

## **Bantham Surf Life Saving Club Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 22nd November at 4 pm**

**Thurlestone Hotel**

Club President David Grose welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies received from Dave Grover & Richard Gowers

David Grose asked the meeting to confirm whether the minutes of the meeting held will be accepted as read.

- Proposed Jason Jackson
- Seconded Charles Bush
- All in favour
- None to the contrary

David Grose asked the meeting to confirm the minutes are a true and correct record of the AGM.

- Proposed by Jason Jackson
- Seconded by Sarah Pearson
- All in favour
- None to the contrary.

### **Report from Peter Miles, Chairman**

Welcome and thank you all for attending.

There is no doubt that your Club is being well managed by a group of people that are dedicated in achieving the objectives and aims of what we exist for and that is protecting the public on what is a wonderful and yet, at times, hazardous beach.

Those objectives are accomplished by trying to ensure that we have available a group of qualified lifeguards, the source of which ultimately comes in part from the training and activities of our nipper and junior members the success of which has been obvious to see and will be evident by the number of awards that we shall be presenting today.

Some of those aspiring members will then take part in our trainee lifeguard program the success of which has been a credit to all concerned and I would urge those newly qualified lifeguards to return and take an active role in making the most of what they have achieved for the benefit of the Club.

However we must remember that the training programs at all levels rely upon the team of trainers and their supporters who should receive appropriate recognition and our thanks.

Whilst I have set out our principal objectives we should also remember that we are a club, yes a registered charity with high ideals, but still a group of people without whom the Club would not exist. Membership at whatever level can result in a great deal of satisfaction and pride in what can be achieved and I wish to emphasise that you can get an awful lot out of being involved. I certainly have whether it was merely sweeping up and cleaning the windows, participating in fundraising projects or representing the Club at public events such as the official opening of the RNLI College and training facility in Bournemouth.

For myself, from my early days when I took my Surf Competence Award in 1992 which led to becoming a lifeguard I can remember with pride in 1993 collecting my first of what would be two Surf Lifeguard Medallions and the much coveted yellow T Shirt. This led to becoming a trainer as well as my role on the committee as Secretary and latterly your Chairman. This all came about on one hot summer's day whilst on was on the beach and having to come up to what was then the old club house to use the 'phone as I had lost my car key. I was taken with what was being provided by a voluntary organisation, I made some enquires and the rest is, as they say, history.

The point is, that you can get a great deal out of your membership at whatever level you participate so, be active, be supportive and with good stewardship I have no doubt that our Club will grow and continue to provide a valuable service for many years to come.

To sum up I would like to thank all the officials, lifeguards, trainers, helpers and other members for all that they have done this year and wish them and their successors all the very best for what is this my last year serving the Club on your Committee.

Thank you.

David Grose, thanked Peter for his involvement for many years and his contribution to the soul of the club. Peter has been such an important part of the club for many many years. David noted his intention to step down as President and wishes that Peter Miles take his place in 2017.

Pete Lawrence would like to honour and thank Peter Miles, especially getting the lottery grant of £250,000 for the building that we all very grateful for, presentation of life membership and framed certificate of membership number 95.

#### **Club Captain's Report – Pete Lawrence**

Good afternoon one and all. 2015 was my first year as club captain picking up the good work that Liam Krige commenced in 2014, namely a more condensed patrolling season, serviced by a larger group of lifeguard volunteers.

I am pleased to report that the season was a safe and rewarding one on many fronts.

2015 saw the RNLI assist safe beach operations by taking 5 of our most competent rookie lifeguards from 2014 and train them up as fully qualifies lifeguards with all the relevant RNLI quails they could. This meant that Sam Sheridan, Luke Lane, Till Durant and Georgie Nibblet, not only were available to volunteer as full lifeguards on a Sunday for the club, they also got to earn some pennies.

In terms of stats, 2015 was very, very quiet. This was a reflection of great prevention lifeguarding, seeing dangers before they occurred, but also one of those summers where the Sundays didn't kick off at all.

It was great to have a core of senior statesmen and woman patrolling the beach this season, John Ardron, David Payne (newbie to fully qualified in one season) James Timmis, Jason Jackson (IRB training and coaching) alongside the exuberance of youth. Patrolling was also made easier due the epic work that Donna, Sarah, Esther and Jo put in to organising training this year meaning each weekend was well covered, safe and fun.

