



## AGM 2010

**Held:** Thurs 4th February 7.30 Rapanui HQ at 7 Weaver's Yard, Lane End Road, Bembridge

**Present:** Matt Harwood, Aaran Williams, Kyle Abram, Oliver Harvey, Martin Drake-Knight, Rob Drake-Knight, Clive Richardson, Simon Riley, Becky Young, James Iounnon, Charlie Sammons.

**Apologies:** Julie Tortada, Joe Truman, Mark New Chris Mannion, Joe Caudwell.

We had a fair but actually very workable turnout to the first Isle of Wight Surf Club AGM – and impressively, a wide ranging demographic.

It was hosted at the Rapanui HQ, so thanks to Rob & Mart for the use of their pad, the tea, the biscuits, the stickers and of course Tony Hawks!

We started the night with some introductions and moved swiftly on and discussed the following:

- Firstly to get up and running, and to secure funding and sponsorship which is out there, it was decided essential to put in place a club structure i.e. chairman, secretary, treasurer committee etc.
- Then we discussed the objectives & aims of the club - competitions, social activities, coaching & fund raising.
- It was of the opinion of the majority that competitions are great but without a social side any club will fail.
- We have a big windsurfing & kite surfing community with some top riders hailing from our fair isle – and we would like to see us as a club getting together and integrating for some form of yearly bash – and try and tie in some other event like paddle races and iron mans as well as the social events
- It was decided that this year we will be looking to host 3 competitions in all; the first being at the end of April, then September time, then November/December. Dates and competition format TBC.  
Of course there will be presentations evenings/social nights running alongside each of these events & maybe more.  
In the event of a flat swell, we will be creative and run paddle races, mini iron mans etc.
- We all hoped that as the club grows, at some point in the future to be putting a team together to compete with the other surf clubs around the country. We are in no doubt we have the talent! And wouldn't it be great to have other clubs coming over here to compete against us and vice versa.

After that, we discussed the personnel needed to put in place a club structure, and who were willing to take on the responsibilities

A vote was cast – and a few phone calls! Here as follows are the new Isle of Wight Surf Club Committee members:

- Chairman - Matt Harwood
- Treasurer – Jamie Whittle
- Secretary – Oliver Harvey
- Schools & Coaching Attaché – Chris Mannion
- Events Attaché – Kyle Abram
- Youth Attaché – Charlie Sammons & Rebecca Young

Arran Williams at Earth, Wind & Water, Shanklin has kindly offered to be the weatherman and will be updating the web site with up to date forecasts and his personal predictions.

The success of the club and these proposed events heavily depends on a healthy number of club members. We have tried to keep the fee as a low as possible to encourage uptake – this will initially cover the £250 Surf Club BSA membership and hopefully put some money in the bank to cover operating costs and as the club organically grows will be used for prizes, travel costs, social nights etc. This fee will be reviewed at the next AGM date TBC.

The proposed fee for membership is as follows:

£10 Adult £5 OAP (over 60) & Under 16

This fee will obviously give you membership to the club – and will give you free entry to the first competition.

It also gives you BSA membership under the Isle of Wight Surf Club banner – giving you world wide 3rd party public liability insurance. Insurance is compulsory in many areas, and the number of claims is increasing each year. If you are involved in an accident whilst surfing you are covered for claims made against you of up to £2,000,000. This covers you for injuries to third parties and damage to their equipment.

– click on the link to read all the benefits yourself.

<http://www.britsurf.co.uk/benefits-of-membership>

Membership forms will be available soon from Earth, Wind & Water (Offshore Sports) for you to fill in and send off with your membership fees.

Everyone had some good input and we all came away very positive in the clubs future, so thank you again for turning up and having some input. Apologies to those that were not aware that a meeting was taking place, we will in future try to give a little more notice for future events, meeting etc.

Please keep an eye on the new website and keep an eye out for upcoming events, photos and all sorts. And just to remind everyone there is a beach clean at: Grange Chine on the 27th February 2-4pm. Please see website for further details. <http://iowsurfclub.com/>

Hope I didn't miss anything !

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