

Good day to you all,

Apologies for the lengthy letter, please bear with it, it's quiet a dry subject, but an essential one for our continued effective operation and future access to government funding.

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We are calling a General Meeting in December to get our house in order before the new financial year in 2016. The purpose of the General Meeting will be complete formalities to bring our Objects (the legal recognised description of our activities) more in to line with our current activities and to correct a mistake dating from 2011.

The need to change the Objects now is driven by two issues:-

Firstly, essential funding to help develop our Flood Response Teams is now mainly only available from Government Agencies, happily it is increasing but they follow descriptive activity protocols – if you are not a recognised activity then it is very unhelpful. Life Saving is not currently one of the descriptive activities recognised but Search and Rescue is. Although we argue that an essential component of Life Saving as we know it involves search and rescue, trying to convince them otherwise is an uphill struggle. Accordingly, we have added the words **Search and Rescue** where appropriate.

Secondly, we have discovered that the Objects recorded at Companies House are not consistent with those registered by the Charity Commission. The Charity Commission version pre dates the version in the Articles approved by the members in 2011 for the formation of the new company but it seems that in this process the Charity Commission were not advised. This was clearly an omission as any change to the Objects must be pre approved by the Charity Commission. It now transpires that if they had been consulted in 2011 they would not have approved that version.

Below are the current Objects as recorded at Companies house and approved by the members in 2011 but not referred to the Charities Commission for approval:-

- 1.1 The object for which the Company is established is to save lives on Britain's beaches by:
 - 1.1.1. the provision of support and maintenance for a network of lifesaving clubs;
 - 1.1.2. the promotion and improvement of national and international standards, qualifications and training water safety, lifesaving, coaching, resuscitation

- and first aid;
- 1.1.3. the promotion and organisation of beach ,water sports and lifesaving activities for recreation and enjoyment that encourage fitness, team work, responsibility and excellence
- 1.1.4. the promotion of the provision of voluntary lifesaving services to the community and public at large.

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The Charity Commission have had significant input into the drafting of and have now approved the revised Objects that you are being asked to also now approve.

- 1.1 The object for which the Company is established is to save lives on Britain's beaches ***and to engage in search and rescue activities and to provide education in all areas relating to, lifesaving, search and rescue and resuscitation for the benefit of the public*** by:
- 1.1.1. the provision of support for and maintenance of a network of Affiliated Clubs with similar objects;
- 1.1.2. the promotion and improvement of national and international standards, qualifications and training in water safety, search and rescue, lifesaving, coaching, resuscitation and first aid;
- 1.1.3. the promotion and organisation of beach ***and pool training***, water sports, lifesaving and ***search and rescue*** activities for ***training***, recreation and enjoyment that encourage fitness, team work, responsibility and excellence ***in pursuit of these objects***;
- 1.1.4. the promotion of the provision of voluntary lifesaving ***search and rescue*** services to the community and public at large.

The Charities Commission have agreed the above as an appropriate way forward and the Board has considered the changes and is recommending them to you to be approved.

Your consideration and agreement would be welcomed.

Best wishes



Pete Lawrence
Chairman