#### Congratulations and a big thankyou to all coaches

Jo Lawrence, Sarah Pearson, Esther Pearson, Donna Timmis, Ella Theaker, Dean Womack, Kelly Fradd, Adam Stewart, Chris Mahn, Neil Minty, Andy Kellett, Simon Courtman, Tony Millar, David

Payne, Charles Bush, Jason Jackson, Petrus Lindeque, Ian Wallace, Michelle McQuinn, Peter Bayliss, Jonah Millar

Congratulations to those who achieved;

SLSGB Level 1 Coach: SLSGB Level 2 Coach: SLSGB Board Paddler:

A big thanks goes to Jo Lawrence and Adam Stewart, for obtaining their ASA Swim Coach Level 1 to enable better training on Wednesday nights.

Pete Lawrence attained his SSLGB Trainer Assessor and Jason Jackson and Pete Lawrence attained there SLSGB Event Water Safety Manager:

### Event water Safety

2015 saw nearly £4000 of funds raised through the club undertaking water safety cover for local events. Both Round the Island swims for Swim Trek and the villages Pub 2 Pub swim say the club be a cornerstone of village and beach life.

2016 sees the club seeking to enlarge this safety cover to fund more club activities and have fun supporting the local community.

### Surf Lifeguard Awards

Congratulations to the class of 2015: -

Emily Lawrence, Meg Niblett, Amy Edmonds, Charlotte Blake (to be finished soon), Sam Fitton, Tom Brooker, Dave Tunbridge, Will Austin and Finn Thomas.

Tube and Board Rescue Qualifications - Oscar Wilson and Mark Dixon

### Bantham Estates

A proactive working relationship has been established with Nicholas Johnson and the new Bantham Estates and we will continue to remain committed to patrolling Bantham beach and doing our bit

### Open Day

An average day on the beach, but sterling work never the less by all.

### Waiting list training

Thanks Jo for organising and all who helped enable the kids on the waiting list to learn some essential life-saving skills.

### Devon Champs

With personal pride as your captain but also as the chairman of SLSGB, it was great see the club compete in the Devon's this year, congratulations to all who competed and the parents and committee members who made it happen.

### 2016

In 2016, I would love to qualify a few more seniors to patrol, see JJ qualify a few more drivers and crew for the IRB, participate in more local events and provide safety cover to the highest standard,

whilst having some fun on route. Enjoy the approaching festive season, requals will occur in March/April ready for the 2016 season in June.

Thanks to one and all.

### **Esther Pearson – Trainers update**

Thank you to everyone in the room for helping to make training sessions happen, everyone in the room has contributed in some way to make training sessions so successful, helping to deliver great sessions for everyone. We started the season with the aim of training more coaches and put a call out for interest. We were overwhelmed with the response and have trained 15 new coaches to level 1 and 2.

We tried to make the club a much more sociable place this year with a Lifeguard BBQ at the beginning of the season and Friday night training sessions, curry night and regular trips to the Sloop. We invited other clubs to come visit and were pleased when coaches and members came from Woolacombe, Croyde and Torbay visited to share their knowledge and experience.

Looking ahead we would like to improve training even further and really need everyone's thoughts on what was good, not so good and what you would like to see done differently next year. Please complete the club training survey to guide us in this.

We were very proud of the small group of nippers who attended the Devon Champs this year and we intend to go again next year, we hope you will join us.

We hope you agree that the Club Champs was a great success and something definitely to be repeated next year again. Thank you all for helping to make it happen.

Pool training has begun and is incredibly important to keep us all fit and water safe over the winter.

The trainers and the Club Secretary would like to thank membership secretary Jo Lawrence for all her work in getting us organised this year.

Lastly a big thanks to all of you. You have all helped to make the club stronger this year, everyones contribution counts.

### **Secretaries report ( this was read out by EP as RG was ill )**

I have been in the roles for almost a year and am pleased to report that great progress has been made throughout the club

### **Committee meetings**

The committee has met every 2 months at the Crabshell Inn – many thanks to Simon Harrow for the use of the room – so we have had 6 committee meetings in total

### **Membership**

Membership numbers have continued to drop from 2014 and 2013 mainly from less Nippers and Youth however numbers of Seniors has increased. Thanks to Jo Lawrence who administrated the membership

Nipper	43
Youth	52
Senior	67
	162

## **Building**

The building had a full power clean this year and had a great clean by a huge number of club members before the season.

