



NCC National Meeting Minutes

Date: 9th February 2022

Time: 19.00 hrs

Held: via Zoom conference room

Attendees:

Jet Moore – Chair

Mark Agnew – Treasurer & South Devon rep

JP Eatock – Vice Chair & Cornwall rep

Brian Aplin – acting Guernsey rep

Jess Gundry – Dorset & IOW rep

Dave Slade – Secretary & Scotland rep

Ceri Davies – South Wales rep

Ashley Hone – South Devon rep

Cleopatra Browne – Pembrokeshire rep

Allan Dunlop – East Scotland rep

Owen Burson – IOW rep

Matt Upward – North Devon & Somerset rep

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and asked for attendees to introduce themselves.

Apologies were received from Mark Garland.

2. Previous minutes and matters arising

Minutes were proposed as being accurate by Mark Agnew and seconded by Matt Upward.

3. Incidents and Near Miss reporting

Each area was invited to share their reports and learnings.

Devon: regional meeting held in November 21 and reported the following

- One back injury from a jump of height and the last jump of the day – rescue performed by RNLI and coastguard and rescue protocol went well with no long-term effects
- Learning – possible underlying and undisclosed medical condition and the jump was unsuitable for the client

Guernsey:

- No near misses to report
- Rescues performed near cliffs included climber with foot injury, a dog owner and students scrambling but gave the RNLI good practise to rescue near the cliffs

Somerset & North Devon:

- No incidents to report apart from usual slips and minor grazes
- Overcrowding was an issue in a busy year

Dorset & IOW:

- No incidents or near misses to report
- Lack of comms recorded by a provider and the need to use PRB's
- A meeting was held in July 21 with local groups including the National Trust, Parish Council, Coastguard and coastering providers to get all on board and understand about the NCC

Pembrokeshire: regional meeting planned for March 22

- Incidents included one broken ankle; and a dislocated shoulder from falling over
- An instructor had a slip at the beginning of the season resulting being out of action for a couple of weeks
- Staff training is in order

Scotland: meetings combined Scotland, Orkneys and Shetlands

- One badly cut knee reported that was not picked up due to the wetsuit

North Wales: JP reported on their behalf

- No accidents or incidents reported

Cornwall:

- Accidents and incidents included: deep cut on arm needing stitches; two dislocated shoulders – one in deep water and one on the way out; dislocated knee; two spinal fractures
- Concerns were raised as there have been a lot of non-swimmers taking part
- Learnings = use 'whatthreewords' when sharing the location with the rescue providers

Website report:

- 4 incidents reported via the website, and it was reiterated these are anonymous
- One company is being sued for incompetence following an ankle injury when they jumped where they were told not to – using the system helps especially in these circumstances

Suggestions were requested on best way forward to encourage reporting.

Training on 'whatthreewords' and events with the RNLI will be taken forward.

4. Communications (website/Facebook, etc)

MA reported the website is being redeveloped making it more interactive and presenting better provider information. It will be linked to the new award and permissions will be sought to use photos.

Content writing or re-writing existing pages were requested as the designer is struggling.

Cleo reported Facebook pages were set up for each region and taken over by reps anyone can be added as admin for their page.

5. AALAs, SLSGB, RNLI, etc feedback

Communications are now dealt directly through the HSE and will communicate through the channel that is appropriate – RMS, HSE or local HSE.
RNLI and Coastguard are supportive of the NCC and like to be kept informed and invited to regional events.

ROSPA are also supportive of the NCC along with several insurance companies.

6. Regional minutes feedback

Were dealt with in section 3.

7. NCC guide award

A successful weekend was held with training events for providers and going through paperwork with many updates and the award should be ready to launch in April. Tom Partridge has brought the admin side up to date and more details will be covered in the AGM.

8. AOB

JP reminded all the symposium is being held 12th & 13th November in Scotland.

Mark requested Allan for more details to be put out the whole membership.

Meeting ended.