



Annual General Meeting of the United Kingdom Surf Rowers League

Sunday 17th November 2013 commencing at 14:00 hrs

**Venue:
RNLi Support Centre,
Station Road, Perranporth, Cornwall**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Louise Gapp, Pete Gaisford, Becky Knowles

Time of meeting: 14.00 to 14.45.

1) Apologies received

Nick Beringer, Dan Berriman, Gary Walters, Andy Cox, Kim-Marie Clothier, Greg Dennis, Ian Knowles

2) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the UKSRL 21st Nov 2012

Minutes of the last meeting were approved subject to minor date change for the meeting. PG to publish on website.

**Proposed: BK
Seconded: PG**

3) Matters Arising

None – on agenda.

4) President Report

The presidents report was tabled.

5) Chairman Report

The Chairman's report was tabled.

6) Secretary Report

The Secretary's report was tabled.

7) Treasurer Report

The accounts were tabled.

8) Publicity Officer Report

No report tabled.

9) Development Officer Report

No report tabled.

10) Competition Officer Report

No report tabled.

11) Election of the Officers of the UKSRL

(i) Honorary President: Peter Gaisford

**Proposed: LG
Seconded: BK**

(ii) Chairman Louise Gapp

**Proposed: PG
Seconded: BK**

(iii) Vice Chairman Spike Gaisford

**Proposed: PG
Seconded: LG**

(iv) Secretary Becky Knowles

**Proposed: LG
Seconded: PG**

(v) Treasurer Scott Bentley

**Proposed: LG
Seconded: BK**

Note: the committee would like to thank Jane Mansfield the outgoing treasurer for all her hard work over long years of service, working quietly behind the scenes to help keep things running. Best wishes Jane.

(vi) Publicity/Development Officer Andy Cox, Greg Dennis, Jo Carter

**Proposed: PG
Seconded: BK**

Note: Andy Cox and Greg Dennis to share role of publicity & development officer; Jo Carter to support with development officer role

(vii) Competition Officer VACANCY

**Proposed:
Seconded:**

(viii) Nine committee members

**Proposed: PG
Seconded: LG**

Croyde:	Chris Lane
Porthtowan:	Surf boat captain
Perranporth:	Shelley Hardwick
Llantwit Major:	Mike Lord
Newport:	Trevor Holland
Bournemouth:	Kate Roberts / Sarah Clarke
Bude:	Phil Martin
Portreath:	Steve Kendall

Note: Secretary will correspond on general matters with additional club representatives as appropriate.

(ix) Junior member VACANCY

**Proposed:
Seconded:**

**12) UKSRL Representative to European Surf Rowing Federation ESRF
Dan Berriman Andy Cox**

**Proposed: PG
Seconded: LG**

13) UKSRL Representative to SLSA GB Sports Commission Louise Gapp

Proposed: PG
Seconded: BK

14) UKSRL Representative to West Region Rowing Council WRRC Louise Gapp

Proposed: PG
Seconded: BK

15) To agree the UKSRL membership subscription fees for:

(i) Individual Membership
Amount: £30 (no change from last year)

Proposed: PG
Seconded: LG

(ii) Student Membership
Amount £15 (no change from last year)

Proposed: LG
Seconded: BK

President Report

2013 did turn out to be a summer after all. Following several summers with grey skies and turbulent surf. The summer of 2013 allowed for warm training conditions and good competitive racing albeit in small surf.

Crew participation levels were slightly disappointing overall. There remains an enthusiastic response from the Celtic Longboat rowers in West Wales. The UKSRL continues to build a rapport with the Newport Rowing Club and commends their commitment to attend nearly all the events in 2013. There was also a crew from Vesta RC, London and they enjoyed their first experience of surfboat rowing.

Neil Chambers of Aussie Corner Deli sponsored three of the UKSRL events in 2013 and we are very grateful for his support. The UKSRL also commissioned First Response GB to be the event safety provider at all of the 2013 surfboat rowing events. This relationship has worked very well, and has led to a stress free day for the event organisers.

In 2014 the World Surfboat Rowing Championships are scheduled to take place on Grande Motte beach, Montpellier, France in September. This event will draw surfboat crews from Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Following the World Championships the Ocean Thunder Europe event will take place in Biarritz.

With a strong domestic UKSRL event calendar and two international events in 2014, surfboat crews need to set their goals and step up to a higher level.

Peter Gaisford

Chairladies report 2013

What an interesting season 2013 turned out to be. The stage was set with some big wave beaches booked particularly with the open to be run at Fistral, however the sun gods looked down on us

and delivered some much needed sun. The problem being with sunny weather often comes high pressure and flat seas. Whoever would have thought that the Open would be so flat.

