society, which has a direct interest in the objects of the Association, which has duly been voted a member club
- c) **Associate Member:** Any non-fee-paying network or group, which has a direct interest in the objects of the Association
- d) **Commercial Organisations:** Any organisation with a commercial interest in sea kayaking, which has duly been voted a member organisation.
- e) **Life Member:** A member who in recognition of special services to the Association shall be elected at a Special or Annual General Meeting. A Life member shall enjoy all Association privileges without payment of an annual subscription

Unanimous approval

Change of rules of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)s

b) At all AGMs 25 financial members shall constitute a quorum.

Unanimous approval/ Russell seconded

Finance

a) The financial year for the Association shall be from April 1st until March 31st.

Unanimous approval

Other Business

Environment

Mark Jones encourages the committee to think of ways that the members can advocate for the environment to make a difference. Supported by Peter Fuller but who stated there are resource challenges with this. Bridget Pride wants KASK members to be more aware of plastic in the environment and Jay Howell suggested crystallising this in a values statement.

Annette Mitchell stated that many members are associated with different environmental groups already, but perhaps we could share this with KASK Facebook/website and use the opportunities we already have.

Peter Fuller volunteered to coordinate funding applications from charitable funding sources.

Hanna Mellsoop and Bridget Pride volunteered to lend their technical and marketing skills to help with the KASK App, and the environment as discussed above.

It was recognised generally, how valuable it has been to have the AUT students attend the Kayak Fest and members have valued their input, especially at this meeting.

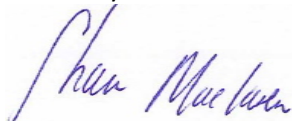
Shaun thanked Alison and Kevin Sparks, from the USA, who have offered to sponsor a student to the next KayakFest.

7. Close of AGM Meeting

Shaun thanked attendees
Meeting closed – 9.40

8. Next AGM

Will be by Zoom – Date to be decided



Signed by:
Shaun A.P Maclaren
President

