

Winsford ASC Committee Meeting
Thursday 27th July 2023
Winsford Lifestyle Centre

Attendees

Barry Keeling – Chairman (BK)
Lee Turner – Secretary (LT)
Sarah Carss – Treasurer (SC)
Sue Wright – Gala Manager (SW)
Lisa Ball – Promotions (LB)
Liza Fitzgerald – Swim England Representatives (LF)
Claire Turner – Juggernauts Squad Representative (CT)
Steve Lloyd – Juggernaut Representatives (SL)

Apologies

Claire Brown – Team Manager(CB)
Dan Goodwin – Head Coach (DG)
Michael Secker – Coaches
Nikki Ma - Coaches

Notes

BK opened the meeting welcoming all present and noting a number of agenda items that were to be covered;

Actions from previous committee meeting were reviewed and updated

Financial Position

- £8k for last 6 months profit – due to galas, better position than 2022
- Awaiting money from Cyprus from swim camp – coming straight to the treasurer £100 per head – which will total approximately £5.3k
- No unexpected expenses have occurred
- Increase in morning lifeguard rate to £28-24 to attract provision
- Brio from 1st Sept removing junior discount, impact increase by 67% affecting peak hours only, this will affect
 - Friday - evening
 - Thursday - evening

Action - BK to challenge decision regarding removal of junior discount to some training sessions

Swim Mark

Swim Mark has become ever more prescriptive, with more conditions being introduced in order to achieve the accreditation, Chairman must complete on line seminar sessions as do the safeguarding officers, further seminars need to be undertaken with a pass / fail test at the conclusion. Currently club has two experienced welfare officers, the welfare officers must be completely independent of the other executive officers. As a result Sarah Keeling will no longer be in a position to continue with her role due to her family connection with the chairman.

The club will need to identify a further welfare officer to work alongside Catherine Line, following discussion it was felt that a team of welfare officers spanning age groups across the club may be more appropriate, a group of potential candidates was identified and they will be approached to ascertain if they are willing to undertake the role. The new welfare officers will require DBS checks at the same level undertaken for team managers, undertake a time to listen course lasting approximately 2 hours and complete ongoing CPD annually.

Action - LT to formulate email to potential welfare officer candidates to seek opportunity to increase number of welfare officers within the club then forward to SW for onward transmission

Development Squad Behaviour

Boys from development squad causing issues with one another, complaint regarding potential bullying events, BK has addressed the group collectively. Individual boys and parents have been spoken to who have agreed to ensure no future events will take place.

Largely resolved but under review.

Any Other Business

Block work – a number of parents had raised with parents representatives regarding the lack of use of the starting blocks, this was following the significant fundraising activity that had been undertaken to purchase the blocks. Some contributors had paid substantial sums and felt the resource was being under used. The suggestion following discussion was that the starting blocks should be used at least once a week on set days, potentially just on one or two lanes.

Action – BK to speak to Head Coach with regard to weekly starting block sessions on set training days.

Social Activities – although recognised there that is a packed swimming gala agenda, parents representatives had suggested that there needs to be more social events for the swimmers to meet up, this hopefully will be resolved when the numbers on the social committee increase as per the above action.

Swimmers feedback – currently swimmers receive feedback from their respective coaches once a year, a request was made to increase the frequency of this to twice yearly to enable swimmers to identify what elements of their swimming they need to concentrate on to develop.

Action – BK to speak to Head Coach with regard to increasing swimmers feedback sessions to bi-annually.

No.	Date	Outstanding Actions	Owner	Update
1.	24.01.2023	Organise and provide details of the nutrition talk by Emily Jevrons for dissemination via the website.	Izzy Burton	
1.	27.07.2023	Challenge decision regarding removal of junior discount to some training sessions	Barry Keeling	
2.	27.07.2023	Formulate email to potential welfare officer candidates to seek opportunity to increase number of welfare officers within the club	Lee Turner	

3.	27.07.2023	Identify potential options for holiday club swimming sessions in 2024 February half term	Michael Secker / Lisa Ball	
4.	27.07.2023	Identify suitable candidate to undertake the role of Team Manager for 2024 Junior Swim Camp	Michael Secker / Sue Wright	
5.	27.07.2023	Identify future open day event at Brio to encourage new members to bolster numbers in the social committee	Claire Turner	
6.	27.07.2023	Speak to Head Coach with regard to weekly starting block sessions on set training days	Barry Keeling	
7.	27.07.2023	Speak to Head Coach with regard to increasing swimmers feedback sessions to bi-annually	Barry Keeling	