



## NATIONAL FORUM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011

<b>Location</b>	Inn on the Beach
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Incumbent HKA:</b> Dominic Digby, Chairman (DD) Martin Evans (MPE) Martin Stocks</p> <p><b>Resigned HKA:</b> Rosemary Bull Chris Bull (CB)</p> <p><b>Incoming HKA:</b> Guy Lymn, Chairman (GL) Ian Griffiths, Vice Chair (IG) Dave Parker, Treasurer (DP) Mark Clark, Secretary Luke Davies, General Committee Martin Evans, General Committee Stuart Layton HKA Members (M)</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> <b>BKSA</b> – Richard Gowers, Chairman (RG) <b>BKSA</b> – Peter Show, Vice Chairman (PS) <b>Minutes</b> – Léonie Austin</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	<a href="#">Joe Turnbull</a> , <a href="#">Ross Collingwood</a> , <a href="#">Ian Ravenshear</a> .

<b>Introductions</b>		DD welcomed everybody and introduced himself as the current Chairman of HKA. Thanking everyone for coming DD noted it was encouraging to see so many members attending to discuss the HKA issues which had been discussed in various emails and forums. DD was to lead this AGM to cover post as the stand in chair so that Minutes and other matters of business could be adopted. To go forward as a club a new committee was to be adopted and before continuing DD asked that everyone involved could be objective, polite and keep short to the point for Chris and Rosemary Bull's Proposal and Questions and Answers, after which they would leave the meeting to enable Members to consider. DD reminded the Members that the relations with the Golf Club is a two way affair and to keep this AGM cordial. DD then said that he would run through the formal points of the meeting fairly quickly in order to hand over to the new Committee. DD drew attention to the first paragraph of the Minutes of 2009 AGM regarding the key points of Club Status, Self-Regulation and Shared Liability and that matters arising from this will be taken during the course of the Meeting.		
<b>No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Action Owner</b>
<b>1</b>		<p>DD asked for a proposer for adopting the 2009 AGM Minutes: James Finch proposed Andy Johnson seconded The Minutes were adopted There is no Chairman's Report</p> <p>DD thanked Rosemary Bull for the accounts and ran through the Finance overview: See attached. The key point being a final balance of £13,997.17 as a handover balance to the new Treasurer minus costs of the AGM</p> <p>DD noted that the 2010 event outgoings had gone over budget. However, this was the first time so an experience of costings will be helpful for the next time. The proposer to adopt the Finance Report was Tamisin Ribbons Chris Ross seconded The Finance Report was adopted</p>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Committee Changes</b>	DD Gave an overview of the present Committee, commenting that Jane Smith (Governance) was uncontactable and was therefore not in attendance for this Meeting and that in view of a conflict of interest all others have stood down, those being the Chairman (Chris Bull), Treasurer (Rosemary Bull) and two social Committee members, Martin Stock and Chris Burke – who is a paid employee Chris Bull.		

		DD	<p>Will be standing down after this AGM and noted that neither himself or Martin Evans have any conflict of interest or other interest. DD will be standing down and a new Committee is needed. Enough nominees have been put forward to form a Committee:</p> <p><b>Guy Lymn</b>, as the proposed Chairman  Luke Davis, proposed  Ray Smith seconded the proposal  The vote was carried with two thirds of the floor with none against  <b>Ian Griffiths</b>, as the proposed Vice Chairman  Stuart Layton, proposed  Tom Holden seconded the proposal  All were in favour with none against  <b>Mark Clark</b>, as the proposed Secretary  Caroline Litchfield, proposed  Luke Davies seconded the proposal  This vote was carried with none against  <b>Dave Parker</b>, as the proposed Treasurer  All were in favour, none against  This is the new Committee</p>		
	<b>CBK</b>	DD	<p>Explained the background by bringing attention to the opening paragraph of the last Minutes, the self regulating basis for private land access. The beach is small and busy and there is still a need to form a managing committee. The BKSA echo this sentiment, even putting aside the issue of who owns what. Phil Elborough, Chris Bull and Rosemary Bull have been heavily involved since 2006/7 and Chris Bull has been Chairman. Fresh blood is needed and with the need to be self regulating the Committee has had enough of chasing people for rash vests. What options are there: Chris Bull proposes professional kite surfing, others would argue by way of a safety operation with open surfing access with members organising and delivering effectively to both members/users and the Golf Club. The Committee need your support for whatever happens.</p>		
	<b>HKA - Licence</b>	DD	<p>Chris Bull will take Questions and Answers for his proposal and will leave the Meeting for the members to discuss and vote on this proposal. The licence was disputed – this was outlined in an email – and hopes that everyone has read it. The licence costs £1,000 a year and runs out on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. There are only two outstanding questions to answer. A letter from Hayling Golf Club from Ian Walton asks for a proposal by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Is the new licence a yearly or 3</p>		

			year basis and is the 21 <sup>st</sup> March negotiable?		
	<b>CBK</b>	CB	<p>I would like to take the floor for a couple of minutes before taking questions. Thank you for turning up. I do feel whatever happens from this point, it can only be a good thing for Hayling. All the time I have been involved in the HKA there has never been this <i>interest</i>. Since 1999 I have run the school here. Phil Elborough and I joined forces and have always been on the committee and a HKA member, also Chairman. I work for the BKSA as an examiner, teaching people to be instructors, with the RNLI, at Brighton and Hove I run beaches and help with the control of kitesurfing to keep things safe. Why we are here – hope all of you believe I am not super rich. My number one priority is the furtherance of kitesurfing on Hayling. In 8-10 years the sport has changed dramatically, <i>Kate Ward</i> of the BKSA has a full time job delivering the kitesurfing <i>course</i> managing safety and reducing risk. I have lots of knowledge and experience over the years. While running the school Ben and I are on the beach every day. If the weather is good we control the beach and the numerous incidents to best of our ability. The Golf Club are happy with the team on the beach and we have done our best to manage and reduce the risks over the last few years. Most people come for fun with little spare time and people want to get out onto the water. This is a big club with a small beach which is our responsibility to keep safe, not just for kitesurfers but the other users feel kitesurfers have taken over the beach. Kids don't visit any more, there is a huge demand to shape up. The Golf Club doesn't have any confidence that the membership can do this. I have put together a proposal to manage the beach for children, people walking their dogs, horse riding etc, we need to keep it safe. How can we keep it safe and keep the membership happy? Minimal staff are needed from April-October on the beach at weekends. Lots of people are coming to use the beach and incur a cost. We need to bear cost and at the same time give members benefits. Two members of staff and a safety boat, first aid, flags – no one sticks to flags, nightmare things can happen. Need to step up management and stop accidents. You may argue at how the club will grow – the beach will get busier and incur cost whatever course is decided. The quad bike, boat and signs give a professional image, professionally marked up equipment. The four (<i>current</i>) flags don't do that. The ability with the quad bike is to get equipment to the beach. Can provide buoys. The No 1 responsibly is to have the beach safe and the Golf course does not believe the beach can be controlled by volunteers it has got to be controlled. I have had very little help over the years, it has been left</p>		

		<p>up to me to confront non-members to enforce HKA. I have fallen out with many in this room, asking why they should wear rash vests and why they should pay. The background to my proposal: all agree kitesurfers and the public needs protecting and the best way to take forward is a company to provide a professional service. The CKA 2009 accounts show that HKA paid a total of £6,800 safety provision.</p>		
	DD	Ok how many days is that and how much per day the safety provision has cost the club. You invoice the club for provision, Chris has always let the club know when a safety boat is out.		
	DD	Previously it was £360 a year		
	CB	Yes, it wasn't providing off-shore cover. There will be proper management for the future.		
	DD	You have said a number of things, interestingly such as reducing zone for kites on the busy beach, why pay for provision of a quad bike on a busy beach?		
	CB	There will be two runs a day to transfer equipment to set up the zone. I believe from a public point of view a professional presence provides promotes ( <i>confidence</i> ), professional people to deal with launching and rescue.		
	DD	You are only talking about the weekend and seasonal – what about the week days?		
	CB	We will be on the beach because of the school but it would be too expensive, that's why its only for the weekend.		
	DD	What is your proposal for the weekend only? Does it satisfy the landowners if anything happens during the week? What is the liability – does it satisfy the Golf Club?		
	CB	Most members of the public and kitesurfers - 15 on average – even on windy weekends it is busy and the school is operational.		
	DD	April-October every weekend?		
	CB	Yes, even if windy or not, people come and walk their dog and go home. Lots of people come from off the island, drive down, see its windy or on shore		
	DD	Actual question was about the seasonal and weekends - how may actual members would be helped if one member of staff is in the boat – who helps people on the beach?		
	CB	There are two members of staff. One is on the beach and one is in the water, they are linked by VHF.		
