

Annual General Meeting of the United Kingdom Surf Rowers League

Saturday 12 November 2016 @ 12.15 pm

Venue: Perranporth Surf Life Saving Club

DRAFT MINUTES

1) Apologies – Mike Lord

2) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the UKSRL 6 December 2016

Proposed: Ian Knowles

Seconded: Chris Lane – Approved.

2) Matters Arising – to be picked up on main agenda

3) President Report – appended

4) Chairman Report – appended. Thanks to Portreath SLSC and particularly Tessa Theobald and friends for organising the Boaties Ball, which all agreed was a success.

5) Secretary Report – 55 online members, down approx 20 on last year. 4 cash members paid on first race day. Asked for clubs to encourage prompt online payment of membership.

6) Treasurer Report – Accounts appended with narrative.

7) Development Officer's report – appended

8) Election of the Officers of the UKSRL

Honorary President

Current Postholder: **Chris Lane**

Nominations: Chris Lane

Proposed: Jo Lloyd-King;

Seconded: Ben Osborne. Approved.

Chairman

Current postholder: Louise Gapp

Nominations: **Louise Gapp**

Proposed: Chris Lane

Seconded: Peter Gaisford. Approved

Vice Chairman

Current postholder: Spike Gaisford - retiring

Nominations: **Nick Healey**

Proposed: Chris Lane

Seconded: Peter Gaisford -Approved.

Secretary

Current postholder: Rebecca Knowles - retiring

Nominations: **Tessa Theobald**

Proposed: Anna Shekdar

Seconded: Jo Lloyd-King - Approved

The Chair noted thanks to Becky for undertaking the role for the last 4 years. Tessa will have support from Stuart Cooper and a gradual transfer over from the outgoing secretary.

Treasurer

Current postholder: Scott Bentley

Nominations: **Scott Bentley**

Proposed: Jo Lloyd-King

Seconded: Chris Lane - Approved

Publicity Officer

None at time of issuing agenda

Nominations: **Tom Hannah**

Proposed: Dan Berriman

Seconded: Louise Gapp - Approved

To incorporate media relations, comms, sponsorship and West of England Rowing Council.

Development Officer

Current postholder: Dan Berriman

Nominations: **Dan Berriman**

Proposed: Louise Gapp

Seconded: Anna Shekdar - Approved

Competition Officer (including Events management)

Current postholder:

Nominations: **Chris Lane and Mike Lord to oversee with support**

Proposed: Rebecca Knowles

Seconded: Ben Osborne - Approved.

Club committee representatives

Active club members nominated by each club

Current:

Portreath

Llantwit Major

Perranporth

St Agnes

Bournemouth

Newport

Bude

Croyde

Porthtowan

Saunton

Rebecca Knowles to email all clubs to ascertain reps.

Dan Berriman to forward current contacts at new 'Gallipoli' clubs.

Junior / U25 member

Current postholder: vacancy

Nominations: **none**

Proposed:

Seconded

Committee Support Officer

Current postholder:

Nominations: **Jo Lloyd-King**

Proposed: Rebecca Knowles

Seconded: Louise Gapp

UKSRL Representative to European Surf Rowing Federation ESRF

Current postholder: **Mike Lord**

Nominations:

Proposed:

Seconded

Noted that ESRF is currently dormant

UKSRL Representative to SLSA GB Sports Commission

Current postholder: Louise Gapp

Nominations: **Louise Gapp**

Proposed: Rebecca Knowles

Seconded: Ian Knowles - Approved

UKSRL Representative to West Region Rowing Council WRRRC (Exeter based)

Current postholder: Phil Martin

Nominations: **Tom Hannah (incorporated in PR function)**

Proposed:

Seconded

9) To agree the UKSRL membership subscription fees for 2017:

- (i) Individual Membership – currently £45
- (ii) Student / Junior Membership – currently £30
- (iii) Day Ticket Fee – currently 1/3 full membership - £15 per day

Discussion points:

Following the treasurer's report, it was noted that with a membership of less than 60 rowers this year, in order to cover the UKSRL basic running costs of events and safety cover, a fee of £140 per rower for a seasons racing would need to be levied. The only way to balance the books for future years is to increase the fee or increase the number of rowers. Discussion points:

- A significant hike would put people off not encourage them;
 - A standing order payment would help
 - The UKSRL has subsidised through the use of reserves and sponsorship over recent years
 - A newbie club would have difficulty getting into the sport with high fees.
 - What was the best use of day tickets?
 - What was the possibility of having a fee system where the club affiliates to the UKSRL for each race boat? This puts the onus on clubs to increase rowers to mitigate the rowing subs paid by its members;
 - A initial membership plus fee per race was suggested as an alternate model;
 - Should day tickets be limited to new rowers?
 - Could the UKSRL reserves be used to soften the increase whilst clubs and UKSRL
 - made efforts to increase participation;
 - A day ticket price needed to balance being accessible for a day of competition whilst not putting people off.
- Comparisons to local events like triathlons were made at about the £30 to £40 mark.

A proposal was put forward:

1. Whole season race fee of £100
2. Day ticket cost £35 – max of 2 per rower per season
3. Student ratio currently 66% - Student fee £65
4. A bank standing order system be explored which carries a small admin fee.
- 5. A discussion paper be circulated to clubs to explore moving towards a club based system so that the impact on rowers is mitigated.**

The committee urged the attendees at the meeting who understood the pressures on the UKSRL finances to explain the need for the significant rise in membership.

Proposed: Louise Gapp

Seconded: Chris Lane - Approved

Meeting End 13.30hrs

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