

## **South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club report 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### Chairmans report

Club closure during the pandemic including lifesaving, sport lifesaving, patrols and flood training all had a huge impact both in member numbers and financial terms. The club is moving forwards again with great leaders in the back room, poolside, and patrol management and I am sure that we will grow more into 2023. I am also proud to see two of its members lead on an international field in terms of supporting the world governing body of lifesaving ILS.

For me, it is time to step down and let others take this club forward. I thank everyone who has helped me with the management of the club and very much look forward to seeing it continue to grow under our new chairperson. I will continue to be around, and I am certainly not leaving the club, but unfortunately my time is being stretched, but certainly I will support the club in any way I can.

### Treasurers report 2022

The balance in the bank at the start of our financial year, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 was £6304.02.

Our income over the last year is starting to grow, with the increase of new members into our club. The membership money is once again covering the hire of the pool with a small amount left to cover any items we are required to buy. Other income received was from payment of kit, awards taken and club members individual competition fees. We still cover the cost of the club relays at these competitions and for the teams entering Rookie Gala's.

Fund Raising this year is beginning to grow again from raffles, tombola's, Pershore Carnival fundraising and the New Inn Pershore.

We received the small amount of £12.91 from Amazon Smile, please add us to your Amazon account so we can receive donations, every little bit helps.

Last November Pershore Round Table donated £1000.00 to help our club.

We received donations from our patrols Pershore Christmas lights, Pershore Carnival, Midsummer Brass and Pershore Plum Festival.

The money we spent on the flood callout fees was reimbursed to us from Shropshire.

We still pay for the zoom account as this is very useful for our meetings.

During the year we bought 75 Platinum Medallion awards to commemorate the Queens Jubilee. The interest in this award was excellent and we have managed to complete 63 of these awards so far.

We have been selling some awards to the children but often the message is not reaching home and children are missing out on their awards. We are looking at making sure this doesn't happen, this will be discussed during the AGM.

The pool hire for this year was kept the same, but we are expecting a rise in 2023 due to the rise in energy bills. The garage has increase by £2 a month.

We have made a small loss this year but have paid the deposit for the return of the Poole trip for the older Rookies, who will be completing Survive and Save Beach awards. Also, in preparation for the weekend in Poole we have paid for the minibus driving test for 2 adults and the minibus permit. This

money will be covered by the deposits being paid after the end of this financial year and all the trip costs will be covered, once the spaces are all paid for early next year.

The balance at the end of the club's financial year September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is £5838.84.

### Junior Organisers Report

This years' focus has been to continue to rebuild and restructure after the disruption of Covid and the extended pool closure. Earlier in the year we managed to attract over 20 new members and merge smaller lanes where possible. The third session is still undergoing restructure which will be completed in the new year as many of the members are now at the same stage and can therefore be merged together. This will give us the ability to recruit even more new members.

With the support of the teachers and helpers we have maintained our achievement of ensuring each junior member gets an award each term.

I am pleased to say that I am currently overwhelmed by the number of young volunteers we have who are keen to assist the teachers. This is great news and bodes well for the future.

### Flood Team Report

The last 12 months has seen us in position to resume full training, with team members renewing their swift water rescue technician and rescue boat operator's qualifications. The team has also run first aid training for younger members of the club as well as a First Responder course. In addition, the team ran and hosted a deployment exercise which saw SLSGB teams from around the country working together to practise their deployment skills and to improve interoperability.

This year safety cover has been provided for the Pershore Duck Race and opening of the new Pershore Slipway, Pershore Carnival, Midsummer Brass Festival and Pershore Plum Festival. By the time of the AGM, we will also have conducted safety cover for the Malvern Xmas Festival and Pershore Xmas lights.

Earlier this year we advertised for new members and having received some expressions of interest will be looking to commence training with them in the New Year.

Earlier this year the team deployed to Shropshire to assist with the Large-Scale flooding in the area.

In the autumn of 2022, the team will undergo a National Audit by the National Resilience Assurance Team on behalf of DEFRA.

### Safeguarding 2022 Report

The club continues to follow the RLSS and SLSGB Safeguarding Protocols. All our safeguarding leads have received additional training in order to support this.

I'm pleased to say we have had no incidents in the past 12 months reported to us to deal with, and we will continue to support all the teachers and assistant teachers in their roles and what to do should a referral / report be made.

We continue to monitor and seek to ensure that all our volunteers aged 16 years and above will hold current DBS certificates and that all training should be in groups, and if there are to be one to one training this should be on poolside for all to be able to view.

### Lifesaving competition report

During 2022 we have had members of South Worcestershire Lifesaving competition squad at 3 competitions with many notable successes. We attended the RLSS Speeds in Sheffield, SLSCB in Swansea and SLA also in Swansea winning several of each bronze, silver and gold medals and plenty of personal best times at each competition.

We also had several members enter the West Midlands Simulated Emergency Rescue event with 2 of our Junior Girls pairs fishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and went through to the National Finals

# South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club Balance Sheet

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<b>Opening Balance 1st October 2021</b>				<b>£6,304.02</b>
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## Income

<b>BACS &amp; Money taken</b>			<b>£14,283.70</b>	
<b>(Subscriptions, kit, badges, books etc)</b>				
<b>Patrols and Donations</b>			<b>£912.91</b>	
<b>Fund Raising</b>			<b>£887.00</b>	
<b>Flood Callout income &amp; Grants</b>			<b>£223.02</b>	
<b>Interest</b>			<b>£0.56</b>	
				<b>£16,307.19</b>

## Expenditure

<b>Garage &amp; Pool fees</b>		<b>£8,106.78</b>		
<b>Club Kit, equip, badges &amp; books</b>		<b>£2,867.41</b>		
<b>Flood rescue, patrol expenses and boat repairs</b>		<b>£547.66</b>		
<b>Flood callout expenses</b>		<b>£223.02</b>		
<b>Competitions, club/individual memberships &amp; courses</b>		<b>£3,699.30</b>		
<b>Incidentals, zoom, website</b>		<b>£1,328.20</b>		
				<b>£16,772.37</b>

## Balance at 30th September 2022

**£5,838.84**