Quite a few jobs have been done including a

New boiler and gas tanks

Dave Hamilton spent a week on general repairs

There was a leak in Womens changing room which gave significant damage – however now dried out will be fully decorated over the winter

## **Website, Social media and Newsletters**

The website has been rebuilt and we have managed to get out 4 newsletters

The Facebook page has been used regularly

## **Events**

Open Day beginning of August thanks to Ella Theaker for organising

Club Champs in September was a great success with kind weather thanks for all that helped out

The club has also supported with various events with rescue services

**Many thanks to all that have helped out during the year, committee , coaches and parents.**

## **Dave Grover - Gear steward**

Away in the British Virgin Islands. Four brand new rescue boards courtesy of x trust, family of gentleman who passed away in the summer.

Dave has worked all summer to keep the boards in good order and is currently sourcing a new youth board for training purposes.

## **Jason Jackson – Coxswain**

Job for the season was to train lifeguards to use the IRB. The boat has shown itself to be a vital asset for the patrol in order to get a good response time. Dave Payne and James Timmis have qualified this summer.

2016 want to expand safety cover and will need a second boat to be able to the support these events. Took a small team to Maenporth for the IRB champs and picked up two trophies, two golds. In the masters took all the trophies. JJ wants to get more people involved and wants to organise a masters women's team and a group of the youngsters trained up and qualified to use the boat. JJ going to allocate time from 10.30 – 12.30pm to train people on the boat.

## **Treasurers Report – Mark Taylor**

We shouldn't have any complacency, we had a small operating loss of £2,000. We spent £6,000 on club maintenance which was a much bigger investment than last year as the club needs the

continued investment to keep it in good condition. We are reliant on fundraising events, please come and support these. The inspection report hasn't taken place due to the short time between year-end and the AGM, so these accounts are draft for approval. We are going to change bank accounts and will be changing to HSBC to enable us to bank in a high street branch.

Question from the floor - can we use the new account for online banking? Our requirement is for a two signatory authorisation which isn't allowable at present with HSBC but Mark will be bringing the discussion to the committee to consider smaller amounts.

Proposal from the Treasurer to accept the accounts subject to final inspection.

- Proposed : Esther Pearson
- Seconded : James Timmis
- All in favour
- None to the contrary.

David Grose noted the fine line we are walking and the need to keep fundraising to keep on the right side of this line.

Vote for President David Grose

- Mark Taylor - proposed
- Jo Lawrence - seconded
- All in favour
- None to the contrary.

David Grose took the nominations in one go

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Nominee:</u>	<u>Proposed by:</u>	<u>Seconded by:</u>
<b>Chairman</b>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Richard Gowers</u>	<u>Esther Pearson</u>
<b>Captain</b>	<u>Peter Lawrence</u>	<u>Peter Miles</u>	<u>Richard Gowers</u>
<b>Vice Captain</b>	<u>Loic Doison</u>	<u>Peter Lawrence</u>	<u>Peter Miles</u>
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<u>Richard Gowers</u>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Tony Millar</u>
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	<u>Mark Taylor</u>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Tony Millar</u>
<b>Gear Steward</b>	<u>David Grover</u>	<u>Peter Miles</u>	<u>Tony Millar</u>
<b>Coxswain</b>	<u>Jason Jackson</u>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Richard Gowers</u>
<b>Committee (1)</b>	<u>Anthony Millar</u>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Esther Pearson</u>

<b>Committee (2)</b>	<u>Esther Pearson</u>	<u>Peter Miles</u>	<u>Tony Millar</u>
<b>Committee (3)</b>	<u>Donna Timmis</u>	<u>David Payne</u>	<u>Richard Gowers</u>

Proposed: Charles Bush

Seconded: James Timmis

All in favour

### **Bantham Surf Life Saving Club 2015 Awards Ceremony**

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 – Committed to make the club a more sociable, vibrant place, great breakfasts combined with Friday night senior training and vigilant patrolling!

#### Rookie Lifeguard of the year

- Nick Triggol – Did absolutely everything going, patrolling, safety cover, nipper training, IRB racing and always with a smile

#### Surf Lifeguard Awards

Congratulations to the class of 2015: -

Emily Lawrence, Meg Niblett, Amy Edmonds, Charlotte Blake, Sam Fitton, Tom Brooker, Dave Tunbridge, Will Austin and Finn Thomas.

Tube and Board Rescue Qualifications - Oscar Wilson and Mark Dixon

#### Boy and Girl Youth of the Year:

**Finn Timmis:** Impressed on a number of occasions. Always present with determination every time he tackles a task.

**Alice Kellett:** Tried exceptionally hard to improve water skills throughout the summer and grew in confidence. For me that is what its all about...

