



Charity Number 1035938
Minutes AGM 4th November 2015
1930hrs Royal Hotel Woolacombe

Apologies: Lisa Davies, Keith Gammon, Carolyn Devine, Sean Deasy, Scoob Lark, Summer Whiteley and Jenny Craig

Present: Robbie Lamb, Jason Smith, Lindsay Allix, Don Duffield, Nicola Oliver, Nathalie Sayer, Jon Ward, James Hood, Michelle Ward, Sam Hood, Dan Halsey, Freddie Hedger, Cookie, Charles Easy, Mike Horstead, Nic Whittaker, Dee Thorn, Michelle Gammon, Jess Szymankiez, Annette Deasy, Mandy Greening, Niall Deasy and Rob Greening.

Cookie (president) opened the meeting by addressing those present and said what a fantastic season the club has had in 2015. The success has been dual aspect one of competitive success and one of teaching of skills for Lifeguarding. Freddie (Club Captain) followed this up by saying thank you to everyone and that he feels the club is back on track and should aim to win at Seniors next year and regain our crown of “Super club”.

Previous Minutes: Don proposed they were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Cookie seconded this. Everyone happy that they are a true record.

Chairman’s Report:

Nicola reported another great year for Woolacombe Surf Life Saving Club, and thanked all our members for helping to maintain our fantastic club. Particular thanks of course go to the management committee, who give up their time behind the scenes to make sure everything is ticking along smoothly. Our secretary, Nathalie Sayer, once again took on even more tasks this year, so a huge thanks to Nathalie. Mandy Greening, our treasurer has done a great job keeping our accounts up to date; sadly standing down to take on a role with the nipper section.

Thanks of course to our fantastic section reps, who run such brilliant sections, in particular Michelle Gammon, who has continued to build the nipper section with great success, and to all the parents who stepped up this year to take do coaching and lifeguard courses so that our sessions are safe and our young people continue to gain skills and confidence. Thanks to Helen Roberts, who has continued to provide admin back up to keep our youth section going despite the lack of a youth rep this year. The success of the youth team has been remarkable again; thanks to a fantastic team of

coaches who have all played an important part in training them. Too many to mention here!

The biggest innovation this year has been from Mike Horstead, who stepped up last year to become our Safety Officer. Thanks to his knowledge and organisation, the coaches have been able to relax and spend their time coaching instead of worrying about the safety aspect of our sessions.

A big thankyou also to the many young people who have stepped up this year to take a greater role in coaching and organising. Lily Nichols helped kick the year off in the pool, passing on her skills and knowledge to the youth; and Scooby Lark, Sean Deasy and Freddie Hedger have lead the way in the summer; helping to coach and taking on team managing roles. It is great to see these young people coming through!

Treasurers Report: (Attached)

Mandy reported healthy balances in the accounts this year from training fees, this has supplemented grants and allowed kit purchases. The current account has a working balance of £11,500. There needs to be a stock list of everything the club owns as this is an asset of the club and should be recorded in the accounts. Equipment should be better maintained due to the initial costs of purchasing it and everything should be clearly marked. There is an outstanding ferry voucher, which needs to be handed back to the club or sold to a club member as it expires this year.

The large balance in the club hut account is not getting any interest; we should look at moving it to get a better rate.

Dan asked how does the kit/equipment account grow? Through clothing sales and grants, but there is currently no fundraising officer. Dan enquired on the long-term fundraising plans for the club as he has approached two local business and they would be happy to consider giving a grant/donation to the club. This year, the club has paid Rob Barnes 10% of any grant awarded if he has filled in the application; this has worked well although not ideal.

James asked if the club has been able to move forward with a more permanent hut for the future. Nicola and Wayne have met with Sue and Alan Black from Parkin Estates and they feel it isn't a viable option after the storms and high tides. Robbie reported the RNLI are moving closer to having more permanent premises on the beach and they would possibly team up with the club.

Cookie reported the Scout Hut might be redeveloped in the next 12 months so the club will have to look for another home for the kit stored there. The clubhouse is currently stored in a field owned by Parkin Estate.

Nipper Report: It has been another great year this year and the section continues to grow. 9 parents have their level 1 coaching award and Keith is hoping to run a level 2 awards next year. Michelle thanked Scott and Angela for their support with the beach training, and all the parents and coaches who have helped and supported her this year. Michelle will be standing

down as Nipper Rep. Nicola thanked Michelle for everything she has done for the Nipper section and reflected on how the section has developed under her leadership.

Youth Report: Sam has recently taken over as the Youth Admin Rep; she thanked Helen for all her hard work. The section had a great representation at all the competitions this year including the Junior European Championships held in Spain and well done to Summer and Olivia for their GB selection.

Senior Report: Freddie and James reported the section had worked well as a team this year with the girl's team getting great results in the pool and the boy's team on the beach (only 1 girl able to take part in the beach competition). The club sent a team to the Senior European Inter clubs in Wales.

Masters Report: Rob said it was great!! Jon feels we need to encourage more participation; Jon is happy to help with swim training and will speak to Keith and Carolyn about craft training.

Devon Region: Don reported this is a meeting of all the Devon Clubs. The Region would like less sport and more Life Saving.

Devon Sports: James and Don reported this is a small group of people who do a lot of work; they are on the look out for new members to keep it strong. They are all volunteers. Woolacombe is responsible for the IT surrounding all completions. This is a very big job.

Safety Officer: Rob has managed to get lots of DBS checks carried out this year.

Equipment Officer: No report sent by Andy. He is stepping down.

Awards: Annette reported the Lifeguard course is going well and the exam will be this year. James is hoping the other awards will be carried out in September in the future.

Membership Numbers this year:

Total

Masters 81 (including non competing parents)

Seniors 2

Youth 37

Nippers 93

Limpets 27

2nd club members 3

Insurance: There will be extra costs next year, as we are not fully covered by the SLSGB insurance. This will have a cost impact for the club. All the SLSGB info is on their website. Day membership forms need to be filled out

for all non-members when joining in club activities. Jon is looking into the gaps in the insurance cover we have.

Committee Resigns. New committee is elected (see attached list)

Membership: James said the discussions have been going on for 12 months now and we should make a decision. Insurance and clubhouse costs need to be factored in. Don has spoken to other clubs to see what they do. Saunton are going to change to monthly payments. Gyllingvase charge £120 per year in three instalments, St. Ives charge less for membership, but more for training. It was suggested that if we charged £120 per year to include membership and training payable in monthly instalments, we would be in line with many other clubs. Chelle ward asked if members would pay more by going over to monthly payments? James replied “no” as the whole idea is to divide our normal costs over twelve months (SLSGB membership is going up this year). Nicola said Seniors and Masters would not be included in this at present as they are often away and don’t train at the leisure centre. Jon suggested pay over 6 months, Lindsay Allix said we need to keep it simple and pay over 12 months.

Jason suggested 2 memberships. Direct debit for 12 months and then a one off payment (50% of the annual payment) for those who are only joining for the summer. Nicola feels it needs to be a system that is easier for the majority, there will always be special cases and these members can speak to Don or their Rep to discuss this.

Proposal: Approx £10 (probably less) per month per child for membership and training. Competition fees are to be separate. Those who join for the summer only, will pay 50% of the total annual amount, but in one instalment.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

Meeting closed at 2140hrs

