

# Winsford Amateur Swimming Club

## AGM

7.00pm Friday 17th May 2019

Winsford Lifestyle Centre

	Comments	Action
1	<b>Chairs welcome and Apologies</b> Chair thanks all for attending. Apologies from Adam Parkinson and Catharine Line	
2	<b>Chair's Report</b> An eventful year, unfortunately dominated by the chlorine issue. Thankfully this has now meant we have a pool that all feel the benefits of - Brio, the wider public and the club. The Chair thanked our young teachers, who are all swimmers or ex-swimmers. A big thanks also to Michael Secker, who plays a key role in the club, our initial stroke coach, preparing our swimmers for their journey through the squads. Thanks too, to our coaching team, in particular Nigel Woodbridge, who played a very big role in resolving the pool issues. Thanks to the Committee and all parent volunteers, who all contribute to making the club so successful.	
3	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Whilst not quite as good as the previous year, the year to December 18 has still been a great year financially, with around 15k profit. An amazing 9k after costs from fundraising - galas, time trials, sponsorship etc and another 4k from Barclays fund matching, presentation night, green tokens, Bags of clothes, raffles etc. Pool hire has increased to 6.5K and teaching/coaching has gone up by 1K This has meant we have been able to invest in new lane ropes (4K), and increase the coaches salaries. The Committee also agreed that no increase in membership fees was needed this year. Net assets of the club of around 55.5K. Helen also thanked all the behind the scenes volunteers - Kate, Sarah and Debra for keeping on top of fees, Suzanne, for chasing up starter fees and ASA registrations, Steph for fundraising and the expansion of our club shop and Sue and Oli for the new gala entry system. All have meant our club is now doing so well financially.	
4	<b>Coaches Reports</b> Juggernaut Squad - Dan Goodwin. Dan unable to attend - please see attached report Development Squad - Alex Law. Another great year for the Dev squad. The new system of sharing Bronze with Michael is working well. Always a challenge with swimmers ranging in age from 8-22yrs! The extension of the Thursday night session has been really beneficial for Gold. Platinum is starting to become a much more competitive squad, just on the edge of Juggernauts.	

	<p>Alex's aim is to keep the sessions fun, whilst getting the swimmers fully prepared for Juggernauts.</p> <p>The new Tues night land training is also going really well, stressing the importance of good pre-pool, stretching and mobility practices.</p> <p>Dev squad was our largest squad at Cheshires - great achievement.</p> <p>Swim camp was also a huge success, enjoyed by all.</p> <p>Alex thanked Claire Brown and Sophie Grindley for their help poolside, Sue, Julie and Michael for swim camp and the gala team for organising gala opportunities for the swimmers.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Presentation Evening</b></p> <p>Due to the unavailability and limited size of the Middlewich Legion, Claire Turner has been really busy searching for a new larger venue. After discussions, we agreed upon the Lostock Club in Northwich, which has around a 500 person capacity.</p> <p>Thanks very much Claire, from the Committee for all the legwork.</p>	<p>Lucie George to liaise with venue re hygiene/all ergen policies. Claire to book.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Scoreboard Repairs</b></p> <p>Quotes of around £390 + VAT for the scaffolding and £695 + VAT for the repairs. This would need to be done over the Christmas shutdown.</p> <p>Due to many associated scoreboard issues, It was agreed that further discussions were needed to determine whether we repair the scoreboard, or invest in a new, more modern system. Agreed to look into lottery funding/grants/advertising to help with this</p>	<p>Committee to examine further</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Swim Camps 2020</b></p> <p>Senior swim camp to be held in Spain in Feb. 33 going. A couple of spaces left - potentially offered to Gold squad members about to move up to Jugg. Sue, Claire, Alex, Dan and Dan to attend.</p> <p>Overseas swim camp will be every 2 years.</p> <p>Will ensure adequate coaching cover for all still at Winsford.</p> <p>Junior swim camp. Nothing booked as yet, but all being well, there will be another next Easter.</p> <p>Helen Jones happy to book this, but would need a volunteer to be the parent liaison etc as Julie did this year.</p> <p>We will need parent volunteers to attend due to Sue/Julie moving up. It is vital that we have parents of the junior squad members attending Team Manager courses etc to ensure a steady flow of help through the squads, enabling swim camps to be possible.</p> <p>Many thanks from the Chair for all involved in the camps.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Morning Sessions</b></p> <p>Unfortunately numbers have been declining dramatically, with 0 swimmers turning up for 1 Monday session - this is soul destroying for Dan, plus a waste of the club resources. It is clear that much discussion is needed on this subject. Barry is struggling to find any</p>	<p>Committee and coaches to discuss further</p>

	<p>other evening availability, and so we have to find ways of increasing the am attendance, particularly with the younger swimmers. Quieter morning sessions can be tailored more to individual swimmers and can be more technique based. Unfortunately due to the nature of competitive swimming, early mornings have to be endured. No one really likes them, but sacrifices have to be made for success! Many clubs make am attendance mandatory for the top squads, as has been the case in Winsford's history.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Technique Session Feedback</b>  Positive feedback. Looking to hold more sessions in the summer holidays.  Feedback from Dave Petengell was that it would be better to split the swimmers into age groups to make coaching easier and more beneficial to all.  The club just about broke even on these, which is fine.</p>	BK to look into more sessions
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Dev Squad Land Training</b>  Mostly covered under Alex's report. Some children unable to attend a Tuesday session, so may look into an alternative if room availability.  Jugg squad land training was also raised, in particular, concerns that some swimmers were unable to swim after the session. Discussions need on this with Dan.  Could we also look into re-instating pre-pool routines, perhaps led by the older swimmers. It is clear that good mobility/stretching practices have slipped by the swimmers on poolside prior to sessions. These are vital and should become second nature.</p>	BK to discuss with Dan.
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Committee Roles</b>  Chair went through all the current volunteer roles.  Alison Oliver retiring as Secretary - to be replaced by Dave Cushen, a very positive move for the Club. Dave will also be taking on some of the Chair's responsibilities(Swim 21). Many thanks Alison and Dave.  Erika Howman retires from her roles as Presentation night medals coordinator and Press Officer - many thanks Erika for all your great work over the years.  Was agreed to advertise on the website for someone to fill the medals coordinator role. Dave Cushen will look into the Press Officer role.  Helen Jones is continuing for another year as Treasurer. Was agreed to also advertise for this role, to begin in December, thus allowing a good transition period.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>AOB</b>  Steph Cushen had brought in some of the new Buccaneer clothing range for parents to view. The full range is available via the link on our website. This is a great range. Thanks very much to Steph for all her time spent poring over the catalogue, choosing clothes - tough job, but someone had to do it !  Repairs needed to one of the starting blocks, which is chipped.  Queries made about young volunteers. Any interested parties to liaise with Barry.  The Chair closed the meeting by thanking all who attended.</p>	

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