

English Surfing Federation

Annual General Meeting

24th Jan 2017

Spoke & Stringer, Bristol

Bruce Daniels welcomed everyone to the AGM. Attendees List attached

Apologies: Nigel Semmens, Nick Hounsfeld, Alex Williams, Phil Williams, Andy Sturt, Stuart Matthews

Bruce clarified that SurfingGB no longer exists and English Surfing Federation is single name of the merged organisations.

1. Nick Rees-Operations Update

Nick gave an operational overview on 2016 covering the following points:

- Membership structure as at the end of the year: 1110 surfers, 35 Surf Schools. 27 Surf Clubs. 210 coaches.
- Media: Facebook and Instagram 97% growth in following in last year. Having merged ESF and SurfingGB Facebook pages, it was discovered that there were very few people on both pages which in effect increased the audience by over 1000
- Stage 1 of process for becoming national governing body went in 4th Jan 2017. Sport England have 10 weeks to respond. Stage 2 preparation is being worked on currently. Aim is to have status May/ June 2017.
- Merger update: Nick ran through the huge workload that has been completed to successfully merge ESF and SurfingGB plus an outline of what is required for the full rebrand by 1st Feb 2017.
- ISA have confirmed ESF Associate member status (same level as Scotland and Wales)
- Nick updated on the following:
 - 2017 targets for membership structure - Individual (1300), schools (40), clubs (30) and coaches (250)
 - work progressing to encompass BUCS requirements
 - Event plan for the year (English nationals, Rip curl groom search, Bucs) this is also to include an element of Adaptive surfing.
- Staffing: No changes through the year - Nick is still the only full time member of staff, with Rob Tibbles, Sally Lawton and Rachael Percival all part time.

2. Finances – Nick Rees

Nick ran through the last 3 years figures and a projected figure for 2016 as year-end is 31.1.17

Figures to be found in the published accounts.

A question was asked re Surfing Europe and the money involved in this. This project is one that Surfing GB bid for and won whereby funds came into Surfing GB in order to pay for the work directly for the project. This has been launched as of Nov 2016 and a link can be found from the new website. It is a surf related travel site.

Sponsorship is a key aspect of ESF. We are keen to increase sponsorship and should anyone know of any possibilities for the future – please let Nick Rees know.

3. Rob Tibbles - Media

Rob ran through the development of the new logo and website ready for the relaunch. This went live as of 3rd January (required for the National Body submission.) Rob also talked about the huge amount of work updating policies, certificates and systems that the team have completed.

www.englishsurfing.org is now live.

Any comments on website etc. please pass to Nick Rees or Rob Tibbles

4. Collaborative Future

ESF is continuing the journey and growth that SurfingGB began. Surfing GB aim was to cover all of GB and therefore, with the changes from last year, concentration in the future will be ENGLAND. Wales and Scotland both have national body status and Channel Islands will have in the near future. All regions will then be on a level playing field and will progress collaboratively.

Olympics will have GB team. Draft collaborative agreement is being written currently for the 4 national bodies

5. Directorship Voting

Existing directors for SURFING NGB and co-opted ESF directors have amalgamated in the short term. Original terms of reference for directors was 6 years however with the merger all directors must stand down and be re-elected. This was actioned.

2 directors stood down – Andy Sturt and Alex Williams

No objections for the remaining 10

- Bruce Daniels
- Matt Knight
- Tina Beresford
- Paul Currie
- Adam Tucker
- Brenda Wilmot
- Phil Williams
- Nick Hounsfield
- Stuart Matthews
- Awaiting confirmation from Nigel Semmens

It is important as of 1st April to have a gender balance and 25% independence

Nominations held for the 2 available spaces and accepted by the members –

- Dominique Kent (nominated by BW)
- Piers Martin (nominated by MK)

Legal process for registration to be progressed and due diligence carried out

Chairman to be nominated outside of meeting. Bruce Davies was put forward for this.

Directors meeting to be set up very soon and date to be advised

6. AOB

Communication to members – there has been a request for a priority list – Perhaps 5 key priorities that ESF is working on along with the mission statement

Request for minutes to be put on website and a summary of directors meetings

Thank you from Bruce Daniels and close of meeting.