



CSSC Tyne, Wear and Northumberland (TWN) Area AGM

1st April 2022 – starting at 6pm at Tyneside Irish Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne

Chairmans welcome

The 66 members attending the AGM were welcomed by the Chairman, David Wells, (DW). After summarising the agenda for the AGM and the availability of some copies of the Annual Report and Accounts in the room he introduced himself, the Treasurer – Sheila Ramsay, (SR), the Secretary – Tim Cook, the Vice-president – Peter Lawson and Volunteer Team Leader Manager – Andy Burdett.

Apologies for absence

President – Alan Fisher, **John Vallely**, Lee Harper

A minutes silence was held to reflect on members, friends and family **who may be ill**, or have died during the last year.

Minutes of previous AGM

There were no issues of accuracy and the minutes were agreed. There were no objections.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2021 Annual report

DW presented a summary of the report and thanked Sheila Ramsay for preparing it and others for their contributions.

Key points made included:

It is a useful document and shows how well the Areas funds have been spent over the year.

The Area received a grant of £39k, but with reserves from the previous year we had £51k to spend. We try to ensure this is spent responsibly and that we meet the needs of as many members as possible.

Thanked Management Committee for their help with the governance of the Area

Thanked Sports & Social Committee for looking after the sports and social processes

Thanked Representatives from the Sports Sections.

The social side of the Area's activities are featured with

Events

BU's

Corporate memberships

Prize draws

Annual Membership Subsidy Scheme

Health & wellbeing

Lifelong learning

DW thanked all those involved.

The caravan is continuing to be very successful. Thanks to Joanne / Sarah Baverstock / Dave Scanlan

Every volunteer is valued.

We welcome any new volunteers to run future events and for those still working for the Civil Service these may even be allowed to count as an example of a Corporate Contribution, or volunteering. Anyone interested were asked to talk to DW or Joanne Lockey (JL) if interested.

DW then asked for any comments.

Ken Freeman asked about surpluses – DW confirmed that Head Office (HO) allowed of up to 40% to be carried forward. He also confirmed it did not affect the grant allocation.

Peter Lawson asked if HO grant had been withheld – DW confirmed that Areas were asked if they needed the full grant. TWN had asked for its full allocation due to our range of activities during covid, and received this.

Peter Lawson asked about cricket team grounds – DW replied that as the team doesn't have its own grounds it was having some difficulty in finding pitches to play on.

Ken Freeman asked about the future of NUFC Benton Park training ground – DW stated that as this was the Civil Service sports ground CSSC receives some rental income. If NUFC moved elsewhere it would be for the CSSC property board to decide the future uses and /or sale.

DW then asked the meeting to agree the report which was accepted with no objections.

2021 Income & expenditure

DW introduced SR to explain the financial reports.

SR discussed the accounts and explained the areas of expenditure. A number of these were lower than previous years due to the changes as a result of covid restrictions.

Annual membership scheme is now regional and will be relaunched soon.

Additional funding had been agreed for the three sports sections.

The contract with Matfen Hall for spa treatments had ended when the ownership changed. A refund was received and a trial is now underway with Doxford Hall near Alnwick.

A surplus of £8000 ~~was made last year is held on the caravan account~~. This is being retained and built up as the caravan will need to be replaced soon due to its age and the Seafield site rules. A business case is also being prepared to purchase another caravan or holiday home.

There were no questions and the reports were agreed. There were no objections.

DW thanked SR and Asst Treasurer Frankie Jones for their work and all others who have helped. He also thanked Jimmy Smith for auditing the accounts.

Volunteer team leader / CSSC update

In the absence of Katie Bradshaw, (KB), VTL for NE & Yorkshire Region, a report was given by Andy Burdett (AB).

AB explained his role as the manager of KB and the other regional VTL's, and thanked all volunteers for their work for CSSC.

He mentioned two key dates – 15/6 is the national AGM which will be held virtually and the CSSC Games will be on 15 & 16 Sept, volunteers and competitors are required.

Membership fell from 160k to 135k mainly due to there being fewer new members. The resulting falling income did lead to a reduction in the funding given to some areas.

AB explained the changes to the website and the improved search function for area events and offers.

AB mentioned the recent appointment of the new Chief Exec, Matt Bazeley.

Volunteers are required at all levels of CSSC ie area, region and nationally and for those in the Civil Service can count towards their volunteering allowance.

Motions for which due notice has been given.

- no motions were submitted.

Election of Area Officers, Management Committee Members and Auditors

DW explained that the following two positions were appointed by the MC and that both were happy to continue.

Alan Fisher Area President

Peter Lawson the Area Vice President.

Nominations had been received for the following, but other nominations were invited. As there were none the following were re-elected: -

Chairman – David Wells

Secretary – Tim Cook

Treasurer – Sheila Ramsay

Management Committee (MC):

The current 8 members - Joanne Lockey, Frankie Jones, Dave Scanlan, Jim Cleave, Jackie Ilderton, Marc Hepburn, Sioban Haywood, Jamie Butt – were all willing to continue. DW said this leaves two places on the Committee, Imran Mohammed has offered to stand and DW asked for any other volunteers. Ken Freeman and Katherine Stewart both volunteered.

The new committee was confirmed and the new members were invited to the next meeting on 11/4/22 to see how it works and decide if they wish to join permanently.

DW mentioned that anyone can come to a meeting to see what goes on and should they decide to join the committee they can be co-opted at a later date.

DW confirmed that following the AGM the MC will appoint the Sports & Social Committee (SSC) who would welcome new members to oversee and help run events. Anyone interested should talk to him or JL.

The Auditor, Jimmy Smith, was reappointed un-opposed.

Any other business and discussion items with the Chairmans consent

Melanie Harper – asked about the BPV gym, offered to organise summer cashback events and asked about staycation cashbacks. DW replied that CSSC was looking to see if it could take over the BPV gym while HMRC are still on the site. A summer funday as part of CSSC100 was being planned and he welcomed her offer to manage the Heartbreak Productions cashback. Staycation cashback was a response to covid, now our priority is supporting sports and social events rather than individual activities.

Gary Butler – corporate memberships – he mentioned a recent trip to Scotland where he has benefited from the Scotland Area offers. JL explained that if people have ideas for cashback offers they should contact her and if they are willing to manage them even better. Support would be given. AB explained how the Scottish online shop worked and how an offer in Telford had been given using Nutickets.

Aruna udda (? second name) asked if a grant could be made for an end of season presentation. He was invited to come to an MC and discuss in more detail. A Member offered to sponsor the event.

DW formally closed the meeting at 19.10.

Prize draws

Theatre vouchers (2x£20) – 1154 & 1172

2 tickets to a NUFC home game in the 2022/23 season - 1139

2 tickets to a SAFC home game in the 2022/23 season - 1140

2 tickets to a Newcastle Falcons home game in the 2022/23 season - 1143

2 tickets to a Newcastle Eagles home game in the 2022/23 season - 1151

2 tickets to a Durham Cricket 20/20 or Pro40 home game in the 2022 season - 1164

Newcastle races (2 tickets for each of Plate Day 1175, Ladies Day 1169 and

Fighting Fifth 1157 meetings)

2 Elton John concert tickets at the Stadium of Light on Sunday 19/6/22 - 1147