**Surf Life Saving Cornwall Annual General Meeting 21st March 2019 at Perranporth**

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| **Present** |  |  |
|  | Chairman | Nigel Bowden |
|  | Secretary | Diane Green |
|  | Treasurer | Nikki Kendall |
|  | RLSO | John Paton |
| **Clubs** | Hayle | Dave Parker, Neil Butler |
|  | Holywell Bay | Steve Peck |
|  | Lusty | Olly Monk, Greg Dolan |
|  | Mullion | Simon Mitchell |
|  | Newquay | Sue Butler, Hannah Collins |
|  | Perranporth | Doreen Lawrence, Nigel Bowden |
|  | Portreath | Nikki Kendall, Diane Green, Craig Salamone |
|  | St Agnes | Karen Russell |
|  | St Ives | D Wilson |
|  |  | Tess Theobald representing UKSRL |
|  | Apologies | L. Freke, M Stone, C Simpson, E Phillips, R Phillips, Crackington SLSC, Gunwalloe SLSC |

**Minutes of previous AGM:** signed as a true account, no matters arising.

**Financial Statement:** The Flood expenses are far greater than the income as some spending from the previous year was carried over to 2018 and we are due a repayment of VAT of just over £6000 on Search and Rescue equipment. The flood training has been expensive but it can now be done in house apart from the Level 4.

A Land Rover has been purchased to tow the Region Gear trailer and IRB’s to events as it is getting difficult to ask members to use their own vehicles.

Financial statement proposed and accepted.

**Chairman’s Report**: Although we seem to be the only Region still working as a Region we do need to build up support, Region meetings have been cancelled due to lack of clubs attending at the present we will just hold 4 meeting as per the Constitution. Andy Thomas , Perranporth, is happy to help Nigel as Gear Steward for the Region Events but we do need a working party at each event to prepare the beach for the races, close down ensure all gear is back in the trailer, this work should not be left to the Officials. We also need a Competition Secretary to help with the administration of the events which is a large part of the Regions work, we have got a good Safety Team with Event Managers and IRB crew, new crew have been trained over the winter and we will expect to see them on he beach helping out.

The Region has received a Sport Development grant for the new boards to be used by 13/14yr olds when the boards arrive we will sort out distribution, the application was written by Rob Barnes. The Region does hold quite a lot of kit and any of it can be used by the clubs.

**Region Officer Reports:** all reports accepted.

**Charity Status**: Diane and Nigel are still working on this, a few Region Clubs are also going through the process. St Ives received CIO status in December, there old Charity is still open but will be closed down once the new one is up and running. The advantage of the CIO is that it gives more protection like a Limited Company.

SLSGB has a new Insurance Company and Clubs will soon be updated on the extra benefits that it offers.

**RLSO:** Jock will continue in this role and combines it with the Flood Group manager. Jock would like to organise a day with the Region Trainer/Assessors to standardise the instruction, there are new rules, regarding the Proficiency update and CPR, Holywell Bay have offered to host this and a date will be set.

**IRB:** Thanks to everyone who helped with the safety cover, the boats have all been kept in good order.

**Election of Officers**:

There were no new nominations of officers received, the following were proposed and elected:

Chairman – Nigel Bowden

Vice Chair – Christina Stewart

Secretary – Diane Green

Region Disc/Event manager – Rob Phillips

RLSO – John Paton

IRB Officer – Dave Parker

Nikki Kendall stood down from the position of Region Treasurer, Nigel thanked her for all the work she has done.

Disappointing that members are not coming forward to take up roles in the management of the Region, Nigel and Diane as signatures on the Region account will keep a check on finances, most receipts are paid directly into the bank and payments are made by BACS, but hopefully someone with bookkeeping experience will come forward.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

**AOB:** Nigel congratulated Holywell on being the first SLS club to receive Club of the Year Award at Heroes of the Surf.

Confirm – Max Hocking Nipper Event on the 16th June at Hayle.

UKSRL Surfboats – it has been agreed that the surfboats will be taking part in the SLSGB events again, there will be a Masters and an U19 race at Branksome Chine this year, with an Open Race at St Davids. The Clubs who have surfboats would like to encourage more members to get involved, especially U19 age group who are really enjoying it at Perranporth

Meeting closed at 8.30pm, thank you to the Parish Council for the use of their room. Date of next meeting TBA.