



Letchworth Amateur Swimming Club

Annual General Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 7.30pm

Attendees:

Jonathan Hart-Smith, David Hogg, Mel Godfrey, Jo Watson, Amber Etra, Daisy Richards, Holly Robertson, Ann Tomlin, , Declan MacCabe, Daisy Richards, Nidhi Shukla , Ruhena Akhtar, Lisa Akerman, Anna Marshall-Brown

AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies for absence

None received

3 Minutes of the last general meeting

Reviewed and agreed

4 Chairman's report

In any year, I would make a point of thanking all the coaching staff, support volunteers, and the committee for their hard work without which the club simply would not exist, let alone function. But 2020 makes this even more important. It has thrown challenges at all of us on a personal level, and has thrown challenges at the club; simply, none of us could have imagined what 2020 had in store for us when we hosted our 2019 AGM.

But I am pleased to report I think the club has weathered these challenges well. None of us enjoyed the enforced spells of not being able to have our swimmers in the water and our coaches pool side. But we should be proud of how quickly we responded, both in ceasing swimming, and in restarting it after each lockdown.

I would like to say on record how grateful I am to everyone who is connected with the club for their efforts and support, however they were given. Individuals have dedicated huge amounts of effort and time in sorting out how we were able to safely return such that we were COVID safe, how we could ensure that the enjoyment of LASC was maintained, but also, given the changes in entry / exit at our training venues, how we could maintain our number one priority of child safety.

As we'll hear shortly, the club remains in good financial health. With our cost base structured such that our usual large outgoings were able to be minimised, or moved to zero, during the worst of the lockdowns, we have not suffered like other clubs in a potential vicious circle of massive outgoings

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combined with low to zero income from members. This allowed us to carry over some of the subscriptions paid earlier in the year to subsidise the Autumn term, something many people were very grateful for and something few other clubs were apparently able to do.

Finally, I would also like to put on record our appreciation to all the swimmers and their parents/guardians. Their support for the club has been unwavering. We have also been grateful for the overwhelming support and positive feedback we have received on how we dealt with COVID, and how we got everyone back swimming. Fingers crossed 2021 brings something close to normal back, such that we can be at our 2021 AGM reflecting on a very different 12 months.

5 Treasurer's report

Report reviewed and agreed with no questions – once audited and approved, these will be circulated.

The club is in sound financial health, income and outgoings have both approximately halved this year and the club has broken even with a slight surplus (approx £140 - see attached)

Accounts are currently awaiting formal audit approval (slight delay due to lockdown)

6 Coach's report

What a year! It all started so well with good performances and progress throughout the club, from Learn to Swim to competition. After two lockdowns and nearly seven months away from the pool it has been an absolute pleasure to see our swimmers return to the club. Although our sessions have to operate differently and St Frances pool remains closed, I hope all our swimmers have benefited from being able to return to swimming, as well as the smaller class sizes.

I would like to recognise the hard work of the Committee and teaching staff over the year who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we could all return to swimming safely.

Here's to a successful and safe 2021!

7 Child welfare officer report

Nothing to report

8 SwimMark officer report

The SwimMark accreditation is Swim England's quality standard for clubs. It recognises high standards of governance, sustainability and effectiveness.

The club successfully completed this year's reaccreditation to the SwimMark Essential Club standard.

9 Election of officers and committee

Jon - Secretary

Ann – Treasurer

Anna – Membership

Chris – Awards

Daisy – Welfare

Holly - Welfare

David – Chairman

Mel – Head Coach, Gala, SwimMark

Jo

Declan

Lisa

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Amber
Simon*

*We are very grateful for Simons commitment and input to the club as a committee member and as a coach. As Simon has not attended several meetings it is assumed that Simon has decided to step down from his current role. The Chairman proposed that in light of this Simon be officially removed from the committee and coaching role but would be welcomed back should his situation change.

10 Any other business

None

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