

# Winsford Amateur Swimming Club

## AGM 2018

6.30pm Friday 20th April 2107

Winsford Lifestyle Centre

	Comments	Action
1	<b>Chairs welcome and Apologies</b> Chair began by thanking all attendees. Apologies: Dan Goodwin/Sue Wright/Catherine & Richard Line	
2	<b>Head Coach Report</b> Read by The Chairman on behalf of Dan. Full report posted on the website. In summary, Winsford have continued to improve on our results, achieving more County, Regional and National swimmers. Starting the season with our Club Champs, a great practice arena for our very youngest swimmers, which was great to see. We achieved Top Club at the North Mids for the 5th year running. The Cheshire's this year was our best to date, finishing 2nd, the highest in our history, leading to Winsford being awarded Most Improved Club. We had over 30 swimmers qualifying for the NW Regional champs, ranking us in the Top 10 in the NW region. Nationals this year saw Winsford achieve a fantastic 4 British, 8 Home Nation and 12 Open Water National qualifiers, our best to date. We have achieved Crusader League victory for the 4th consecutive year, and maintained our Arena League Premier position for 6 years. Dan finished his report by thanking all his coaching staff, Committee members, parent volunteers and finally the swimmers and set out his goals for 2018.	
3	<b>Chairman's Report</b> Chair seconded the achievement of finishing 2nd at the Cheshire's, given the size of our club compared to the likes of Warrington Warriors. He reiterated how lucky we are to have such fantastic coaches. Chair thanked all the Committee members for their fantastic work, in particular, giving thanks to the Treasurer for bringing us back into profit	
4	<b>Development Coach Report</b> Alex praised his squad, who consistently turn up and swim really well. He highlighted the vast range of ability and ages, from 7-20 years old, making structuring sessions particularly challenging. He needs to make sure the swimmers are ready physically and mentally to move on to Juggernauts. Dev squad only get 5 hours a week of pool time, Alex would like to see this increase.	BK to look into adding another session on

	<p>Feels land training sessions need overhauling if we are to stand a chance of catching up the bigger swimming clubs, to include more stretching and mobility. Looking to add another training session, perhaps on a Monday night .He is conscious that some of our children are moving away from land training as they feel they aren't getting anything out of it. We need to have a more focussed session. Alex stressed the importance of nurturing the younger swimmers, and more importantly, of keeping sessions fun, to keep the swimmers engaged. He also commented that many of the younger swimmers are still using the stretches etc that they learned on junior swim camp this year.</p> <p>Alex also feels the older swimmers using the gym should be given more specialised sessions, perhaps utilising the gym instructors, who are keen to help.</p> <p>Alex finished his report by giving thanks to all Team Managers for their continued help and support.</p>	<p>a Monday night Alex and Barry to discuss overhauling the sessions with Dan</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Fabulous year in terms of fundraising, with around £10,000 raised, through 2 galas, easy fundraising (£400) and Bags (£600) - thanks Stef Cushen, and Barclays fund matching (£700). We also had a grant for new lane ropes from the ASA. This enabled us to put money back into our reserves. The loss of lessons in 2015, leaving us with only stages 6 and 7, was financially devastating for us and has taken 2 years to recover those losses.</p> <p>The presentation night raised enough to cover all costs.</p> <p>Treasurer gave thanks to Sue Wright and the gala committee for all their hard work, raising the bulk of our profits.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Brio will begin charging us for morning sessions. Even with a heavy discount, this will come to over £9000/yr. They are helping us out by reducing prices elsewhere, but it still means an on-cost of around £5000 needs to be found. We have no choice but to increase fees to cover this. We have 260 members, working out at around £18/yr/member, a £1,50/month increase on fees. Committee voted unanimously for the increase.</p> <p>The lessons swimmers are separate to this, but they will have an automatic rise in their fees to match Brio prices, as we are not allowed to undercut their prices.</p> <p>It is in our best interests to keep supporting Brio and The Lifestyle Centre, keeping it open and profitable.</p> <p>Part of this is making sure the children all scan in with their cards. This is better than it used to be, but we still have some not scanning. the children don't scan, then The Lifestyle Center can't claim this money. Brio are looking at ways of improving the card scanning process.</p> <p>We have a good relationship with brio, it's in our best interest to keep it that way. Please encourage all children to scan in at the desk or machines.</p> <p>Treasurer finished by thanking the Membership group, Dave Moss and Suzanne Wilson, without them, the club wouldn't stay afloat.</p>	

	Chair thanked Helen Jones for continued work as Treasurer.	
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>We need to look at ways of capturing those swimmers leaving lessons at Stage 7, and leaving the Brio lessons at stage 5. Can we advertise a bit better, perhaps have some information to hand out when swimmers complete this level, to encourage them to join the Club. Perhaps an information flyer, or making better use of our notice boards. Brio could look at putting a link on their website, direct to our website, to help capture swimmers finishing level 6</p> <p>The question of introducing Stroke Clinics was raised. There is an option to increase the Saturday Dev session to 2 hours. The current session is generally very quiet after the Transition session. Could we include Juggernaut B, and hold stroke clinics during this time? The possibility of holding such clinics during the summer holiday was also raised.</p> <p>The upgrade to the website and membership system was raised, informing attendees of the plans to streamline and overhaul the current system. This will hopefully ensure all new parents know how much to pay, and do pay. We need to communicate with new parents that they will be paying by S/O rather than DD, and so have to change payments themselves when their child moves squads, or there is a fee increase.</p> <p>We are thinking of getting new parents to pay the ASA membership up front, they now pay a months fees up front. Agreed that this is probably a topic for the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Alex raised the topic of social media, and how we can utilise this more, and more creatively. This is currently the remit of the Secretary, but by her own admission, she is rubbish at anything 'techy', so very happy to pass this on to someone much younger. The admin rights to our open Fb and Twitter accounts are still with Diane Christopherson, who has now left the Club, so perhaps a brand new external Fb page is needed. Alex, it's over to you, should you wish to take on the challenge!</p> <p>Junior swim camp was a huge success, with excellent feedback. Booke again for next year, with an extra night. Senior swim camp location to be determined.</p>	<p>Committee to look into possibility of putting a leaflet together for teachers to hand out</p> <p>BK to arrange coaches meeting to discuss possibilities</p>

	<p><b>Committee Roles</b></p> <p>Chairman Barry Keeling  Treasurer Helen Jones  Club Secretary Alison Oliver  Membership Secs. Debra Thomson/Sarah Carss/Kate Adamson  Registrations Sec. Suzanne Wilson  Lessons Co-ordinator Debra Thomson  Welfare Officer Sarah Keeling /Catharine  Line taking course  Parent Reps. Adam Parkinson/Sue Wright/Julie Grindley  Team Gala Sec./Transport/50m Claire Brown  Level 1/2 Meets Entries Carol Robson  Level 3/4 Meets Entries Kate Joliffe/Amanda Harrison  Open Meets Entries Dave Moss  Presentation Medals Co-ordinator Erika Howman  Website Oli/Sue Wright  Assessment Coordinator Barry Keeling  ASA/Swim England Reg. Suzanne Wilson  Club Desk Julie Grindley/Barry Keeling  Press Officer Erika Howman  Fund raising Stef Cushen  Swim 21 Co-ordinator Barry Keeling  Gala Committee Sue Wright/Alison Oliver/Julie Grindley/Lucie George/Sarah Carss TraceyMorley/Julie Kay</p> <p>Lucie George agreed to become the 4th parent rep.  Catharine Line to become second Welfare Officer after completion of relevant course.</p> <p>Chairman gave thanks to all attendees  Meeting closed at 8.00pm</p>	