

South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club report 1st October 2020 – 30th September 2021

Chairman's report

It has been a difficult year for our club with the continuing pandemic. At the end of April, we were able to re-start our pool sessions, to keep our club COVID safe the way we operated had to change for a several months. Our thanks go to those who quickly came together to ensure the safety of the club and making sure our new operating procedures were maintained throughout.

At present the club is running safely and patrol requests are starting to come in for 2022. Our club's flood rescue training has re-started, and our sport section are training ready for the start of competitions, but like everything over the coming months precaution is required.

We also thank the Trustees who are always there to support and challenge advice. Health challenge is always good to provide accountability.

Financially we are in a relatively good place, however many of our funds were secured before the pandemic and with relative low numbers turning up at the pool, we as trustees will keep a careful watch in ensuring the pool is covering the costs and not ebbing away as savings. Fundraising has already started at the local carnival and our thanks go to all those members and non-members who really committed to this at short notice. In total over £1000 was raised

Treasurer's report 2021

The balance in the bank 1st October 2020 was £7694.97.

Thank you also goes to those members who kept paying club membership while our club was closed, helping to support our club, we are very grateful to you all. Our income was halved over the last year, with our bank balanced becoming smaller, but we are still in a good position. We have taken in new members and with patrols and fundraising starting up again we can start to rebuild our funds for the future.

We received a small amount from Amazon Smile, £19.49 if you haven't already done, please add us to your Amazon account so we can receive donations from them.

Pershore Rotary club donated £285 to pay for the cost of one of the COVID PPE bags.

In August our club was able to restart patrols and fundraising at the Pershore Plum festival and Pershore carnival joint weekend. We raised £300 from the patrol and £730.97 from fundraising tombola's both days.

This year the pool hire fees were kept the same, once we were able to re-open. They have changed the way they charge us, previously we paid at the end of the month for our swims, now we pay at the start of the month for the swims in advance. We now need to make sure that any sessions that need cancelling should be arranged before the start of the month if possible.

We bought polo shirts for the new teachers and during the hot summer on the poolside we bought club vests for all the teachers and club helpers. We purchased club face masks for all the pool helpers and main patrol members. We have also purchased new competition ropes and different RLSS badges.

We still pay monthly for zoom, which is used for meetings required for the different sections of the club. This was also used by Teresa prior to our re-opening to run the Assistant Teachers course.

The flood/patrol have been repairing and servicing their equipment, updating the First Aid kits and the oxygen cylinders.

The balance at the end of the club's financial year September 30th 2021, is £6304.02.

Flood Team

The last 18 months have still seen restrictions which have affected how we could train as a team. We are now back at the stage where practical training can take place, with team members recently completing their swift water rescue technician's refresher and some completing their Rescue Boat Operators training in the next few weeks. The team has also refreshed their First Responder skills. This renewed training means the team is in a good position to deploy.

At the end of October were once again put on standby for a national deployment.

Adrian Smart has agreed to step into the Training Managers role and has a wealth of experience in this area. Abbi has agreed to stay on as part of the management team in the role of Personnel and Logistics Manager. Within this role she will support the Unit Manager and Training Manager.

My thanks to Adam who continues to service equipment and boats to maintain operational standards. Also, thanks to Doug and Sue for their continued support to house our boats.

Since we have been back the flood team had its first meeting on fundraising. In that time and not including the fund raisers who have helped the club through the tombola, the members have turned up to patrol and provide first aid at the "delayed" Pershore Carnival, also working with the Pershore Round Table and local pubs

Thank you to the small group that have put in quick effort to raise much needed funds and awareness of the club's operations.

The future is for members to complete the DEFRA Team Commanders Course and as mentioned, the DEFRA Flood Rescue Boat course – all paid for by grants from the Government.

Opening Balance 1st October 2020

£7,694.97

Income

BACS & Money taken		£7,733.23	
(subscriptions, kit, badges, books etc)			
Patrols and Donations		£604.49	
Fund Raising		£730.97	
Flood Callout income & Grants		£0.00	
Interest		£0.42	

£9,069.11

Expenditure

Garage & Pool fees	£3,899.98		
Club Kit, equip, badges & books	£2,821.46		
Flood rescue, patrol expenses and boat repairs	£1,496.17		
Flood callout expenses	£0.00		
Competitions, club/individual memberships & courses	£1,026.00		
COVID-19 safety equip, Incidentals, zoom, website	£1,216.45		

£10,460.06

Balance at 30th September 2021

£6,304.02