

General Meeting of the United Kingdom Surf Rowers League

Saturday 12 November 2016

On the rising of the 2016 AGM @ Perranporth Surf Life Saving Club

Draft MINUTES

1. Apologies – Mike Lord

2. Minutes of General Meeting 6 December 2015

Proposed: Scott Bentley

Seconded: Chris Lane Approved.

3. Matters Arising

Consider Standing Order option

L.Gapp to take forward

Mixed Racing to be considered

To be considered in division discussion

SLS GB Surfboat Event.

Nigel Bowden attended the UKSRL meeting to:-

1) Set out a proposal for the UK Surf Boat community to participate in the National event in 2017. The Nationals is in the 3rd week (?) August at Holywell Bay, Newquay. The exact format and dates are to be agreed in principle.

The meeting supported in principle:

- That the surf boats participate in the nationals event under the auspices of the SLSGB;
- That the details to be confirmed with the UKSRL committee;
- That this be an additional event to the UKSRL League and Open events.

2) Explain that conversations about the need for a level 2 coach to oversee all surf lifesaving events were underway with the UKSRL representatives; that there is likely to be a passporting arrangement where sweeps with a specified level of experience (RPL – Recognised Prior Learning) will be granted level 2 for surfboats only (no other surf sports) subject to the possible need for sweeps to demonstrate they have attended or will need to attend a training session on Safeguarding issues. Once the details have been finalised a briefing note will be circulated.

4. Racing:

a. Dates and venues of Summer Series 2016 – Review

- Safety cover was excellent;
- Weekends vs 1 day events are still up for debate – some prefer 2 days others single days.
- Efficiency on the beach was good on the whole,
- Start times need to be stuck to – clubs must expect and plan to start on time;

- Please promote surf events / beaches as much as possible though it was noted that the wave gods were cruel at times this year.
- If do a weekend, pick a venue and stay there to save faffing around moving venues.
- Have events at the venues to raise funds for UKSRL / split with host club
- DJ / music on the beach like previously at Watergate
- Shame that the open wasn't better attended.

b. Dates and venues of Summer Series 2017 - proposals

- Move season to have better chance of waves. Mid June start, into July, avoid the school holidays, race in September and into early October.
- 1 x Weekend event, 3 single day events. 5 league events total
- PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DATES ONLY - Start times where possible 1pm
- Wales 10/11th June - low tide roughly 1.30
- Westward Ho 8th July - low tide 12.10
- Watergate 22nd July - low tide 11.12 – 12pm start time?
- Saunton 16th Sept - low 9.20 - race through high tide

c. Date and venues UK Open Surfboat Championships

- A weekend event was proposed with more races, variety, mixed, masters etc.
- Open 7/8th October low 13.08 but all day racing
- Perranporth proposed; take place at the end of the league season.

d. Race day protocols – SEE BELOW.

5. Sport Development 2017 and beyond – Development Officer

• With approval to bring the surf boats back to an SLS GB event, this would provide good exposure to those coming through surf lifesaving. It was asked that the scheduling did not result in all the other participants have gone home whilst racing takes place. This may require a change to the usual format but it was agreed that as this fell outside the league and open points events, an alternate format could be considered that would enable better integration in the main timetable.

- It was proposed that a 2nd Division of surf boats is introduced to enable new rowers and new clubs feel they have an entry level into racing.
- This was approved in principle. The committee to work up a detailed proposal to be circulated to clubs as soon as possible. It was asked that this could include mixed racing to be as inclusive as possible.
- Working with other clubs – **Dan Berriman** to outline the support package and development roadmap for all new development clubs to include sweep schools and the coordination of pro-active buddy clubs for winter training.
- Race Day protocols: Improvements and suggestions included event coordinators **MLord & CLane** to delegate line judges, flag and gear crews; **IKnowles** to source PA for music/commentating, Race days to include morning inductions and sweep school for development clubs before afternoon racing; mixed crews; marketing budget also referenced in order to raise awareness.

6. AOB:

The UKSRL Website is in sore need of updating. Lucy Stein kindly offered to take over from Pete to get it updated. It could do with a refresh so meeting was asked to consider anyone they knew who could help.

River Race – encourage new clubs to take part. Good Friday race too - run by Penryn Gig Club.

Bawden Rocks to be added to the race schedule as soon as date set.

ENDS 16.25hrs