

Chair's report 2024

Fourteen of our nippers (a third of all our nippers) took part in the SLS Cornwall Frostbite Championships at Penzance swimming pool in March. They all did brilliantly, some winning their heats and everyone stepping up for their team and having big smiles on their faces. It was a huge effort to coordinate, frantic, and huge fun. Thanks to everyone who took part and supported our nippers!

It has been great to see so many new coaches at the pool delivering sessions to the nippers and honing their new coaching skills. The nippers have responded well to their coaching and are making great progress. This winter we have been running more focussed training sessions for the juniors, all of whom have already met the surf lifesaver swim times and some have reached the lifeguard swim times too.

Unfortunately the pool reallocated our long held Thursday night slot to another swim club, despite our early request to retain it at the beginning of the summer. Despite all our attempts to move it we have had to settle for the late sessions on a Wednesdays, which we are aware clashes with other popular clubs and deeply regret the disruption this has caused.

Volunteer membership

Since this new membership category was agreed at the EGM in December last year, it has been very popular and successful, removing all financial barriers to new volunteers thinking about stepping forward and to those who already dedicate their valuable time and effort continuing to support the club. Without them there would be no club. However, the funding of SLISGB membership fees by the club has proven

very expensive and we must ensure that the charity's money is spent wisely. We therefore propose that the volunteer membership category will continue to be free to members who are 18 years old and over and have volunteered 10 hours of their time in the previous year. Eligible volunteers must hold the lifeguard award, Surf lifesaver award, a coaching award or be a trustee of the club. The club will continue reimburse the course fees of members who undertake these qualifications and go on to volunteer 10 hours in their new role.

We propose reintroducing the Sandhopper membership category for 5-7 year old children of volunteer members to remove child care barriers to those volunteering during the beach sessions. In previous years this has been very popular and the sand hoppers have great fun building their confidence and knowledge of the sea. They even got to have rides on nipper and rescue boards at the end of the nipper sessions, surrounded by lifeguards of course!

Beach sessions

We managed to run 12 nipper beach sessions this year, from the last week of May to the second week of September. Transporting all of the clubs boards and equipment to the beach was made vastly easier and safer by the upgrade to the path and Polurrian Hotel very kindly allowing us to use their all terrain vehicle. Many parents and volunteers helped to transport the kit from the trailer to and from the beach which was a great help.

However, I am pleased to report that we are still on track to being able to store the kit permanently at the refurbished beach house in time for our nipper beach sessions next year.

Cornwall Council has now devolved the building to the PCBHT and we are meeting next week to select which of the three tenders to go with. Work may start as early as next month. In 2017 Mullion SLSC was awarded a £4,000 grant towards the cost of repair of the building. This money has been ring fenced in the club's account ever since but has now been transferred to the PCBHT.

I am pleased to report that the Goonhilly Windfarm Fund this week awarded £10,000 to the trust towards the cost of the works. The charity Jay's Aim has also agreed to provide a defibrillator and cabinet to be installed on the beach house which will be available to the public at all times.

The PCBHT will soon launch a fundraising campaign to allow people from our community and further afield to support the project, and it is important that we encourage everyone we know to donate to this.

With new coaches coming on board, a new cohort of juniors embarking on their lifeguard journey, more parents volunteering and at long last a new clubhouse on the beech we can confidently state that in its 65th year, and a decade after it was destroyed by storms, our club is strong and sustainable with a bright future ahead of it!



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Mullion Surf Lifesaving Club

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Oct 2023

To

Period end date
30th Sep 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Deposit interest	382	-	-	382	171
Fundraising/ Donations	1,658	-	-	1,658	1,471
Membership Fees/ Other fees	3,405	-	-	3,405	5,819
Winter Swim session fees	2,493	-	-	2,493	2,862
Grant receipts/ Gift aid	239	-	-	239	455
Miscellaneous	65	-	-	65	-
Transfer Mullion SLSC	-	-	-	-	17,962
Kit sales	-	-	-	-	11
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,242	-	-	8,242	28,751
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,242	-	-	8,242	28,751
A3 Payments					
Affiliation Fees	3,451	-	-	3,451	3,406
Stationery	260	-	-	260	110
Swimming Pool fees	3,048	-	-	3,048	2,304
Training	100	-	-	100	650
Transfer to Pollurian Cove Beach Trust	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Equipment repairs	112	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	314	-	-	314	1,225
Sub total	7,285	4,000	-	11,173	7,695
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Swim Fins	792	-	-	791	357
Pool boards	881	-	-	881	-
Competition Vests	424	-	-	424	190
Walkie Talkies	-	-	-	-	29
Throw lines	-	-	-	-	103
AED Trainer	-	-	-	-	50
Sub total	2,097	-	-	2,096	729
Total payments	9,383	4,000	-	13,270	8,424
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,140	- 4,000	-	- 5,027	20,327
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,327	10,000	-	30,327	-
Cash funds this year end	19,187	6,000	-	25,187	20,327

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Current Account	2,517	-	-	
	Barclays Deposit Account	16,670	6,000	-	
	Total cash funds	19,187	6,000	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details None	-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
			-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Nipper Boards	General	-	-	
	Rescue Tubes	General	-	-	
	Surf Skis	General	-	-	
	Rescue Boards	General	-	-	
	Sail Flags	General			
	Event Shelter	General			
	Equipment Trailer	General			
	Little Annie QCPR	General	-	-	
	VHF Radios and cases	General			
	Electric pump for boards	General			
	Megaphone	General			
	Binoculars	General			
	Transition nipper boards	General	-	-	
	Inflatable rescue board	General	-	-	
	Swim Fins	General			
	Throw Lines	General			
	AED Trainer	General	-	-	
	Pool boards	General			
	Walkie Talkies	General			
	Competition vests	General	-	-	
	B5 Liabilities	Details None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-	
	Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	