	DD	April to October equals 64 days providing cover for £160 before VAT - £1,250 a		

		<p>day strikes as expensive value for money to provide 2 people seems expensive... simplistic boat etc lots won't use the beach, they will go somewhere else so won't use it – why did we spend £6,160.00 on beach safety last year...  CB ... on which concrete blocks are dangerous...  M Golf Course has written to the MOD to get rid of them.  DD They [concrete blocks] are submerged and a safety issue.  CB Me and my team and we are trained well. We introduced rash vests to make it more difficult and to stand out (as a non member). It will make it more difficult in the future with staff on the beach. If I speak to people properly I have managed to turn away non-members.  DD Safety is important, how many incidents in the last 10 years, that have been reported?  CB Its what could happen.  DD Why does there need to be a change? Do we need to wait for a breaking point? Couldn't you have highlighted the issue to the committee that a solution was needed?  CB I have been asking for help for years.  M<sup>1</sup> I have only one incident and you and Skippy watched me. I emailed a report of the incident and reported the £120 cost, Skippy replied. I have not been kitesurfing since.  CB I don't remember. Did Skippy reply?  GM Yes.  DD Beach ownership. High Water to the Low Water mark is owned by the Golf Club. What happens on the water is not in question here in my view. Enforcement in launching and landing is the only area that needs attention. All your [CBK] safety etc boils down to not much more than what we have already. I suspect it [CBK] will subsidise your school and is dedicated to making money.  CB It is for weekends only [reference to beach marshals].  DD Two safety boats or one at weekends?  CB One – no paying for professional <i>back</i> management  DD The Golf Club is not liable for on the water.  CB I read in the press about kitesurfing being banned – it will happen here if it gets in the press.  DD Chris and I have dealt with the press. Maybe I am wrong, not subsidising your school – one for CBA and one for your school?  CB No, but there are independent staff</p>		
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		<p>DD What age are these staff?</p> <p>CB A minimum of 18 first, VHF and <i>in ar</i> licences, Level 2 powerboat...</p> <p>DD The shop, school and HKA activities will all be under one company?</p> <p>CB Yes</p> <p>DD If you mix all three, ie if the shop performs badly, all other accounts such as the school, will be impacted – isn't this strategy risky?</p> <p>M What about insurance?</p> <p>CB Running it through my company is less risky than volunteers...</p> <p>? The key problem is self-regulation, sailing club with conditional duties, are used to doing it, with subsidised training...</p> <p>CB? It is a big jump to full sailing beach <i>management and numbers not been asked to do any work</i></p> <p>DD I have asked the Committee to look at that, nothing came of it. I will leave that to the new Committee..</p> <p>? Average cost of a sailing club is £346.</p> <p>? <i>The Golf Club is providing a long term agreement</i></p> <p>CB The last time, providing there is a smooth transition...</p> <p>M<sup>2</sup> I have spoken to the Secretary of the Golf Club and the licence to tender is not promised to anyone. There is a nominal fee, they are not hard up for cash. Chris, you have brought the attention to the Golf Club about safety and now they are not happy. Now you have told the members and voted in a new Committee who will improve things and if all the safety measures happened and if this Committee can do a good job, people here will value that – will you withdraw your application?</p> <p>M Could someone else get the tender?</p> <p>CB Is there someone else better?</p> <p>M<sup>2</sup> If two or more bid, neither will get it, with the professional experience Chris has as the Safety Officer, he will get it.</p> <p>M<sup>1</sup> Chris has been Safety Officer and he has not brought attention of any safety problem to the members of the Committee</p> <p>DD Good question</p> <p>CB I don't think it would work on a voluntary basis..</p> <p>DD One more question and then I will hand over to the new Committee...</p> <p><b>(At this point there was a level of banter which made it difficult to record)</b></p> <p>What will you do about the duty of care to members, such as stopping non-</p>		
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		<p>members if you can't stop them launching?</p> <p>IG Valid point, Dom. If you had come here Chris and worked with us... I have planned that the HKA keep the licence and employ you as safety boat, having said that – would you get around the table with us and would you then retract your application? Can we speak about this in the next couple of day?</p> <p>CB I can't answer that at this time...</p> <p>IG Chris has said he will leave the room for the members to discuss CBK's proposition</p> <p><b><i>(At this point Dominic Digby stood down)</i></b></p> <p>IB Thank you to Rosemary and Chris Bull for everything...</p> <p>CB Could I call the floor back to finish the question?</p> <p>M Such as kite control for beginners – maybe removing them from the beach?</p> <p>CB Yes, take off beginners on to the sand bar – the sand means the equipment lasts longer...</p> <p>M Beginners can be out of control..</p> <p>M How about working outside the licence of the Golf Club?</p> <p>M HKA is working pretty well...</p> <p>M Have any of the new Committee members here been here every weekend and are they persecuting Chris because he cares?