



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Club held at the Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, South Devon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2014.

The Club President opened the meeting at 12:00 pm (90 in attendance).

1. APOLOGIES:

The Churcher family, Dave Grover, Ivan Burton, The Wallace family

2. MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed as a true and correct record.

Proposed by: James Timmis

Seconded by: Simon Courtman

3. MATTERS ARISING:

The only matter arising was a request to send minute of the AGM and invite to Nicholas Johnson, the new owner of Bantham Beach

4. OFFICERS REPORT:

1. Chairman's Report:

The following report was given by Peter Miles:

Well, yet another year has passed and once again I believe we can look back with some satisfaction on how things have turned out.

I am sure the forthcoming Officers Reports will set out in more detail how the club has performed, so I will not steal their thunder; but I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have contributed and been involved for their sterling efforts in supporting and running the Club. In particular all those who undertake the vast amount of work behind the scenes deserve my vote of thanks for without their efforts we would not exist as we do today.

As is always the case with voluntary organisations we face a constant challenge to ensure that we achieve our goals and maintain long term stability. I believe that this can only be accomplished where we have access to a broad range of people that can provide their time and expertise whether this is from a Lifeguard keeping people in the water or on the beach safe from harm down to your humble Chairman!

It is clear that we have been very successful in the areas of training and competitions and my congratulations to those who took part and to the trainers and helpers.

A big thank you goes to those who have dedicated their time to patrolling on Sundays. I personally believe this is the backbone of our existence and the Committee is constantly mindful that the, sometimes limited, resources that we have available are used to the utmost advantage and this will certainly be the case for the 2015 season and beyond.

It is vital to ensure that we try and maintain a solid foundation of experienced and up and coming patrolling members so that we can continue to provide Sunday patrols and from that will come all the other benefits that we currently enjoy as a strong and long established Club. This is your Club so please make the most of what it can provide.

I am proud to have been a member of the Club over the last 21 years and for the various parts that I have been able to play in the past and will continue to be as supportive as possible for the future.

Thank you again and I trust you will enjoy the rest of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Peter Miles for his report.

#### Club Captain's Report:

The Club Captain, Liam Krige read out the following report:

Good afternoon all. I should start by saying that this will be a fairly short report, that said there are a few requests I have of the membership which will become clear in just a minute.

Patrolling - Every year the club sets up an agreement of sorts with the RNLI to patrol the beaches on a Sunday. This is done in a volunteering capacity. We are the only club to fully commit to Sunday patrols under our own capacity. Other clubs have tried to match us but generally lose steam a year in. Over the years we have managed to maintain this legacy and this is primarily down to a few members committing a lot of time and effort. 2014 has proven to be one of the toughest years so far. Not only is lifeguarding evolving, but more pressure is being applied to Bantham to ensure that it lines up with current RNLI requirements.

What does this mean? In 2013 when I took over captaincy I put a plan in place to try and spread the workload. This worked really well in some areas however still relied on the commitment of the members to lifeguarding. 2014 saw us struggle to implement that again due primarily to the commitment of adequate numbers of lifeguards.

In summary the club volunteer lifeguards for 2014 did an outstanding job as always dealing with a cardiac trauma early in the season as well as some notable rescues. However the main point is we struggled and although I would love to say we have achieved our targets, the truth is we did so by the skin of our teeth.

So for 2015 we have come up with a slightly more robust plan. We have reduced our patrolling commitment to coincide with the RNLI peak season, but increasing our commitment to producing more qualified lifeguards. This plan will only work if we have the support of the club and its lifeguards.

My final point is that it was always my intention to stay on as captain for 2 years. In those 2 years I have not achieved the goals I would have liked but hopefully have installed a plan along with the committee that will see the progression of Sunday patrols. I will therefore be standing down from the captain's role and leave in the capable hands of the future committee. I will still be involved in the club as much as time allows and look forward to seeing you all over the summer.

The Chairman thanked the Captain for his report.

2. Treasurer's report:

A copy of the Audited Accounts as prepared by the Hon Treasurer, Mark Taylor was presented to the members present and the following report read out.

The club is in good financial health and has a sustainable financial model. During the year club funds increased by £5,437 compared to a reduction of £542 in the previous year. Although income reduced it was more than countered by a reduction in training costs and the fact that the IRB championships in Bournemouth fell just outside the financial year. The winter storms, were a good reminder of why we need to maintain appropriate reserves and it is likely that we will have to expend funds on further club house maintenance early in the current financial year. As a result of the years performance the Clubs general fund stands at £12,605 which represents approximately 8 months costs and we have £22,000 in designated reserves for equipment and maintenance.

