

**Winsford ASC Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9th October 2024
Winsford Lifestyle Centre**

Attendees

Barry Keeling – Chairman
Hayley Lee– Treasurer
Jacqui Jones – Secretary
Sue Wright – Gala Manager
Leanne Webster - Swim England Registrations
Sara Hancock - Team Manager
Lucy Lee - Welfare Officer
Cally Buso - Welfare Officer
Ali Brennan - Squad rep
Claire Turner - Social Committee, squad rep
Amanda Harrison - Social committee, meet entries
Dani Stonier - Team Manager coordinator and Arena league manager

Apologies

Catharine Line – Welfare Officer
Lisa Ball - Membership
Nickie Ma - Coach
Michael Secker - Coach
Claire Brown - Coach
Nina Jackson - Lead Official

Notes

Barry opened the meeting welcoming all present followed by committee member introductions.

Open positions

We still need a volunteer press officer to coordinate articles in the local press and WASC social media presence. Also looking to recruit another volunteer(s) to help with gala organisation. This will be done through targeted recruitment rather than general advertising.

Coaching update

The position of head coach was advertised twice but returned no suitable applicants. We will therefore continue with the current structure with Michael as swimming coordinator, Molly as head of performance and Juggernauts and Izzy as head of Development. Michael is writing a communication for parents with a brief bio for each of the coaches.

John Keegan is taking the level 1 training next month and we will also advertise for a full time level 2 coach to support the team

Medals for the Christmas Meet

There are two proposals for the medals for the Christmas meet:

- An engraving company will engrave medals on-site at the gala. They prefer to use their own bespoke designs which are less expensive than our current supplier at £2.50 versus £2.98. Parents would pay £2.50 for the engraving at the gala.
- Giving medals for 4th to 6th place instead of ribbons. These medals would be a more generic version and price at £1.15 each.

Both the engraving and the 4th-6th place medals were very well received by swimmers at the Bakewell gala. It is noted that we will likely need an additional role at the gala to provide swimmers the appropriate information for the engraving: race, place, time etc.

Swim Mark

Swim Mark for the club will start on Tuesday October 15th and should conclude by the end of the year. Barry will take the lead with support from committee members as needed.

Fundraising

It is proposed that we target a new scoreboard for fundraising efforts over the next ~6 months. The scoreboard would cost £19,000 + VAT. We can apply for grants and crowdfunding to support in addition to the club's fundraising efforts. Barry will check with Brio to see if we can partner with them for support as well.

Social

This year's presentation evening at the new venue was a great success and Claire T will book the same place for 2025 for September 20th as this seemed to avoid clashes with galas and other commitments.

Other socials planned: Waterworld or possible Ninja warrior for the week between Christmas and New Year, and Manley Mere in the summer.

Race Day Nutrition

Questions were raised about resources for race day nutrition and it was suggested that we have someone knowledgeable visit the club to give swimmers and their parents a talk on the subject. Previous talks have been well received.

No.	Date	Outstanding Actions	Owner	Update
1	9/10/24	Advertise for full time level 2 coach	J. Jones	
2	9/10/24	Contact Phil Butler regarding medals and engraving for the Xmas meet	B. Keeling	
3	9/10/24	Talk to Brio about partnering for the scoreboard	B. Keeling	
4	9/10/24	Book venue for next year's presentation evening	C. Turner	
5	9/10/24	Contact Molly about race nutrition talk	B. Keeling	