



NORTH SEA VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARDS

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Minutes of the NSVL Annual General Meeting which took place at 17:00 on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at Tynemouth Pool.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Club Chair Julie Rogers was unable to attend the AGM. In the absence of the Vice Chair, Administrator Donna Robson proposed that Equipment Officer Elliot Rogers Chaired the AGM. No objections were received therefore Elliot proceeded with the Chairs welcome.

1. Chairs welcome

AGM Chair, Elliot Rogers welcomed all those present to the AGM and thanked them for their attendance.

2. Attendance and apologies

In attendance:

Vicky Farrer (Membership Officer)
Harry Furness
Zara Hall
Will Hogg
Rachel Mahoney (Safeguarding Officer)
Anna Majarich
Gracie McMullen
Craig Morgan (Lifesaving Sport Officer)
Isabel Penlington
Donna Robson (Administrator)
Chloe Rogers (Finance Officer)
Elliot Rogers (Equipment Officer)
Peter Vesey
Geoff Wade (Training Centre Coordinator)
Joe Welsh

Apologies:

Dan Baker
Paula Dickenson (Vice Chair)
Cath Darling
Andrew Noakes
Julie Rogers (Chair)
Emma Scarr
Maureen Welsh

3. Adoption of the minutes from the 2023 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were proposed as a true record by Geoff Wade and seconded by Craig Morgan, therefore the minutes were approved and recorded as a true record.

4. Retiring committee members

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers reported that several members of the committee have either stood down or retired from their current committee positions. Some have been nominated for alternative positions on the committee but some have retired completely. These members are Paula Dickenson (Vice Chair), Rachel Mahoney (Safeguarding Officer) and Vicky Farrer (Membership Officer). Paula was unable to attend the AGM but Rachel and Vicky were presented with a bouquet of flowers to thank them for their hard work and dedication to NSVL.

5. Presentation of annual report and accounts

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers gave an overview of the annual report with input from some of the trustees present:

- An overview of the Chairs report was presented with highlights including NSVL celebrating 25 years of lifesaving, with thanks expressed to founder member Joe Welsh for his continued support, involvement and guidance. Julies statement also referenced the welcome addition of Instructor Will Hogg to the team, the re-introduction of the NSVL Presentation Evening and the delivery of the Summer beach sessions. Thanks were also expressed to Geoff Wade for the dedication shown to the recent re-structure of club training sessions.
- An outline of the current membership statistics were presented: 27 adult members and 110 junior members, with 40 children on the waiting list – this is an overall increase in adult membership and a significant reduction in waiting list numbers due to a large number of children being invited to join classes in recent months.
- Lifesaving Sport was briefly discussed, with highlights including the Blyth Lifeguard & Swimming Club 60th Anniversary Competition and the Billingham Forum Lifesaving Club Short Course Competition.
- NSVL's affiliation to RLSS UK was discussed, with highlights including involvement in the Platinum Jubilee Medallion programme and the RLSS UK National Honours ceremony.

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- The return of the Annual Boxing Day Swim following a two year break due to the Covid-19 pandemic was worthy of recognition – this is the clubs biggest fundraiser of the year and the event was a huge success. Community engagement also featured heavily in the report.
 - AGM Chair Elliot Rogers rounded up the presentation of the annual report by reflecting on the newly introduced NSVL memorial awards which were presented for the first time at the 2022 Presentation Evening. These were presented in memory of Michael Weedy, Jake Morley and Nick Clarke.

Finance Officer Chloe Rogers gave an overview of club finances. NSVL are in a stable position financially but further funds are very much required for any potential beach base move and for future new facilities. A breakdown of club finances is available on request via email.

6. Election of Trustee committee members

Chair: One candidate: Geoff Wade
Vice Chair: One candidate: Julie Rogers
Safeguarding Officer: One candidate: Cath Darling
Training Centre Coordinator: One candidate: Joe Welsh
Lifesaving Sport Officer: No nominations received
Fundraising Officer: One candidate: Craig Morgan
Membership Officer: One candidate: Anne-Marie Thomas
Communications Officer: One candidate: Anna Majorich
Social Secretary: No nominations received

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers proposed that all candidates were elected en bloc as there was only one candidate standing for each position. This was seconded by Vicky Farrer and no objections were received, therefore all candidates were duly elected.

7. Election of Non-Trustee committee members

Two Parent Rep positions were available for election. Two candidates were nominated: Julie Robertson and Emma Scarr. Two Youth Rep positions were available for election. Two candidates were nominated: Joel O'Malley and Millie Trenholm.

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers proposed that all four candidates were elected. This was seconded by Will Hogg and no objections were received, therefore all candidates were duly elected.

8. Election of Pool Lifeguard Coordinator and Beach Lifeguard Coordinator

Administrator Donna Robson highlighted that these positions can only be nominated by and elected by the Lifeguard membership.

Beach Lifeguard Coordinator: One candidate: Harry Furness
Pool Lifeguard Coordinator: One candidate: Amelie Sillence

Geoff Wade proposed that both candidates were elected. This was seconded by Joe Welsh and no objections were received, therefore both candidates were duly elected.

9. Appointment of Instructor Coordinator

Administrator Donna Robson highlighted that this was a committee-appointed position and the candidate appointed was Harry Morgan.

10. Any Other Business

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers reported that prior to the AGM the committee appointed a new Non-Trustee committee member (to a new role). Zara Hall has been appointed as Social Media Lead and will work alongside our new Communications Officer (Anna Majorich) to promote club activity and increase our visibility and reach.

AGM Chair Elliot Rogers shared with those present that a bouquet of flowers, wine and chocolates would be delivered to Julie Rogers following the meeting to thank her for her work as NSVL Chair for the last five years. Elliot then thanked Administrator Donna Robson for producing the annual report, Finance Officer Chloe Rogers for her review and presentation of the club accounts and the membership for their attendance at the meeting.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 17:25.
