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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19 JUNE 2022

MINUTES

WELCOME

All of the Trustees who are present, Secretary, staff and volunteers

APOLOGIES

Lisa Reynolds, Trustee
Aisha Eveleigh, Trustee
Cerys Leyman, Trustee

ADDRESS BY CHAIRMAN

The year in review, praise given to all involved and Kickstarters. Neeve thanked and promoted to: SharkLab Technician and Educational Resource Director

VOTE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ELECT NEW CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIR FOR YEAR

Voted unanimously to re-elect Garry Oates as Chairman. No Vice Chairman proposed or elected

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND EGM-ongoingbusiness confidential to Trustees only at this stage

April Meeting suspended due to being inquorate-informally proceeded at Working Party 10th May
Update on Extraordinary Trustee Meeting 21st May as above

Trustees sign Written Resolution appointing Jan OFM; Jan to sign Conflict of Interest Register and Trustees to note

CURRENT REPORTS/UPDATES

Sandtona 1st May

Well attended by around 300 people despite the weather

Working Party 10th May

To plan for Jubilee events

SharkLab at Ventnor Youth Club

Attended by 30+; follow up activity to be held

Dont Drill the Wight social event at Bargemans 25th May

Good to meet the rest of the Key people in this successful campaign and chat informally over a beer!

Jubilee Events at Northwood and Browns Golf 5th June

BSP attended both events as well as completed a beach clean in the morning. Northwood House was non stop with BSP marquee manned by 4 volunteers all day. Browns Golf event more low key, attended by around 350 Sandown residents we provided our colouring in sheets printed by Sandown Town Council for children to colour in

Meeting with Amey 8th June

To discuss their potential assistance with our beach cleans. Contact: Heidi Howard

Now registered on Seagrass Spotter-first recorded results ever recorded on iRecord

(3 species identified along the coastline of the MCZ. Dr Richard Unsworth of Project Seagrass notified)

4th in Country for Easter Eggcase recording
On UK database held by the Shark Trust

Faroe Islands Petition update. Select Committee Report submitted. Next step to lobby MPs-see Angelas letter
Copy of video with Letter to MP template published on facebook
Lobby to hand deliver letter to Bob Seely at Northwood House
Date and time now set for debate in parliament: 11th July @ 6pm

New Petition for 2022/23: Stop Shark Finning

Draft completed but Jan has found it's already illegal to import shark fins into UK unless attached to body of shark!
However, UK earns £300,000 from the Tax & Excise of export to Spain and also the UK allows the sale of Shark fin products! Its an absolute nonsense and something which we will be looking into further once the Faroe Island debate in Parliament is done

Meeting with Wildheart Trust 21st June

Met for informal chat with Lisa of Wildheart Trust who is keen to forge links with other island conservation groups

**SharkLab-April Survey Report attached
Website**

Full time job to keep updated. We do have a newsreel plugin from facebook but important topics are getting "reeled down" and off the page! As our Marketing kickstarter Gina finished in April we have no one specifically to replace her to do the website and newsletter or to promote Events, although Neeve and Jan have kindly offered and have done fantastically, they are extremely busy with their other roles within the charity. If anyone knows anybody who has any IT skills and can spare a few hours a week or would like to volunteer to take on the role we would be most grateful!

Morrisons Awareness Raising Day Update date TBC

Due to a packed schedule during the Summer holidays for the SharkLab Live Roadshow it was suggested this promo event be postponed until September

Memberships:

In the last year we have continued to increase our memberships. The following figures are in comparison to same time last year:

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
facebook Main Page 2589	2952	14% increase
group 756	997	32% increase
SharkLab 0	203	203% increase
web 160	200+	25% increase

End of Year Accounts

Summary-full accounts attached:

Petty Cash £289.89
Community Interest Company £8609.39
Charitable Incorporated Organisation £7811.70
TOTAL £16710.98 credits at 19 June 2022.

NB Slight "tweaks" will be made for the actual EOY date 30JUNE22 for Charity Commission Report. Does not qualify for independent audit due to being under the £25000 threshold.

Copy of end of Year Financial Statement submitted to HMRC for CIC attached

FUTURE PROJECTS/EVENTS

Sandown Summer School now Sharklab RoadShow! Incorporating Shark Snapshot Week, Sandown Carnival, Sandown Regatta, Cowes Week, Ventnor Fringe and SharkLab Live at Beaches around the Isle of Wight Biosphere Coastline. 23rd July-3rd September. Summary of planned events attached. Volunteers welcomed

HARD ROCK CAFE-Cobra at Blue Tiki Cafe Fundraising Rock music event 16th July 7.30pm

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Recruiting new volunteers/Trustees

1) A charity identifies the need for new trustees. This may be because vacancies have arisen through resignations, or it may be that existing trustees have decided that one or more new trustees with specific skills are needed to help run the charity more effectively.

Blue Seas Protection currently has vacancy for 2 new Trustees

(2) The trustees agree what skills, experience and knowledge are needed, and write it down in the form of a short job description and person specification.

As recorded above, we have identified at the AGM a clear gap for someone with up to date IT skills to help with our website and marketing. Other persons with an interest or experience in marine conservation and/or citizen science research/surveying/recording are also warmly invited to register their interest in our other vacancy

(3) The trustees agree responsibilities and a process for recruitment; in doing this, they take care to comply with any specific requirements set out in the charity's governing document. Some of the work may be delegated to a sub-group of trustees, but the whole trustee board remains in full control of the process and decisions.

Please send your CV and covering letter to register your interest in becoming a Blue Seas Protection Trustee to:

The Secretary to the Trustees

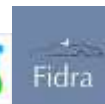
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