



UKSRL Annual General Meeting, Saturday 27th September 2025
Saunton Sands SLSC 16:30hrs

Present: Chris Lane, Peter Gaisford, Mike Lord, Gethin Edwards, Josh Edwards, Ben Thomas, Jaimie Grace, Ken Croft, James Johnson, Rees Harris, Ross Fraser, Petros Grigoriou, Ben Thomas, Heather Webber, Millie Wiggins, Meg McCloy, Lottie Thomas, Cath Thonas, Annabel Durrant, Paul Barrel, Aaron Jones, Rebecca Jeffery, Paula Bright

Apologies: Nick Beringer

The minutes of the 2024 meeting were read, agreed and signed as a true copy.

Proposed - Ken Croft Seconded – Chris Lane Agreed

The President gave his verbal report to the meeting and apologised for not being as active as in the past due to the construction of a new house that taken up all of his time. He felt that one more year as President would suffice and a new President should be encouraged to take on the role from the 2026 AGM.

The Chair gave her report and confirmed that the UKSRL has now been registered as a CIC Ltd Company at Companies House. Limited liability now protected the officers of the UKSRL. In the spring the UKSRL secured full club accreditation to the Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain. The accreditation meant that UKSRL events are now covered by SLSGB Public Liability Insurance subject to UKSRL membership obtaining SLSGB qualifications for Level 2 Surf swim competence, Level 2 Surfboat competence and Sweep Level 2 Attainment. This needs to be reinforced for 2026 season. The UKSRL membership competed at the SLSGB National Open Championships at Fistral Beach last weekend. The event went very well and the SLSGB are looking to keep surfboats in the National Open programme for 2026.

The Treasurer confirmed £3508.26p is currently held in the UKSRL bank account

The Secretary reported that there is now a very active committee in place and the delegation and responsibility of roles is making the administration and the conduct of events easier to achieve. The UKSRL club currently has 55 members logged in the SLSGB JustGo membership system. Llantwit Major SLSC has lead the way with encouraging new rowers to participate and we have managed to encourage St Agnes SLSC Surfboat crew to attend two events.

Events development continues in cooperation with the Super Six organisers at Porthcawl. Unfortunately the Watergate Bay event had to be moved to Maenporth Beach due to storm conditions on the north coast. The Perranporth event was conducted in perfect conditions with plenty of sunshine. The SLSGB Open Nationals took place in 5-6ft surf conditions at Fistral Beach. There were some breakages of kit and thrills and spills to entertain those watching from high tide mark on the beach. The final event at Saunton Sands had 4-5ft waves and a large amount of white water to row through.

Development has been focussed upon increasing the UKSRL social media presence of Facebook and Instagram. Short videos are regularly shared to keep the interest ongoing. If anyone has GoPro footage of training and/or racing please send to me as I need new material all the time. Now that the racing season is over we have put out an invitation to members of the Cornish Pilot Gig Association to come and try surfboat rowing on Sunday 5th October. This is an opportunity to spread the word about rowing surfboats and for experienced gig rowers to try something different.

Election of Officers:

President: Chris Lane Proposed: Gethin Edwards Seconded: Kim Marie Jackson Unanimous

Chair: Kim Marie Jackson Proposed: Mike Lord Seconded: Rebecca Jeffery Unanimous
Treasurer: Scott Bentley Proposed: Aaron Jones Seconded: Ken Croft Unanimous
Secretary: Peter Gaisford Proposed: Paul Barrell Seconded: Kim Marie Jackson Unanimous
Events Officer: Gethin Edwards Proposed: Milli Wiggins Seconded: Heather Webber Unanimous
Development Officer: Ken Croft Proposed: Jaimie Grace Seconded: Rebecca Jeffery Unanimous

Club Reps:

Portreath: Jay O'Donnell
St Agnes: Chris Whitworth
Porthtowan: Ed Hartgill
Perranporth: Paula Bright
Llantwit Major: Mike Lord
Croyde & Saunton: James Johnson

Membership fees for 2026 to remain at £30 for all events.

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Three UKSRL events for 2026 Wales in June, Cornwall in July and Devon in September
One SLSGB Open Nationals event probably in September 2026.
Committee to conduct an online survey of UKSRL membership on how to improve the events

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:30hr