**Winsford Amateur Swimming Club**

AGM 2016

7.00pm Wednesday 27th April 2016

Winsford Lifestyle Centre

|  | **Comments** | **Action** |
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| **1** | **Chairs’ Welcome:** Barry thanked and welcomed all to the meeting. |  |
| **2** | **Attendees:** Barry Keeling (Chair)  Helen Jones (Treasurer) Diane Christopherson (Club Secretary/mins)  Claire Brown (Team Manager)  Sarah-Jane Armitt (Parent Member)  Jayne Deeming (Treasurer/membership)  Sue Wright (Parent Member) Julie Grindley (Parent Member) Andrea Blackshaw (Treasurer/membership) Diane O’Grady (Vice Chair) Claire Brown (Team/Gala Manager) |  |
| **3** | **Apologies:** Dan Goodwin (Head Coach) Peter Rose (Gala Entry Co-ordinator) Sarah Keeling (Welfare Officer) |  |
| **4** | **Chairman’s Summary:** The Chair summarised the last year and talked through some of the challenges the club faced. Brio made changes to lessons – supported by the ASA, this had a big impact on the club. However, it isn’t as bad as originally anticipated. The club’s performance has greatly improved again this year, with more County, Regional and National swimmers. |  |
| **5** | **Head Coaches Report:** The Chair read out Dan Goodwin’s report which is attached to the minutes (see Appendix A). In Summary Dan’s report talks about the clubs’ progression, provides statistics about our swimmers/squads/medals and thanks everyone involved with the running of the club, the committee, volunteers, parents/family, coaches and most of all the swimmers. The focus now needs to be on organising extra pool time at other clubs. 136 swimmers across all squads 103 swimmers in WASC lessons programme (this is down by approx. 50% owing to the change brought about by Brio). There is a recognised point where swimmers would need to potentially move on to progress, instead of this happening suggestions were made on how we, as a club can realistically prevent this. One of the suggestions made by the Vice Chair is to offer a more bespoke land training programme to the squads, and perhaps allow the younger swimmers to help increase team building (Gill Clark). There followed a discussion over ways to implement a programme. The suggestions were taken away by the Chair to talk to the Head Coach. |  |
| **6** | **Section Reports:** Most of the updates were talked about during nos: 4 and 5. Lessons – Brio are using their own teachers. WASC are hoping to make use of the ASA Young Volunteer Programme which allows 14-16 year olds to help in the pool – worked well in the past. |  |
| **7** | **Membership Report:** Discussionaroundmembership numbers**.** |  |
| **8** | **Treasurers Report:** A set of accounts was available for all to see. The Treasurer walked through the accounts and took questions from the members. In Summary: The figures are dramatically reduced from the previous year, the main reasons are undoubtedly due to not being able to hold a development meet whilst the pool and balcony were being repaired; the change to the Brio lessons, and the purchase of much needed equipment (detailed in accounts paper provided).  The Treasurer would like it minuted her thanks to the following volunteers who help with the difficult task of getting the money in: Jayne Deeming Andrea Blackshaw Dave Moss  2016 - Things have started to slowly improve, however it is necessary to increase the club fees which is to be agreed at tonight’s AGM. A discussion took place about the recommended changes to the fee, and was unanimously agreed. The details have since been added to the website for clarification. Fundraising – The club desperately needs a volunteer or small group of volunteers to help fund raise. If anyone is interested please contact the Club Secretary who will forward your email to the relevant person.  Sponsorship – The club would also like to seek sponsorship from local companies – as we’re a local club.  We also plan to open up races for sponsorship at the up and coming Development Meet (family members welcome also) |  |
| **9** | **Committee Roles:**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Committee Members:** |  |  | | Chairman | Barry Keeling |  | | Vice Chair | Diane O’Grady |  | | Club Secretary | Diane Christopherson |  | | Treasurer | Helen Jones |  | | Membership Secretary | Jayne Deeming | Andrea Blackshaw | | Registrations Secretary | Andrea Blackshaw | Jayne Deeming | | Lessons Co-ordinator | Debra Thomson |  | | Welfare Officer | Sarah Keeling |  | | Parent Representatives: (max 4) | Sarah-Jane Armitt  Sue Wright | Julie Grindley Peter Rose | | Team Gala Secretary/Transport |  | Claire Brown | | Meets Results Secretary |  | **Vacancy** | | Level 1 & 2 Meets Entries |  | Carol Robson | | Level 3 & 4 Meets Entries |  | Peter Rose | | Open Meets Secretary |  | Dave Moss | | Presentation Medals Coordinator |  | Erika Howman | | Website |  | Oli Wright | | T Squad/Swim Assessments |  | Lorrain McGowen | | Club Desk |  | Angela Moss  Sue Wright  Carol Robson  Rayna Haydon  Gill Clark | | Press Officer |  | Erika Howman | | Fund Raising/Sponsorship |  | Stephanie Cushen | | Swim21 Co-ordinator |  | Barry Keeling | | 50m Training |  | Claire Brown | | Gala Committee |  | Sue Wright Sarah Carss Colin McEnaney | | |
| **10** | **AOB:** Congratulations to the Wrights on the website re-build. Sarah-Jane Armitt has now taken over the ordering of swim hats. Any other WASC merchandise can be purchased from Buccaneer Promotions; there is a link to the shop on the website. As the winner of the Winsford Town Mayors Oscar Awards, sponsored by Active Cheshire, DC to enquire if Active Cheshire are able to support/sponsor the club further. | DC |
|  | **Barry thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 2100hrs** |  |