

Winsford Amateur Swimming Club

Committee Meeting

7.00pm Wednesday 16th September 2015
Winsford Lifestyle Centre

	Comments	Action
1	<p>Chairs Welcome: Barry thanked and welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>Introductions: Welcome to Sarah Keeling , new Welfare Officer and Diane Christopherson new Club Secretary. Sadly Sarah Hawkins has resigned from her roles as Team Manager and Vice Chair, and Neil from the Club Secretary. The club would like to thank them both for all their support.</p> <p>Guest: Oli Wright</p>	
2	<p>Attendees: Barry Keeling (Chair) Helen Jones (Treasurer) Diane Christopherson (Club Secretary/mins) Claire Brown (Team Manager) Sarah-Jane Armitt (Parent Member) Jayne Deeming (Treasurery/membership) Sue Wright (Parent Member) Julie Grindley (Parent Member) Andrea Blackshaw (Treasurery00/membership) Peter Rose (Gala Entry Co-ordinator)</p>	
3	<p>Apologies: Sarah Hawkins Diane O'Grady</p>	
4	<p>Website: We have had a lot of trouble accessing the current website, and are only managing to add essential information. There is a new website under construction, which for a period of time, once published, will run in tandem with the current one. Each parent/swimmer will have their own log in details and password to access any of the protected information, but the home page and various others will be visible to the public. It was noted the 360 systems offered to create a brand new website, but it was felt that the site be built and maintained by volunteers of the club. Oli Wright and Ben Maskill were thanked for their support. Sue & Oli were thanked for the support with the Timing System.</p>	
5	<p>Welfare Report: Sarah is constantly being contacted by email and sought out at galas and asked questions that aren't appropriate to her role as Welfare Officer, this may be due to her relationship with the</p>	

	<p>Chair. Sarah is to signpost the enquirer to the relevant person to pick up.</p> <p>The coaches have reported that there are a lot of girls from the Gold squad who are being cheeky, rude and disrespectful. The coach's decision to allow the swimmer to remain in the pool is final, this now needs reinforcing by telling the child why they are being spoken to and removed from the session or time-out.</p> <p>Coaches and Team Managers are unaware of any medical conditions and/or medication that swimmers need. Diane to compile a list possibly with the help from Alison Oliver. The list is to include current email addresses and contact telephone numbers. If a child becomes unwell whilst at a gala the parent can then be called to collect whether in the leisure centre or at home. A list of medical conditions and medication will be given to the Coach and Team Managers poolside for information. The contact list to be added to a protected area of the website. Team managers to improve their info and knowledge on swimmer issues.</p> <p>The club has recently been made aware of a swimmer who has now received a statement. Sarah is working closely with the family concerned.</p>	<p>Diane to email all and liaise with Alison Oliver.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Morning Lifesaving: Dan is very concerned that some of the Lifesavers' qualifications have or are running out. This leaves the club's morning sessions vulnerable. The rules have changed meaning that there should now be two life savers during the morning sessions, one at each end of the pool. Committee will ask Daniel to take the qualification. The short term fix for this is asking the parents who stay at the pool during the morning session to take the "reach and rescue" training and remaining poolside during the session. We have the following volunteers: Andrew Christopherson Barry Keeling Sarah-Jane Armitt Phil Howman Julie Grindley Sue Wright Terry Alderman Steve Alderman</p>	<p>Barry to contact Brio to arrange the course.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Swim 21 Yearly update is due, Diane and Barry working together to complete.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Swim Collaboration:</p>	

	<p>Barry met with Northwich and Crewe recently regarding creating a 'group'. The ASA are encouraging the Swim21 groups and feel it is a better use of pool time. The group will mean the training is shared, and will create a mini league for the younger swimmers.</p> <p>A gala will be held at each pool.</p> <p>At large events clubs can sit together.</p> <p>The next step is for the 3 coaches to meet up.</p>	
9	<p>Christmas Tree</p> <p>St Chad's Church have invited WASC to display a tree at the church as part of the community. The tree can be real, false, made and can be up to 6ft, and the cost of entering a tree is £10. The committee thought it would be nice for the younger children to make their own decorations and pay a pound as a contribution to the church. We are allowed to display any promotional material by the tree and thought it would be good if we bought a black tree and asked the children to create orange baubles. The trees will be shown from the 4-6th December.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>December gala not going ahead owing to available pool time, instead a time trial for those swimmers chasing Cheshire times will be held on 5th December.</p> <p>Sue needs info this week else it will be too late to apply for a license.</p> <p>New swimmers going into the Juggernaut squad. There have been many complaints that the Juggernaut sessions are too busy meaning the swimmers are unable to train effectively. There is no space in the pool (57 Juggernauts) and Dan doesn't appear to be turning new swimmers away. Dan has stated that until told by the Committee to stop accepting swimmers he will continue. Barry to explain to Dan.</p> <p>Dual swimmers now to be offered morning only sessions. Juggernauts may need a 'mini' squad.</p> <p>Some parents have asked for 1:1's with the coach like the Juggernauts recently had. Most clubs' coaches have 1:1's with the top squads, but the committee will ask Daniel to have a 10 minute group discussion with the other squads, either before or after training – poolside.</p> <p>Some parents are still shouting from the balcony and undermining the coaches. On all media we need to remind parents of the code of conduct, and perhaps advise if this continues they will be asked to leave.</p> <p>Thursday extra swim time will now be used for the Gold squad</p>	Barry to talk to Dan

	<p>to relieve the pressure from Friday evening training. Monday evening's may be an option, but Barry will need to pursue with Brio.</p> <p>WASC now taking level 6/7 lessons having passed through Brio – currently 70 lessons.</p> <p>Barry will be attending a Regional meeting 19/9/15</p> <p>The ASA want WASC to hold quarterly meetings, minus coaches.</p> <p>Constitution – 39 items to review, Barry and Diane. The ASA have agreed to simplify the lengthy forms in future.</p>	
	<p>Barry thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 2100hrs</p>	