

## **Sennen Surf Club AGM 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**21st January 2015, 7pm-8pm**

**Sennen Cove Recreation Centre**

### **Management Committee Group (MCG) attendance**

Peter Bainbridge (admin secretary) (PB)

Justin Knight (Chair) (JK)

Sadie Knight (treasurer + Secretary/membership) (SK)

Becky Hancock (child protection/safety/youth development officer) (BH)

Peter Urquhart (Club Trustee) (PU)

### **Club members attendance**

Rob Bradley (RB)

Harvey Thomas (HT)

Matthew Szlichta (MS)

### **Non-members attendance**

Steve Jamison (SJ)

### **Apologies**

Sara Bevan (SCRC Representative) (SB)

Harvey Hoare (President) (HH)

Sam Smart (Surf school Representative + elite surfing) (SS)

Julia Rescorla (Honorary Member and Swimming) (JR)

Chris Denley (CD)

Beth Bainbridge (Junior Rep) (BB)

Taiyo Omori (Junior Rep) (TO)

Bryn Davies (Junior Rep) (BD)

## **Matters Arising (2014 AGM minutes)**

None

### **Secretary (Admin) Report, C/O PB**

2014 was a successful year for the Sunday Groms club.

There were two groups of lifeguards trained up and completed their exams successfully and we are hoping to have more volunteers trained up this year.

We only managed to have one inter-club surf competition with Gwithian Academy of Surfing (GAS) due to a sewerage overflow for the second competition at Godrevey. SSC won the title in less than ideal conditions.

### **Treasurer & Secretary/membership Report, C/O SK**

The building rent has increased slightly.

2014's turnover doubled from the previous year with the Groms Sunday sessions.

The income from the 'Rookies' was lower than 2013, however, 12 Groms came out with awards.

There was a large increase in club memberships, resulting in a waiting list having to be drawn up. To ensure there are enough volunteers to guide/coach the Groms each week it was decided by the MCG that subs would be £3 per board hire and subs with a non-volunteering parent and £2 per board hire and subs with a volunteering parent. This was very successful with more parent volunteer helpers than there were rash vests!

There was no grant available to the club this year.

With the increase of membership this year the club was able to spend money on a new rescue board, 6' and 7' swell style boards and rash vests with the SSC logo printed on.

There was an increase in clothing sales (hoodies/t-shirts) producing a small profit.

This year the MCG decided to award medals to the Groms who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the surf competition. There was also an award for the most improved surfer.

Hopes for 2015 include:

- That the club can continue to have plenty of volunteers for the Groms sessions.
- Be able to cover the costs of the pool hire by asking for swimming/lifeguard subs to be paid upfront at the start of the winter training program.
- The club is hoping to purchase some new slick bottom boards for the Groms who are ready to progress onto more advanced boards. The club is also hoping to purchase some new life saving equipment and boards to use in the pool for the Groms.
- The club needs to have a new trainer/assessor (TA) for the NBLQ course at a cost of £1000, this is likely to be JK or JR. Fund raising will need to be done to achieve this.
- This year the club hopes to have two schools affiliated to the club, Cape Cornwall Secondary and Mousehole Primary, an affiliation document will need to be written up for this to be achieved.
- from this year (2015) any club kit that needs to be written off will need to be signed off by two MCG members and disposed of appropriately.
- Insurance is needed to cover all of the clubs kit/equipment.
- It has been found that SGB insurance is not needed for individual club members/volunteers, only for those coaching outside of the club sessions. Individuals requiring this level of insurance will need to purchase this themselves.

### **Safety & Training and Child protection Representative Report, C/O BH**

There were no 'major' incidents to report from 2014. However, there was one occasion whereby a small group of Groms were allowed to paddle outback without leashes secured. Once this was realised they were all brought in and leashes were secured before they were allowed back into the sea. There was an informal meeting immediately after the session to establish what had happened and the coach that was in charge is no longer volunteering for the club.

All regular volunteers attended assistant coach training sessions held by PU before the start of the season.

All regular volunteers have now been DBS checked.

As Poppy has now completed her two years as promised she will no longer be the clubs head coach, she will be replaced by Matthew Szlichta now he is a fully trained lifeguard and ASI level 1 surf coach, he will need to be supervised at all times by the MCG as he is 16 years old. Taiyo Omori will work alongside MS as assistant head coach.

### **Family representative Report, C/O RB**

There was a good turnout of Groms each week, they are progressed with their surfing and enjoyed it. Parents of the Groms have been advised to purchase their children 5:3/4:3 wetsuits as many of them become too cold in a 3:2.

### **Junior Representative Report, C/O BB + MS**

MS: all the Groms enjoyed the season, progressing their surfing and attending most weeks with no concerns or issues raised.

### **Senior Representative Report, C/O TO, BD**

Neither of these reps attended or gave a report.

### **Social Representative Report, C/O Harvey Thomas**

The end of year BBQ and social was a success with thanks to parents who made the amazing paella for everyone.

The Christmas dinner for the volunteers social was a success for all who attended at the Coldstreamer as well as the many evenings in the pub.

2015 is the clubs 50th anniversary whereby a party will be held towards the end of May to kick off this years season. This will be organised by all MCG members as it is a big event to organise.

It is hoped that in 2015 there will other club social events organised on a regular basis.

### **Clubhouse Building Representative Report, C/O SB**

SB did not attend.

The wet room was redecorated at the start of the season, many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out during the two days.

It is hoped the club will be able to have shower(s) fitted outside the back of the clubhouse for member to use after surfing.

The Smarts and the club are looking at the removal of the adjoining wall between Smart Surf School (SSS) and SSC to allow more room for the Groms to gather for health and safety reasons (keeping them off the road). The costs will be shared with SSS if this goes ahead.

The club has outgrown the wet room and would like to swap rooms with the gig club to provide more space for changing, storing equipment and club meetings.

All of the windows need to be replaced by the gig club as the surf club replaced the doors and redecorated the outside of the building. The gig club will need to fund raise for this.

The outside of the building needs redecorating.

## **Elections**

- Trustee - PU
- President - SJ. Proposed by HT, 2nd PU
- *Chair - JK. Proposed by RB, 2nd by SJ*
- *Admin Secretary - PB. Proposed by SK, 2nd by RB*
- *Treasurer Secretary+Membership - SK. Proposed by BH, 2nd by RB*
- *Safety and Child Protection - BH. Proposed by SK, 2nd by JK*
- Family Rep - CD. Proposed by RB, 2nd by SK
- Junior Rep - MS + BB. Proposed by PU, 2nd by JK
- Senior Rep - TO. Proposed by PB, 2nd by MS
- *Building Rep - SB. Proposed by HT, 2nd by MS*
- *Youth Development - RB. Proposed by BH, 2nd by HT*

NB: *italics* are core MCG members.

All votes were unanimous.

### **Any Other Business (AOB)**

PU - Funding is only available if we have an AGM. £3000 is available from Cornwall Community Grants.

PU would like to stand down as TA. He will continue to train lifeguards in 2015 but a new TA will need to be identified and trained by 2016. PU has agreed to be the clubs assessor for two years, until December 2017. PU identified Phil Drew, head RNLI lifeguard can do the assessing for free.

PU would like to remain a trustee of the club.

SJ would like the club to promote lifeguarding and produce really good lifeguards and TA's and has offered his help to achieve this.

PU will continue as senior coach on Wednesday evenings.

### **End of Meeting**

The Chair, JK thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting