

*Kernow Kitesurf Club (KKC) – Annual General Meeting 2025*

*Date & Time: 27th March 2025 @ 19:30*

*Venue: The St. Ives Brewery Tap Room*

*Chairman: Neil Harper*

*Secretary: Simon Crabb*

## **1.0 Introductions and Apologies**

### *1.1 Introduction from the Chairman*

The Chairman, Neil Harper, welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a brief introduction.

22 members were recorded as present and thanked for making the effort to attend.

### *1.2 Apologies from Committee Members*

Apologies were received from Alex Simmonds, Beach Representative for Crantock and Fistral.

## **2.0 Membership Update**

### *2.1 General Membership Update*

The Chairman confirmed that the club currently has 182 members. This represents a drop of approximately 18–20 members from the previous year. However, the reduction is in line with broader BKSA membership trends nationally.

### *2.2 Accounts Update*

The Treasurer, Lawrence Smith, reported that the current bank balance stands at £9,003—down £183 from the previous year. The reduction was attributed to lower Bluff pass sales and a decrease in income from the BKSA due to reduced membership numbers.

## **3.0 Beach Reps General Updates**

### *3.1 Marazion and Long Rock*

No major concerns were raised. It was agreed to repeat previous years' advice against kiting at high tide due to safety concerns. The need for new signage was noted, and it was suggested that the club approach Ludgvan Parish Council. (Process started)

### *3.2 Bluff – Godrevy*

No specific concerns were highlighted. However, it was agreed that additional updated signage should be installed at the Bluff Car Park.

### *3.3 Perranporth – Perran Sands*

No issues were raised. It was noted that existing access permissions had been relaxed during the winter months without objection.

### *3.4 Crantock and Fistral*

No specific update was provided.

### *3.5 Watergate Bay*

The club reported no awareness of any specific concerns in this area.

### *3.6 Daymer Bay and Hawkers Cove*

No specific issues were reported. Summer restrictions will remain as in previous years.

### *3.7 Par and Surrounding Areas*

There is currently no beach representative for this area. The meeting noted the absence of East Coast members and invited the community to suggest a representative following the meeting. Interested parties should contact the Chairman.

## **4.0 General Club Updates**

### *4.1 Bluff Pass Subsidies & Pricing*

The Chairman raised the idea of increasing Bluff pass prices, noting the higher costs of kiting elsewhere in the UK. Three motions were proposed:

1. To increase Bluff pass costs for KKC members.
2. To increase costs for BKSA members.
3. To increase costs for those with other third-party insurance.

All three motions were put to a vote. Members voted to retain the current pricing structure, recognising the primary aim of the scheme as safeguarding access to the Bluff, rather than generating income.

### *4.2 Bluff Pass Operating Costs*

Operating costs were confirmed as £600 paid to the Harbour Master, with an additional £300 for processing Bluff passes.

### *4.3 Training Subsidies*

It was unanimously agreed to continue the existing subsidy scheme, offering a £20 contribution to KKC members towards beginner or intermediate lessons with local instructors. This will be publicised via mailshot and on the KKC Facebook page.

### 4.4 2025 Events

Peter Stephens proposed the following events for the coming year:

1. A repeat of the Big Air Clinic, which received excellent feedback in the previous year.
2. A burger night and clinic event, potentially including a pack-down tutorial.
3. A new "Jam First" event: a casual kiting meet-up during a windy day within a one-month window, followed by a social gathering.
4. King of the Lake – A wind-driven race competition on 17th–18th May, inspired by the previous year's King of the Roads. A £200 subsidy was approved by vote.
5. A repeat of the first aid training series, to be delivered by Steve Bowen or other qualified first aid instructors with water safety experience.

### 4.5 Clothing and Rash Vests

The Chairman and Club Secretary will send the club logo to a local supplier. Once arrangements are made, clothing options will be advertised to members via mailshot and Facebook. (Process started)

## 5.0 Election of Club Committee Members

All current committee members were re-elected at the meeting:

5.1 Chairman – Neil Harper

5.2 Vice-Chairman – Matt Taylor

5.3 Treasurer – Lawrence Smith

5.4 Child Safety Officer – Lawrence Smith

5.5 Club Secretary – Simon Crabb

5.6 Beach Safety Officer – Nic Costa

5.7 Events Officer – Peter Stephens

5.85 BKSA Representative – Peter Stephens

## 6.0 Election of Beach Representatives

6.1 Marazion and Long Rock – Angus Tobey

6.2 Bluff – Godrevy – Neil Harper

6.3 Perranporth – Perran Sands – Rory Jenkins

6.4 Watergate Bay – Mike Perry

6.5 Daymer Bay and Hawkers – Post vacant

6.6 Par and Surrounding Areas – Post vacant

## 7.0 Any Other Business

7.1 KKC Facebook Page & Communication

Concerns were raised that the KKC Facebook page is underused, especially by younger members who favour other platforms. The Vice-Chairman noted a significant amount of time is spent managing spam. It was agreed to supplement Facebook posts with regular mailshots updating members on benefits and upcoming events.

7.2 Water Quality & Environmental Advocacy

A discussion was held about supporting water quality monitoring. Members were encouraged to adopt the Safer Seas and Rivers Service system. It was agreed that the Chairman and Club Secretary would write to the local MP expressing concerns on behalf of the club, particularly highlighting the exposure of kitesurfers to stormwater discharges during adverse conditions.

## 8.0 Close of Meeting

The meeting was formally closed.