</p> <p><b><i>(At this point there was some discussion with the floor and the Committee about safety cover and a marginal cost of £2,000, also that it was used for the school)</i></b></p> <p>CB There is a benefit and bonus for the members. I am passionate about kitesurfing here. Beginners are on the sand bar – I could stop teaching and rescue someone, historically you walk to the sand bar, set up kite and then the tide turns so I thought, how brilliant it would be to do this safely.</p> <p>? We are only here to continue HKA. This is where we move forward with safety, which has only been brought up now. HKA can do this.</p> <p>CB The past two weeks I have been transparent. One time I came to the beach, there were nine people and only two were wearing rash vests. I was teaching yesterday and some people turned up with no rash vest</p> <p>M<sup>3</sup> Chris contradicts HKA – if they take over they are responsible, but the incident just provided happened only this week.</p>		
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		<p>CB Ask them..</p> <p>M I have been to the Council and the area of distinction is that the Golf Club only control the low tide line, not the sandbank which is 20° off HM Port Authority.</p> <p>CB All of us control the beach, people can legally launch round that and that's where you have a problem...</p> <p>That's not our issue... 80% of our members don't. I have had lots of support, would like a vote from the membership for a private club (<i>structure doesn't, reshuffle over 500 systems in place.</i>) Club was set up for kitesurfing with the ability to daysail...</p> <p>GL Now it's for us as a club to get the licence. Thanks Chris.</p> <p>CB</p> <p>GL Thank you for your time.</p> <p><b>The Meeting adjourned for ten minutes</b></p> <p>Introduced the new Committee and stated that Martin Evans (ME) will resume with explanation of the current HKA situation and licence renewal.</p> <p>ME</p> <p>We want to avoid a witch hunt, there is no need for this, but clearly we have to address the safety. We need to go back to the Golf Club once the Committee discusses the way forward. Safety rotas have been mentioned and this is very much on the agenda – some clubs fine £50 if members do not do their duty, that's not a bad way to do it. We must agree an extension to the time frame of presenting a proposal to the Golf Club whom I suspect will be agreeable.</p> <p>M<sup>2</sup> I will ask the Golf Club</p> <p>ME Every member has to be better at enforcing rules ie: rash vests, if they are not worn, no launching. We all have to take responsibility and to be proactive and if they don't they get suspended – slightly more forceful as we move forward. We have to assume we get the licence. For the club to go forward we need to solve problems and renew membership - stick to the rate of £25 for now – and talk to BSKA about insurance.</p> <p>RG</p> <p>ME There are some issues to get right, liabilities may be better by limited liability, we will find a better route.</p> <p>M We may need to close HKA and reform, we have £14,000 in the bank. These guys are happy to run a club on the same basis</p> <p>GL Maybe we could have a minimal increase to help the Committee, it is now quite cheap</p> <p>ME</p> <p>? It would be nice to hear the members opinion</p> <p>Yes, an increase would help</p>		
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		<p>GL ? I have a baby sitting appointment to get to – the only thing I think is relevant and the only way to keep Chris involved is to talk to him. He has got experience and connections with the Golf Club</p> <p>M One proposal is to have Chris on the beach.</p> <p>M<sup>2</sup> We have a mission to get a proposal on the Golf Club’s desk. Guy has to drive this.</p> <p>GL If the Golf Club have two applications, <i>is one money driven</i> ????</p> <p>Don’t do two...</p> <p>We must do beach zoning – lines... It looks like we can do this and not have to wind up the Club and as a Club all in this room can implement the rules. We have been blasé about the rash vests, for instance. Maybe we can change the design?</p> <p>ME</p> <p>GL We have two years supply!</p> <p>M We could lose the rights and it will be driven by Chris Bull</p> <p>M We are equally professional to the Golf Club , we have been here for years and it has been run ok</p> <p>M We have not been here longer than Chris</p> <p>It has not just been Chris</p> <p>No one can take away from Chris what he has done for the kitesurfing on the island. He is not just self-motivating. Listening to the Golf Club if there are to two proposals, all we need to do is provide safety and a couple of staff to keep non- members off the beach. Chris could set up launch and landing zones and it may or may not be useful to have a boat which could be charged on a daily or monthly basis.</p> <p>M</p> <p>RG Does the Club now qualify for funding for certain things?</p> <p>M A commercial club won’t get funding. HKA could benefit from funding and no VAT.</p> <p>RG Could we get funding for a safety boat?</p> <p>IG There is a restriction on funding. There are 17 clubs in the UK (<i>sport has ... money</i>)</p> <p>M <i>1<sup>st</sup> proposal Chris</i></p> <p>GL <i>2<sup>nd</sup> proposal Golf Club</i></p> <p>IG <i>Are HKA paying more for chris, how much cash is available?</i></p> <p><i>Proposal is for £5K divide - sorry we are not clear on what was said here!</i></p> <p>M Chris doesn’t want more upset, we want a friendly beach. We will look at a proposal for Chris, are you interested? (Note: this was addressed to the floor)</p> <p>M</p>		
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	IG	Just weekends, or for the week?		