Congratulations must go to the ladies Perranporth Sirens team, they dominated from start to finish and were by the end of the season a force to be reckoned with. They performed the double by winning the league and the open. Keep it up girls and set your sights on the quadruple next year. First one ever!!!!

In the men's it was an extremely hard fought out season, made possible by the Porthtowan blue bali boys missing the welsh event. It became evident before round 4 that it would go down to wire as to who would win the season. Congratulations must go to both boys teams, Perranporth Tridents and the Porthtowan Ion Boys. They both rowed hard and upped their game this season. Perranporth Tridents were victorious overall and took the title this year. The most interesting Round 5 racing we have seen in many years.

For the first time ever we have ran a Sub100 category and this was won by The Porthtowan Ion Boys, they have upped their game and I'm sure next year will become stronger and stronger. Thank you Nick Healey for sponsoring their bling.

Our safety was taken over by First Response GB and I'm sure I speak for all of us by saying what a great team they are. It has made the day so much easier for those who organise the races, and a relief for the rowers to know they have such a great team helping out. I really hope we continue to use them for many years to come. Massive thanks must go to our sponsors who have allowed us to book First response GB.

Please can I thank all on the committee who have helped out this year. Pete as always you give your time so freely and we all appreciate it. Andy Cox, you have really helped out this year behind the scenes, thank you. Spike you are awesome and at times have had to put up with some challenging behavior this year, thank you. Can I also thank all the clubs that hosted events this year, you've really put on some fantastic after parties, particular thanks to the welsh crews, Croyde and Porthtowan.

2014 will soon be upon us and if the UK crews wish to go against the best in the world and beat them then please don't rest too much over the winter, I truly believe the UK crews can do it.

Secretary's Report

UKSRL 2013

70 members this year contrasting with 108 last year.

Been some interest from other rowers including the Vesta's Vikings whom I managed to convince that they could overcome their speedo phobia. One of their number was despatched to buy all their crew smugglers! They were pleased to get involved and visited again later in the season. Partying at Porthtowan sealed the deal I think!

Worked with another visiting boatie to get him a boat fix on his trip to the UK - regrettably it didn't work out but he appreciated the efforts.

Already getting enquiries from individuals who are not in a club who would like to compete at the worlds. I'm starting to collate a list and I'm directing them to the various sources of information. Good to see rowers continuing to build friendships across the boatie clubs, with a visit to Wales in October by some intrepid rowers to stay in touch and have a go at surfing a celtic long boat and rowing in gale force conditions! They are a truly hardy bunch and most hospitable.

For me personally, its been rather light touch secretarial duties this year as it's been a busy year personally, but would like to continue to support the UKSRL next year and work with all our rowers and supporters to steadily grow the sport and put on a good showing in France next year.

Becky Knowles

Secretary, UKSRL

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accounts
30th
September
2013

Date	Cq. No.	Out	EXPENDITURE CARRIED OVER 2012	Inv. No.
12/11/2012	144	£1,332.00	Bude Royal Pageant	
29/11/2012	B/T	£150.00	Bouyancy aids	1
11/12/2012	B/T	£545.10	British rowing affiliation	2
18/01/2013	B/T	£50.00	Brian Nourse - website hosting	3
01/05/2013	163	£402.20	Newquay Insurance public liability	4
05/06/2013	164	£315.93	Nwq insurance Officers	5
10/06/2013	165	£21.00	Torrige district council	6
15/07/2013	B/T	£1,495.00	First Response	7
18/07/2013	157	£100.00	Croyde SLSC	8
18/07/2013	166	£100.00	Stepping Stones - Putsborough	
05/08/2013	B/T	£90.00	ESRF	9
18/09/2013	167	£165.00	Kevin Blanks TV production	10
19/09/2013	B/T	£285.00	First Response	11

£9,025.03

18/10/2013

168

£75.00 Andy Cox

12

TOTAL
SPENT

£5,126.23

INCOME

24/05/2013	£2,620.00	192	Deposit
25/06/2013	£390.00	193	Deposit
10/07/2013	£40.00		membership Neviling
10/07/2013	£10.00		membership Hughes
12/07/2013	£305.00	194	deposit
15/07/2013	£2,000.00		Paypal
30/08/2013	£150.00	195	Deposit
19/09/2013	£40.00	196	Deposit
24/09/2013	£40.00		membership Neviling

TOTAL IN

£5,595.00

Aussie Corner Deli owe £800.00

In acct at 12/11/13

£9,493.80