This is the end of my second year as treasurer and I now have a good understanding of the clubs cash requirements. I will therefore look to see if we can improve investment receipts by some longer term investment of circa £25,000 of the £36,200 cash reserves.

Membership fees are able to be retained at the same level as last year, however, it is imperative that these are paid promptly otherwise members are not insured and will be unable to take part in club activities.

The AGM is held only 7 weeks after year end and I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Anne Platt A.C.M.A. who has inspected the report and accounts promptly and without charge.

The accounts were accepted as a true and accurate record of 2013 activities.

Proposed by: Mr Stewart

Seconded by: Esther Pearson

The Chairman thanked Mark for his excellent accounts and report.

3. Gear Steward:

Dave Grover sent his apologies, the secretary read out his report:

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the AGM , as I will be in the British Virgin Island.

Gear Stewards report.

- Generally the Club Kit is in good condition.
- We will need to purchase several new rescue mals for Surf Lifeguard Training.
- Four of the much used foamies will need replacing.
- Currently looking at options for foam training mals as last years two purchases are already damaged.
- We have just purchased two new Racing mals for competing on next year.

The Chairman thanked the Gear Steward for his efforts in 2014.

4. Coxswain's report:

The following report was given by Jason Jackson:

Operations

- Safety cover for Burgh Island swims

- Rescues.

#### Maintenance

- IRB is in good order, flat packed and stored away till next season.
- Engines: Will be serviced and stored for the winter months.

#### Competition

- IRB competitions motivate the IRB crews to train and develop their skills.
- 2014 Bantham won 10 out of 16 titles at the nationals, a great effort!

#### Future plans

- Build a strong core of club members that are IRB qualified.
- Inject new blood into the Bantham IRB team.
- Continue to ensure Bantham is a force to be reckoned with in IRB racing.

The Chairman thanked the Coxswain for his report.

#### 5. Secretary:

The secretary read out the following report:

Firstly a big thank you goes out the Thurlestone Hotel for once again hosting our AGM. Thanks must also go the committee, lifeguards, coaches, trainers, parent helpers, parents, youth and nipprs for an another safe and enjoyable season.

Some stats from the season

- Sunday beach users 8500
- Volunteer lifeguard hours 520
- Assists 17
- Rescues 5
- Minor first aid 38
- Major First aid 3 (including one fatality)

Membership totals for this year taken from SLSGB MIS database:

Seniors - 61

Youths - 45

Nipprs - 77

Social – 4

Total – 187 – (221 in 2013)

Compared to last year's numbers membership has remained healthy - Nipper and Youth numbers are stable, but there has been a slight rise in Senior membership; this is due to an increase in the number of parents assisting as Trainers / helpers, or signing up to qualify as Surf Lifeguard. This has offset a decline in the numbers of RNLI personnel who, although members of SLSGB have not renewed their club membership.

Open day fell on the only wild and windy Sunday of the summer so after everyone's hard work, just managed to break even.

The club supported a local pub to pub aquathon on the tail end of a hurricane on the same day which raised additional well needed funds! The vent will be run again next year and we hope will become a major fundraiser for the club

We did the black tie ball again this year in glorious sunshine, and had a beautiful evening. Many thanks to Robbie from Lidstones Butchers, Mark Taylor for beautiful lobsters and the Sloop, for their continued support.

Thank you to all the nipper and youth trainers and helpers, Ivan, Tony, Jonah, Sarah, Jo, Simon, Donna, Ian, Peitrus, Ella, Jess, Simon, to mention a few, your hard work resulted in 90 youth and over 50 level 1, 2 and 3 surf life-saving awards attained.

We ran 4 afternoon junior lifeguard sessions this year for over 55 children from the waiting list.

Behind the scenes, thanks to the committee members who continue to ensure we stay in a good financial position, and manage the membership.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary for his Report.

#### 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Peter Miles took over the chairman's role momentarily to invite David Grose, to stand again as President as Proposed by Peter Miles and Seconded by Mark Taylor.