	M <sup>2</sup>	Should we be concentrating on the licence ending? The licence for HKA.....		
	M	Keep Chris on board... it is an option. If he won't withdraw I still think you could		
	IG	get what you want		
	M	We could put safety out to tender?		
		There is no time to consider that		
	M <sup>2</sup>	Chris needs a boat for students which is a conflict of interest. The whole point		
	M	of HKA is that insurance is for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party only. There is no need for a boat. Chris		
	GL	has put his views across for the first time		
		Chris has put a professional tender		
	M	Chris has not been providing professional safety		
	RG	He needs to show he can do it professionally – we can outsource safety, or Chris		
		or ourselves can do it		
	M	We can provide manpower, he has the boat		
	M	Regarding the boat, no club in the UK has a boat. If schools have a boat they		
	?	charge people as they are picked up		
	M	The main danger is on the beach, not the water		
	IG	Are their guidelines on the HKA website about rash vests?		
		You can't touch anyone, it is classed as assault..		
	PS	Could you clarify this, who do you phone or talk to?		
		I spoke to Richard about what our club wasn't doing before – we need to log it		
	ME	and report to the Golf Club and cover ourselves like that		
		Sounds like allocation is pre requisite – the key priority. We need to address		
		risk and the nuts and bolts are important. We can deal with this		
	M	Heath and Safety issues... we have direct contact with Keith with the Golf Club...		
	M?	we need to boil it down to something more simple, if you can get back to us		
		The Golf Club want us to prove we can do it		
	M	The main safety is the beach – Havant banned us		
	GL	Needs a by-law to ban it?		
	?	<i>(got a bit confused above)</i>		
	ME	Does Chris have a separate licence to teach?		
	M	Through HKA		
	GL	Still to be invited to teach within the HKA		
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		?	Does HKA have a risk assessment?		
		IG	Was one drawn up?		
			We need to look at that, we know about the problem		
			Richard (Gowers) knows about the risk assessment. I have got a copy. I can		
		?	get a risk assessment of the beach free of charge		
			We need a show of hands to <i>let ? and call a number to solve?</i> and have another		
		GL	meeting in a few weeks time to move this forward		
		M			
		GL	We have no rights over Chris' business, he has a separate licence		
		IG	The two will overlap, it needs resolving		
			Yes		
		M	We need to vote on an agreement of letting the Committee move forward and		
		RG	whether to keep Chris involved		
		?	Surely we need to look at costs first and then move forward?		
		IG	You have got to give your Committee authority to work on your behalf		
		M	We can't have a meeting to decide spending on everything		
			We must ask the members if they are in agreement		
		ME	We have flags		
		M			
		ME	We will keep membership informed		
		M	We could put the fees up		
		IG	Could make it £50 to give more money for the Committee to work with.		
