



Letchworth Amateur Swimming Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24 November 2009

Present

Mr C Davis President

The Committee, members of the club and public

1. Presidents Welcome

Colin Davis thanked everyone for the honour of being appointed President after years working with the club. He hopes to enjoy the next few years as a good president.

2. Apologies

Mr M Hughes – Chairman

Mrs P Levet - Secretary

A Tomlin acting as Chairman and J Tickner as Secretary for the meeting

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting and the agenda have been available on the Club website for everyone to view. Copies were offered to anyone on request at the meeting. There were no objections raised and they were accepted as a true copy.

4. Matter Arising

No matters arising from the last Annual General Meeting.

5. Chairman's Report

Alan Tomlin commented on the success of the recent disco celebrating 75 years of the Club. He gave a brief history of the club now with 260 members and a competitive squad. All teachers, committee members and helpers are volunteers.

The Club aims to provide a safe environment for young swimmers and has now successfully obtained the Swim 21 accreditation.

Thanks were given to the committee, teachers and helps and a special thanks to Mel Godfrey, Brian Plater and Carina Quayle for their extra help over the last few months. There have been 2 retirements during the year, Renee Tipton and Maggie Foster. Thanks were extended to both for their commitment and support to the Club over a number of years.

Members were reminded to look on the website for information, keep us updated with changes to e-mail addresses and to check the notice board at each swimming session. A special request was made to ask parents to ensure they are prompt when collecting their children.

The Club needs more volunteers, please can parents put their names forward to assist.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ann Tomlin provided copies of the accounts confirming that the Club made a small deficit of £72.62 this past year. Special purchases included 500 medals and new cups and plaques for the Colin Davis Gala in the summer. Also 75th Anniversary hats for the Club Champs competitors.

The bank has stopped paying any interest on credit balances.

ASA fees are higher this year as we have more members. We will aim to maintain the fees for next year at the present level as we are still fairly healthy financially.

Ann thanked Sarah Myner and Fiona Fitch for organising the raffle prizes for the 75th party which was a very successful event.

7. Coach's Report

As Alan spoke on behalf of the Chairman, much of what he wanted to say has been covered in the Chairmans report. Special thanks was extended to Brian for setting up the swimmer database – secure logins can be obtained from Brian Plater so swimmers can access their times etc. on the Club website.

8. Child Welfare Officer Report

Jackie Tickner is our Welfare Officer and asked everyone to be responsible and to discuss any concerns without delay. The introduction of the Independent Safeguarding Authority will be effective soon for all our volunteers.

9. Swim 21 Officer Report

This is an ASA quality mark providing development progression for swimmers, teachers and coaches. After much work, our application was submitted to the National Panel in May and we were awarded the Swim 21 Sport for England Clubmark. The Club have to submit an annual progress plan and a new improvement plan so the work doesn't seem to end. The accreditation lasts 4 years and then we will need to re-apply. There are only 5 Hertfordshire clubs with accreditation so we are justifiably very proud of our achievement.

10. Election of officers and committee

The committee is elected each year and all of the current members have agreed to stand for another year. There was one vacancy and Nikki Halliday has volunteered to fill the space which has been agreed by the committee.

11. Any other business

An ex-chairman of the committee Gus Goater has recently passed away. Our condolences have been sent to his family.

12. Award Secretary's report and presentation of awards

Colin Heron-Maxwell, the Awards Secretary reminded all members to read the noticeboard regularly, and asked that anyone with cups need to get them engraved in plenty of time and to report any damage or breakages to the club.

Awards were then presented to points winners for each swimming group by the outgoing Club Captains.

The following awards were then presented:

Junior Captains - Georgina Watson and Christian de Trafford

Vice Captains - Georgina Quayle and Thomas Plater

Captains (vice captains last year) - Ashleigh Godfrey and Sebastian de Trafford

Junior Swimmer of the year was awarded to Megan Levet and Senior Swimmer of the year to Georgina Godfrey.

Club person of the year went to Margaret King and the Coaches swimmer of the year is Holly Marshall.

Alan thanked everyone for coming and invited all attendees to stay for some refreshments.

Special thanks were extended to Alan, by the committee, for all his time and efforts over the last year.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm