

Chairman's report

Results of recent survey

Thank you to all of you who took part. We had a high level of response and I'm pleased to report that very similar to the vote at the EGM, 71% of your votes were supporting the committee's recommendations – we are now mandated to represent all kitesurfing interests on Hayling and we will endeavour to promote and support both locations equally.

The HKA's objectives are:

To be the voice of kitesurfing for the whole kitesurfing community on Hayling. That includes:

- On-going negotiations with the Council to keep open access locations for kitesurfing on Hayling Island
- We have a voice with Hayling Golf Course (HGC) and the management of West Beach with CBK
- A collective contribution on behalf of all kitesurfers with HGC & CBK to ensure facilities and costs are kept at optimum levels to meet kite surfers & land owner requirements
- To be ready to step-in if the need arises to pick-up the licence with HGC to keep West Beach available to our members
- Free advice on locations, website, weather reports & advance suggestions
- Beach demos of latest kit
- Social events
- Discount deals with various local suppliers (some excellent deals already secured)
- Funding for facilities as and when required

AGM Decision, Membership costs & BKSA Affiliation:

We propose the joining fee for 2012 is £5.00. As a BKSA affiliated club, all our members are required to be BKSA members and the HKA gets a £5.00 rebate direct from the BKSA once you join and tick the HKA box as your local club. So for the coming year, no additional fee will be payable, simply joining the BKSA and ticking the HKA club box will be sufficient.

We have a revised constitution to provide a more up-to-date and appropriate set of rules for approval at the AGM. Details have been posted on the HKA web site.

- Havant Borough Council is very anxious to ensure all kitesurfers on Hayling are fully insured. So all users of either of the approved launch sites should ensure they are HKA members and so are fully insured.
- CBK are proposing to make HKA membership a requirement of CBK membership. This is a positive development, and would mean that all kitesurfers on Hayling are members of the BKSA, with the same BKSA arranged insurance which also covers the HKA club officials.
- We will be taking further advice on the status of the club now that the organisation is in a more stable situation. If we are recommended to change (for example to a club limited by guarantee), we will report back to members in the coming months with a recommendation.

HKA Committee

At the EGM in November 2011 a number of changes were voted on for the committee. The current committee is as follows and as normal, **all posts are up for re-election at the AGM:**

Martin Evans, Chairman.

- Founder member of Hayling Beachsailors back in the late 80's.
- Chairman of International Mistral Class Organisation (IMCO GB) and then Chairman of IMCO International
- Took up kitesurfing a few years ago and joined the HKA
- Elected as an HKA Committee member at the AGM in April 2009
- Elected by the committee as Chairman in May 2011

Caroline Litchfield, Secretary

- Caroline has been kitesurfing since April 2004 and prior to that as a child she was an international competitive sailor representing GB at many events.
- While sailing she was an active member and under 30 representative in the House committee at Hayling Island Sailing Club.
- Having qualified as an Osteopath, Caroline decided to "live her dream" and set up a clinic in Hayling Island so that she can get on the water as often as possible.
- You can find her kite surfing on Hayling when the wind is up and the clinic is closed!

David Robertson, Communications Manager & Web Designer.

- Recently taken over the role to revamp the site and branding, as well as handle all emails and social media.
- Been hooked on kiting since university where he took up landboarding.
- After Uni he has been well and truly a kitesurfer and a member of the HKA for a good few years and recently moved down to Hayling to make the most of this unique spot.
- An experienced freelance graphic designer and marketing manager and currently working for Surface2AirSports (www.s2as.com). Also an experienced instructor for CBK on Hayling.

Develops the HKA site and branding and answers all of your emails and questions.

Bill Mason, Treasurer

- Long-time windsurfer and more recently kitesurfer
- Hayling resident for many years
- Accountant by training (hence the post!)

Gez Glover – Council liaison

- Negotiated details for Lancing kite beach with the local council & the BKSA
- Recently moved to Hayling and agreed to join and work with the HKA

Lou Mason – Non HKA member, seconded to assist with Council liaison

- A fanatical windsurfer
- Lou is married to Bill who has partially turned to the dark side (although still reverts to a windsurfer when it's howling!). Lou has known Coral (Beachlands) for many years and has agreed to help us liaise with Coral and the Council working with Gez.

All the above are offering themselves for re-election. If you are willing to join the committee and put in some effort for the club we'd be pleased to hear from you by **1st March**. There are many things to be done – outlines of the plans for the year ahead are available separately (secretary's report). Meetings are now held every 2 months – email is our preferred method of communication between the committee members and also with our wider membership.