			<b><i>(At this point there was a discussion around the room)</i></b>		
			Before we wrap up, Pete (Shaw) and Richard (Gowers) here of BKSA, will talk to		
			you as we have had no handover of the insurance arrangement, but now we		
		RG	have a new Committee we can get organised with a risk assessment and a		
			constitution		
			You are affiliated to us and have a rolling membership. These guys are in the		
			front line, but you have cover. <i>(there is a kickback of £5 from BKSA</i>		
			<i>membership fees – 28 goes to BKSA and £5 goes to the club) Hayling Island</i>		
			<i>system. Hayling Island is the biggest club in the UK and we are still working on</i>		
			<i>a system. Dom said everyone joined in April and had a rash vest of the same</i>		
			<i>colour for the year, that's great but not if you want to join for half a year. We</i>		
		ME	<i>will still give back £5.</i>		
		M			
		GL	£15K back		

		<p>M Didn't realise that BKA is behind us (HKA) We will let the members know before we have a meeting</p> <p>GL 1<sup>st</sup> date licence renewal – I didn't realise these issues and that we are the M biggest UK club and that the vast majority of members are not behind Chris You need to give us an authority to tender for the licence There is a risk with a private company with high costs, the risk will go up as GL people will kitesurf around after a year, Chris is not up to scratch</p> <p>IG M<sup>2</sup> What term should we try for the licence – as long as we can get MC Maybe Keith can help with that ? Email me and I will reply by email I will be in charge. Send to me at the HKA info email address, we can all see it With regard to the proposal to the Golf Club, this is what we are going to do: IG take safety out to tender, don't mention Chris as this will give more credibility to M Chris</p> <p>IG That's why he needs to retract his plan M What about the other members' votes? M If they are interested, they should be here M That's unfair GL If they can make it to kitesurf..... Do any of the Committee members have a conflict of interest?</p> <p>IG I am the only one, I used to teach, but not now. I lived in Hayling Island and M now live in Southsea IG We all stepped into others shoes to deal with this M Crisis management? Yes. Chris had a commercial interest</p> <p>RG The 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance – the allowance – did Chris come to you for that? (<i>not M sure of the answer to that – maybe BKSA can throw some light on that</i>) RG Chris approached our broker behind our backs ME Behind your back? Yes I don't think Chris meant to do anything nasty, he needed it for his business and GL I don't think this type of language is acceptable. Insurance brokers are not the BKSA's or anyone organisations unique property. M Just two more questions! <b>(At this point order was reinstated)</b></p>		
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	<p>GL ME M PS M M GL ME</p>	<p>The proposal has to be put in by 21<sup>st</sup> March, when you find out, will you call another meeting?  We will call another meeting or email to see what members want  We all think Chris is costing in other issues (into his annual fee)  Is there anything stopping the public right of way walking through the safety areas such as launching areas?  We can't ask the public, we need to define liability and manage that situation  Bracklesham Bay has been through the whole thing, the council manage it with warnings for the public . It could be a standard to follow  Is there a list of attendees?  If we haven't said already, there is a list of people, everyone signed in when they arrived.</p> <p>A proposal has been circulated and is as follows (the proposal was then read out):</p> <p>Thanks to Dom, Chris &amp; Rosemary for the voluntary work they've put in to the club over the years,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ we've avoided any serious safety issues</li> <li>○ maintained good relationships with our land owner (golf club)</li> <li>○ future prospects for kiting on Hayling are good</li> <li>○ Club coffers are healthy (as we've heard we have something like £14k in the bank after a few exceptional items of expenditure during last year (Kite Jam, winch, etc etc)</li> <li>○ Web site has been established and membership renewal dates and arrangements with BKSA aligned to make the administration for the future much easier</li> </ul> <p>Having heard Chris &amp; Rosemary's proposal for a commercial version of the club (and thanks to them for the time, effort and thought they've put in to this), we'd like to make the case for the alternative route (Chris has always accepted it is our right to do this of course).</p> <p>There is a strong feeling we believe from a sizeable part of our membership that we should keep the HKA in its current form but strengthen the committee so it is run on behalf of the members by the members. The key to allowing this to happen is of course being able to agree the extension of the license with the golf club. So the new committee is looking for the AGM's support to take the following actions:</p>		
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		<p>using it for a Chris Bull type proposal).</p> <p><b>Dispose of any assets the club has that we can't house or store or that we feel are not central to the clubs operation</b></p> <p><b>Put the club's structure in order,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Agree and put in place a constitution &amp; other documentation to minimise members risk against a claim should an accident occur (we feel this is a problem with current club status)</b></li> <li>○ <b>Ensuring with have the right insurances etc.</b></li> <li>○ <b>We intend to work with the BKSA's to deliver a number of these</b></li> </ul> <p><b>We will commit to keep the membership informed by email on all issues as we go forward.</b></p> <p>This will require a lot of support, we have a short time to resolve safety with the golf club but we believe this can be done and so we now need a clear level of support from you here on behalf of our members. We will keep in regular contact via news emails but in particular over the next days and weeks as the key issues are resolved.</p> <p>Any questions on this proposal?? None raised.</p> <p><b>Vote to accept this proposed route: show of hands in favour and then against.</b></p> <p><b>Result was a unanimous vote in favour and so this proposal was accepted.</b></p> <p><b><i>(At this point the meeting was called to an end)</i></b></p>		
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