

**Winsford ASC Committee Meeting
Sunday 26th July 2025
Winsford Lifestyle Centre**

Attendees

Barry Keeling – Chairman
Rob Hancock - Treasurer
Jacqui Jones – Secretary
Michael Secker - Coach
Stuart Fraser - Lead Official
Leanne Webster - Membership
Sue Wright - Gala Committee
Lucy Lee - Welfare
Cally Buso - Welfare

Apologies

Claire Turner - Social Committee
Ali Brennan - squad representative

Barry opened the meeting welcoming all present.

1. Swim England Northwest Top Swimming Club 2025

The Club was awarded the gold award for top swimming club at the recent Swim England North West awards evening. The club will now be invited to the National Awards in Birmingham in November.

It was noted that there were many other awards that we could nominate club members and volunteers for and we should do that for 2026.

2. Review of open actions - see action file for updates

3. Financial update

The club is behind financially due to a number of additional costs:

- coaching costs
- Arena League
- extra pool time
- reduced discount from Brio (down by 10% year on year, now at 10%)
- funding the Cardinal program, see below

Upsides:

- lessons picking up
- money received from Cyprus swim camp
- galas

Between lessons and galas the club will still make a profit

4. Gala Update

The Winsford Christmas meet will be held on 13th December and will be completely full with entries opening and closing in a couple of hours. Satellites will not be holding a last chance meet this year as the pool will be closed for maintenance.

The Cheshire Junior graded meet will be postponed until 2026 due to the Macclesfield closure and it's likely to be the third weekend in April. There was some concern that this would coincide with Regionals, although a different group of swimmers the volunteer group may overlap.

The Cheshire County championships will be the weekends of January 24th-25th, January 31st - February 1st and February 7th-8th

Michael would like to run another sprint meet in mid-January before the Cheshires targeting the younger swimmers to give them gala experience. It's also a good opportunity for new and trainee officials to gain experience.

5. Cardinal program

Barry noted that the Cardinal program for land training was brought in to address a noted weakness in the club for land training offerings. The issue is that we are paying £300 a month for the individual programs and we only have 21 swimmers signed up paying 10 each per month so we are short £90. We have signed a 1 year contract so we will need to decide early next year whether to renew the contract and if so on what terms.

Actions

Barry to ask Cardinal for their data on app usage by Winsford swimmers

Jacqui to create a survey for the Winsford swimmers who are using the app

6. Lanzarote swim camp

The next steps are to apply for the international permit and organise the insurance. Also the current baggage allowance is a 10kg cabin bag. There is an option to add a hold bag but it is not clear if you can then remove the cabin bag.

Actions

Michael will apply for the insurance and International Permit and test the system to see if the cabin bag can be removed when a hold bag is added

7. Swim Camp 2027

At the last committee meeting it was recommended to try to make the 2027 swim camp in the UK to ease costs.

Action:

Jacqui will research possible venues with availability during the February half term 2027

8. Other business

Brio Gym

Need to clarify what the rules are for our swimmers in the Brio gym as recently some of them have been asked to leave as outside of the allowed timeframe for their age

Action

Michael will ask for the rules and publish them

50m training

Currently in the short course season so there is no 50m training. Will look to schedule training for the New Year

Action

Jacqui will discuss a plan with Dani and Molly

Barry thanked everyone for their continued support and attendance, meeting closed