

## **KENT BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting of the Kent Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society held at Rianos 33, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8RX on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 commencing at 10:00 hours

President Cavell Burchell welcomed everyone to the AGM and introduced The Worshipful the Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Fay Gooch and her Consort Mr Peter Gooch

Cllr Fay Gooch then gave a welcoming speech highlighting the valuable community work and education that Kent lifesavers carry out. She is particularly looking forward to hearing more about the work and skills that are shared especially as we emerge from the Pandemic and was eager to share with other civic dignitaries. The President Mr Cavell Burchell thanked the Mayor for her kind words.

The Mayor Cllr Fay Gooch and Kent Branch President Cavell Burchell then made the presentation of Branch awards for 2022.

### **22/01 Those Present**

Branch Chairman	Mr Paul Paulding
Branch President	Mr Cavell Burchell
Branch Deputy President	Mr George Payne

Other committee members, guests and individual Branch Members were recorded as attending.

President Mr Cavell Burgess invited Mr Paul Paulding to announce the Branch awards.

### **22/02 Presentation of Branch Awards**

The following awards were presented by The Mayor and President Mr Cavell Burchell

Standing Memorial Award	Mrs Denise McWilliams
The Bullett Memorial Award	Not awarded
The Pat O'Connell Memorial Award	Miss Lorraine Mackie
Senior Lifesaver of the Year	Mrs Donna Wickens (Unable to attend)
Junior Lifesaver of the Year	Not awarded
Unsung Hero Award	Not awarded

Eric Stokes Award  
Colin Brice Memorial

Miss Emma Sawyer  
Not awarded

Salvers for the 2020 (unable to be presented due to the pandemic)  
Presented by the President and the Mayor to those in attendance

- Christopher Willson – Lifesaver of the Year (Unable to attend)
- Holly Robinson – Junior Lifesaver of the year
- Tilly Bucknall – Eric Stokes (Unable to attend)
- Jack Wilkinson – President Unsung Hero (Unable to attend)
- Stephen Goldsmith - Standing Memorial Award
- Paul Paulding – John Bullett Memorial Award
- Tilly Upton – The Brice Memorial Award

President Cavell Burchell Presented Past President Mr Andrew Griggs with his Past Shield as it was unable to be presented due to the pandemic

Cavell Burchell closed the presentations and congratulated all recipients of the awards, recipients of the Kent Branch Awards

Mr Paul Paulding announced that any of the recipients that do not wish to stay for the AGM may leave.

### **22/03 Notice convening the Meeting**

In the absence of the Branch Secretary Mr Paul Paulding read the Notice Convening the Meeting.

### **22/04 Minutes of AGM for 2021**

President Mr Cavell Burchell read through 2021 Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

President Mr Cavell Burchell asked for adoption of the Minutes. Mrs Denise McWilliams proposed and Mr Stephen Goldsmith seconded. The Minutes were duly adopted

## **22/05 Apologies for absence were received from:-**

Mrs Kathy Batts  
Mr Stephen Batts  
Mr Andrew Hunt  
Mr Adam Payne  
Mr Neil Morgan

Mrs Tina Smith  
Mrs Dain Lewis  
Mrs June Bright  
Mr Eric Bright

## **22/06 Annual Reports**

President headlined the individual reports opening them up for discussion & questions.

President's report; Chairman's report; Treasurer's report; Safeguarding report; Club Development Officer report; Awards report; Competitions Secretary report; Events Officer report; Youth Development Officer's report; Save A Life Kent Team; Honours Officer report; Public Relations Officer report.

The President Mr Cavell Burchell highlighted how the Branch still continued virtually to engage with their members throughout the difficult times of the past year. He also highlighted some changes within the society that have affected the structure of the committee. The President highlighted the work that Stephen Goldsmith had done in his role as Sales Officer and thanked him for all his efforts

Mr Andrew Griggs proposed that the reports be adopted which was seconded by Miss Lorraine Mackie and carried unanimously by the meeting.

## **22/07 Treasurer's Report**

There were no questions arising.

Mr Paul Paulding proposed the adoption of the report and Mrs Deborah Hunt seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted unanimously by the meeting

## **22/08 Notices of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **22/09 Induction of the President for 2022**

Mr Cavell Burchell as outgoing President gave a short address. He included some interesting facts about the Branch itself from which he has then put together A Potted History of Kent Branch, A copy was presented to the Mayor Cllr Fay Gooch.

A moment of silence was taken to remember Mr Ernie Butler and Mrs Jan Bristow and others that are no longer with us.

The President thanked everyone for the support throughout his year which had been enjoyable one. It had been a privilege to serve Kent Branch and he wished George Payne good luck in the year to come. He also welcomed Donna Thomas as Deputy Present for 2022.

President Mr Cavell Burchell then invested Mr George Payne as the new President of the Branch and Mrs Trudy Burchell presented the Presidents Escort chain to Mrs Fran Payne.

The new President Mr George Payne presented his inaugural address.

President Mr George Payne then presented the Past Presidents shield to Mr Cavell Burchell.

President Mr George Payne announced Mrs Donna Thomas as the new Deputy President for 2022 and presented to her with the Deputy President chain.

### **22/10 Election of Officers for 2022**

The President asked all officers whose posts were up for re-election to stand down and thanked them for their hard work over the last year.

The President then advised that there was only one candidate for each of the posts and all were duly elected:

- Mr Cavell Burchell is elected as Financial Administrator (inc sales)
- Mr Paul Paulding is elected as Competition Officer
- Mrs Fran Payne is elected as the Events Officer

The President advised that the positions of Trophy Secretary, Equipment Officer and General committee member are still vacant and that should anyone be interested in these positions, to please speak to Paul the Chair after the meeting.

Flowers were then presented by the youth to Cllr Fay Gooch, Mrs Trudy Burchell and Mrs Fran Payne

The President thanked everyone for attending, and with no further business to discuss he declared the AGM closed at 10.52am