The Chairman then referred to the nominations already circulated for the other officers there having been no other nominations received in accordance with the Club Constitution:

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Nominee:</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
<i><u>President</u></i>	David Grose	Peter Miles	Mark Taylor
<i><u>Chairman</u></i>	Peter Miles	Peter Lawrence	Mark Taylor
<i><u>Captain</u></i>	Peter Lawrence	Jason Jackson	Ivan Burton
<i><u>Vice-Captain</u></i>	David Pascoe	Pete Lawrence	Tony Millar
<i><u>Hon. Secretary</u></i>	Richard Gowers	Donna Timmis	James Timmis
<i><u>Hon. Treasurer</u></i>	Mark Taylor	Peter Miles	Tony Millar
<i><u>Gear Steward</u></i>	David Grover	Peter Miles	Jason Jackson
<i><u>Coxswain</u></i>	Jason Jackson	Ivan Burton	David Pascoe
<i><u>Committee (1)</u></i>	Tony Millar	Peter Lawrence	Jo Lawrence
<i><u>Committee (2)</u></i>	David Payne	Dave Grover	Kevin Rowe
<i><u>Committee (3)</u></i>	Esther Pearson	James Timmis	Donna Timmis

Proposed by: James Timmis

Seconded by: Esther Pearson

All nominations were passed on a show of hands.

The Chairman thanked all the Officers for stepping up in 2015 to undertake these important roles.

#### 6. PRESENTATIONS:

President David Grose was invited to present the awards on behalf of the Club.

The following Bantham SLSC members have either passed their Beach Lifeguard Award this year or are nominated for volunteer lifeguard, youth or nipper of the year or generally require a special mention.

Each nominee is named and the reason for their nomination listed. The winner will be picked from the shortlist.

#### RNLI Volunteer Lifeguard of the Year

- Loic Doison – Successfully Trained a teams of 6 senior lifeguards some of whom have committed to club patrolling!

#### Rookie Lifeguard of the year

- Pete Mogridge – Great commitment to volunteer patrolling
- Holy Norris – A great first season for the club and the RNLI

#### Surf Lifeguard Awards

Congratulations to the class of 2014: -

Ross Porter, David Payne, Jacob Seldon, Ben Simpson, Nick Triggol, Lilly Ross, Tilly Durant, Georgie Niblett, Sam Sheridan, Luke Prokopiou, Donna Timmis

#### Boy and Girl Youth of the Year to be selected from:

- Meg Niblett – Serious fun, ball of positive energy - overall
- Emily Bush – Great team player
- Alice Kellet – Superb in the water, great attitude
- Will Austin – Another ‘Stella’ year, on it.
- Finn Thomas – Superb athlete and team player
- George Bush – Committed to his training and shows initiative

#### Boy and Girl Nipper of the Year to be selected from:

##### Dark Blue

- Harry Durant – Great team player, superb waterman
- Finn Timmis – Strong and committed
- Jake Smith – Great 1<sup>st</sup> season, got stuck in
- Ava Courtman – Delightful, committed and into absolutely everything. - overall
- Rosie Lawrence – Great team player, athlete and always volunteering
- Neve Millar – Great 1<sup>st</sup> Season, smiley and full of energy

##### Red

- Sammy Stewart – Always 100% effort, an excellent team player.
- Sol Thomas – Ball of energy, great waterman
- Henry Blake – Fantastic team player and trustworthy
- Izzy Courtman – Reliable and always smiling
- Chloe Bayliss – great 1<sup>st</sup> season, got stuck in
- Grace Kellet – Great attitude to getting involved

Light Blue

- Milo Clover –Enthusiastic and good listener
- Oliver Mason - Solid fist season, always willing to get stuck in
- Sonny Courtman – Always willing to try and give it his best
- Tabitha Jenkins – Enthusiastic and keen
- Rosie Timmis – Positive and team player
- Laura Derry – A great team player and always positive

Age group winners of the Club Champs were

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>Juniors</b>	Will Austin	Emily Lawrence
<b>Dark Blue Nippers</b>	Henry Phillips	Rosie Lawrence
<b>Red Nippers</b>	Izzy Courtman	Sol Thomas
<b>Light blue Nippers</b>	Zoe Durant	Sonny Courtman

Bantham SLSC win 10 Gold Medals at the British IRB Championships

The team of volunteer lifeguards from Bantham Surf Life Saving club have won 10 of the 16 British titles at the Surf Life Saving GB Inshore Rescue Boat Championships held at Bournemouth in October 2014.

The team of; Pete Lawrence, Jason Jackson, Liam Krige, Dave Pascoe, Kate Berridge, Holly Molesworth, Andy Hollands, and Lewis Durant swept the board in all but 2 of the races they entered!

Pete and JJ, brought bring home the masters rescue tube, mass rescue and single titles. Liam and Dave, the single, mass and team rescue events and Kate and Holly won every single race they entered.

A blistering performance in the sun on Bournemouth to be repeated next year?

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12:47 with an invite for lunch in the Village inn.

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President.

Date .....

