



Presidents report to AGM 9 April 2013

I've been president for 6 months, so a relative novice in KASK business. This is my second forum, my first was last year at Wainui, which I helped to organise.

With me are Committee Members Paul Caffyn, Conrad Edwards, John Hesselting and Shawn Walsh. Absent from the AGM today are Sandy Ferguson, Sandy Winterton and Doug Aitken. Shawn joined the committee recently, having responded to the invitation in the "Sea Canoeist", and has only had the opportunity to attend one committee meeting so far. Thank you to the committee for their attendance at meetings and undertaking their various tasks.

I'll talk briefly to three headings. They all start with A.

Activities, Achievements, Aspirations

We will also deal with the other A work – Administration (see the agenda, Finance, Committee, Financial year). KASK is an incorporated Society and so we need to honour the constitution and meet government reporting requirements.

Activities:

Six Skype meetings, average 1 per month, but actually when you take out Dec and Jan, more frequent than that.

I've emailed all the Sea Kayak networks & clubs to say hello and to check that we still have the right contacts. I have heard back from most, with a few corrections handed on to Paul for the "Sea Canoeist".

We have processed/discussed publicity brochure, web site improvements, review of the handbook, safety guidelines, representation to the National Pleasure Boat Forum (Maritime NZ)

Achievements:

Forming a committee

(We can't take credit for this Forum, that has been taken care of by Evan, Pugh, John Hesselting and John Gumbley outside the KASK committee). Thanks you to them for the work in getting you to this AGM!

We have made decisions which will flow on to outcomes – Web site rejuvenation, awards to be presented this weekend.

We have a Face book page

Aspirations:

Clear mandate from other paddle sports for our continued representation to NPBF & Water Safety NZ.

Handbook updated and promoted as a benefit to KASK members and as an important feature to meet the "objects of the society" (there are 8 "objects", listed in each newsletter).

Introduction of some structure to describe skill levels across the networks, perhaps advanced training for some who might promulgate their learning, possibly a warrant of fitness for those leading trips so that they can do so with confidence.

Coordinated application for funding to Water Safety NZ to assist with the development or assessment of skills, safety training and self assessment guidelines
Publication of a revitalised promotional brochure and revised handbook, increasing awareness of KASK through information in shops, opportunities for new members to meet and make use of their membership.