

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20/6/2021 - CROYDE SURF LIFESAVING

Minutes of Meeting at Baggy Point NT field 7pm

1) Present: Ben Byrom BB, Jen Windsor JW, Rich Windsor RW, Pete Makepeace PM, Matt Whitley MW, Keith Shaddick KS, Paul Boulton PB, Paul Trueman PT, Phil Strahan PS, Ian Bennett IB, Barrie Charlesworth BC, Kerry Bourn KB, Ben Lambert BL, Chris Reed CR

Apologies: Katie Myers, Nick James, Matt Argyle, Fran SLSGB, Leroy Thommen, Rich Elliott, Jo Latham

2) Previous AGM minutes (including Reports) 6/12/2020 read and agreed.

3) Chair's Annual Report: Ben Byrom's report quote: "A short report as it's been less than a year for me in office. Thank you to all who have helped or worked with the club in any way over the past 9 months. It's not been the easiest with no face-to-face, but we are out the other side, for now.

I have been involved with: a) Proposing a new online membership system to our Membership Sec Matt Argyle which he has worked on, and developed, to help the club. b) Started reviewing and updating Policies and Procedures. c) Worked with Paul T on a successful grant application for the new nipper/transition boards. d) progressed the Club Hut building project.

Still to do: a) Finish Policies and Procedures b) Our Constitution is out of date and contradicts itself, and is in need of a full rewrite. c) Our registration list of Policies and Constitution lodged with the Charities Commission is dated 1996 therefore is out of date. d) Trustees need to meet and report annually. e) SLSGB are very keen that all clubs become a CIC or CIO (charitable interest company or charitable interest organisation) which would give all of us, as Club Officers, better personal protection.

I am happy to stand again for another year as Chair. "

4) Treasurer's Annual Report: End of Year Accounts April 2021, please see attached. In summary because of covid19 it was an unusual year with less income (no m/ship fees for 4 months) and no fund raising (ducks, events etc). However our pool fees were much lower, no extra kit was purchased, no contest fees, awards fees, and coaching fees were greatly reduced. BL claimed back £17,500 Gift Aid for the previous 3 years (a huge job - thank you so much Ben!) which helped our funds. At year end 20/21 we have £9,729 in the current account and £60k in the Club Hut reserve account.

5) Membership Secretary's Annual Report: MA not present but has said the new system is in progress. Please all members MUST sign up and complete their details asap. BB mentioned that the club's Social Care/sponsorship fund set up using an award from Glastonbury festival (for Ben's efforts organising volunteer stewards) has benefitted one child, plus 2 more have been offered it. Each child receives a 'welcome pack' of t-shirt, swim cap etc as well as the club paying all their member fees.

6) Safety Officer's Annual Report: PM thanked Paul T for organising all the Nipper/Youth groups and sessions, and RW for sanitising/organising equipment, and for all the coaches, lifeguards and parents who helped make sessions safe and successful, especially during covid restrictions. No incidents to report.

7) Nipper Rep Annual Report: PT thanked everyone, especially Paul B, Rich W and Pete for nipper help, board fixing and safety respectively. Plenty of cover – 28 coaches and lifeguards. Nipper numbers are high – 116 in total with the waiting list being dealt with very well by Katie Myers. Anna planning social events such as coasteering to replace the cancelled Devon contest (70 children were keen to enter this year!) More thanks to Pete and Rich for sanitising boards and sorting the first aid kit.

8) Youth Rep Annual Report: Jo Latham not present but would like to continue with this group.

9) Masters Rep Annual Report: Ian B said it was all going well especially with planning the groups, by using facebook, with members pre-booking slots.

10) Ski Rep Report: BB no skis since covid began. Chris Reed said there is still a North Devon ski group but everyone in the group had their own ski so there were less covid issues. We agreed the youth, especially, need to start trying out the skis when the conditions are suitable.

11) Surf Boat Officer Annual Report: No report as no contests and very little training because of covid. Chris Lane has started doing some training with Saunton again recently.

12) Kit Officer Annual Report: Martin Canning-Matthews report: " Currently awaiting 'new sponsorship' before purchasing any new kit. We are running low on swim wear especially for the pool season. Need to purchase: a) Boys' Jammers and Girls' costumes in time for winter pool sessions. b) I have been

asked by a number of parents to purchase adult hoodies with zip front for next season (with sponsor logos). C) Thank you to Mike Morris for organising the recent purchase of orange rashies, and with the new sponsorship, more fluorescent coaches tops will be required.”

13) RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE: Rich Windsor (President) took charge of the election of a new committee as follows:

Core Committee

Chair - Ben Byrom re-elected, proposed and seconded CR PS

Secretary – * Post vacant, (our previous sec Sophie Bruce has stood down), so the committee will leave the post open to adopt a new person to the role asap. Jenny Windsor to continue as Minutes Secretary, proposed and seconded BB and BL. A job description of the Secretary role to be circulated.

Membership Sec – Matt Argyle and Katie Myers (assistant) re-elected, proposed and seconded IB and PM

Safeguarding Officer - Richard Elliott RE, standing down so the post will be left open to adopt a new person to the role in due course. One or two persons expressed an interest, including Kerry Bourn who said she would contact Richard Elliott to ask him about the role.

Social Secretary – Anna Ellis re-elected, proposed and seconded PS and IB

Communications - Paul Trueman re-elected, proposed & seconded IB and BB

Treasurer Ben Lambert - re-elected, proposed and seconded RW and BB

Safety Officer – Pete Makepeace re-elected until the end of 2021 summer, but will stand down then after 12 years in post. MW expressed an interest and will liaise with PM. Proposed and seconded PS and RW. Keith Shaddick assistant Safety Officer stood down.

Club Captain – Phil Strahan re-elected, proposed and seconded BB and IB.

Fundraising Co-ordinators – Rich W and Mike Morris re-elected, proposed and seconded BL and JW

General Committee

Surfboat Captain - Chris Lane re-elected, proposed and seconded IB and JW

Kit Officer – Martin Canning-Matthews re-elected, proposed and seconded BL and PS

Nipper Development – Paul Boulton and Paul Trueman re-elected, proposed and seconded PS and KS

Youth Development Jo Lathham re-elected, proposed and seconded PT and PB

Masters Officer – Nick James re-elected, proposed and seconded PM and PS

Ski Officer – Ben Byrom re-elected with Leroy Thommen – proposed and seconded BL and RW

Equipment Officers - Chris Reed and Rich W re-elected, proposed and seconded JW and BB

New Build Officer – Ben Byrom re-elected, proposed and seconded RW and BL

Asst Safety Officer – Matt Whitley elected, proposed and seconded RW PM

Gen Committee member – Leroy Thommen re-elected, proposed and seconded BB and PM

Parent Representative Committee member – Felicity Taylor re-elected, proposed and seconded BB JW

Club Trustees – Elizabeth Greenway, Peter Makepeace, Richard Windsor standing again, plus Ben Byrom also standing – all proposed and seconded BL and IB

No further committee members proposed.

Annual General Meeting concluded 8pm