#### Boy and Girl Nipper of the Year:

	Boy	Girl
Nipper level 1	Oscar minty	Jess Stewart
Nipper level 2	Ted pearson	Annabel Hewitt

Nipperlevel 3	Pip ross	Rosie Timmis
Nipper level 4	Harry Durant	IZZY COURTMAN (overall)
Youth	George Gibbs and FINN TIMMIS (overall)	Jess Bayliss and Alice Kellett

Age group winners of the Club Champs were

CHAMPS:

NIPPERS:		BOY	GIRL
2007	GOLD	Ted Pearson	
	SILVER	Charlie Womack	
	BRONZE	Ben Collett	
2006	GOLD	Sonny Courtman	Olivia Cronin
	SILVER	Fraser Gillmore	Sunny Fradd
	BRONZE	Milo Clover	
2005	GOLD	Elyatt Mahn	Zoe Durant
	SILVER	Piers Mahn	Tabitha Jenkins
	BRONZE		Rosie Timmis
2004	GOLD	Freddie Bush	Grace Kellett and Evie Dod
	SILVER	Pip Ross	Kate Lindeque
	BRONZE	Charlie Pearson	Eve Barry
2003	GOLD	Max Payne	Izzy Courtman
	SILVER	Sol Thomas	Olivia Churcher
	BRONZE	Sam Stewart and Noah Farrand	Bo Niblett
YOUTH:			
2002	GOLD	Harry Durant	Rosie Lawrence and Nancy McIntosh
	SILVER	Noah Peterson	Gemma Norris and Tilly Wilson
	BRONZE	Finn Timmis	Lucy Blake
2001	GOLD	Henry Phillips	Ava Courtman
	SILVER	Jake Smith	Ellie Couling
	BRONZE		Kai Thomas
2000	GOLD	Sid Niblett	Kathryn Wallace
	SILVER	George Bush	Alice Kellett
	BRONZE	George Gibbs	Florence Pearson

## Surf Life Saving Awards

Nipper Level 1	Jess Stewart
	Charlie Womack
	Daisy Womack
Nipper Level 2	Eddie Gibbs
	Evie Dod
	Zoe Durant
	Ted Pearson
Nipper Level 3	Chloe Bayliss
	Noah Farrand
	Kate Lindeque
	Charlie Pearson
	Freddie Bush
	Grace Kellett
	Tom Rowe
Nipper Level 4	Harry Durant
	Izzy Courtman
	Sammy Stewart
	Sol Thomas
	Bo Niblett
Level I Surf Swim Competency	Henry Phillips
	Kai Thomas
	Jess Bayliss
Level I Surf Swim Competency & Level 1 Board Competency	George Gibbs
	Kathryn Wallace
	Florence Pearson
	Ava Courtman
	Rosie Lawrence
	Gemma Norris
	Tilly Wilson

	Nancy McIntosh
	Noah Peterson
	Toby Churcher
	Finn Timmis

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SLSGB Level 2 Coach: Jo Lawrence, Sarah Pearson, Esther Pearson, Donna Timmis, Dean Womack, Neil Minty

SLSGB Board Paddler: Esther Pearson, Dean Womack, Neil Minty, Tony Millar

ASA Swim Coach Level 1: Jo Lawrence, Adam Stewart

SLSGB Trainer Assessor: Pete Lawrence

SLSGB Event Water Safety Manager: Jason Jackson, Pete Lawrence

Bantham SLSC win 5 Gold Medals at the British IRB Championships

The team of volunteer lifeguards from Bantham Surf Life Saving club have won 5 of the national titles at the Surf Life Saving GB Inshore Rescue Boat Championships held at Maenport Beach, Cornwall in September 2014.

The team of; Pete Lawrence, Jason Jackson, Dave Pascoe, Holly Molesworth, Andy Hollands, Lewis Durant, David Payne Ivan Burton, Nick Triggol and Luke Lane swept the board!

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

Bantham SLSC compete at the Devon SLSC Championships

Nine nippers took a great step forward for the club this year and competed for the club for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in over a decade, awesome efforts. The team Travelled up to Saunton Sands Devon to compete in the Regional Championships coming a respectable 6th Place on the beach. Congratulations to Finn Timmis, Chloe and Jess Bayliss, Ted and Charlie Pearson, Pip Ross, Sonny & Ava Courtman, Grace Kellett and Noah Farrand.

Life Membership

Finally Bantham SLSC would like to honour Peter Miles who this year is standing down after 22 years of loyal service to the club. Indeed he leaves behind him a huge legacy in our clubhouse building which took years of painstaking commitment to secure over a quarter of a million pounds to pay for.

Peter your friendship and dedication to the club I for one, as most all here will miss. We have arranged your life membership to SLSGB and Bantham SLSC, so don't be a stranger.