

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF CHIPPENHAM ASC

HELD ON 10th JANUARY, 2014, 7.00 p.m.

at Monroe's Café, Chippenham

Present

Committee members – Gary Brown, Heather Butler, Nigel Butler, Lyn Cairns, Claire Calhoun, Lyn Denning, Scott Garrett, Tracy Hall, James Hare, Ruth Holden (Secretary), Jane Holloway, Mike Lewis, Steve Miller, Denise Preece, Don Smith (Chair)

**Parents – Lindsay Gibbons, Darren Hall, Richard Holden, Steve Preece
Young Volunteers – Bryony & Tegan Cairns, Amy Hall, Matt Hare, Ben Holloway**

1. Apologies

Tracey Crow, Sally May, Ruth Powell, Karen Tucker

Don started the meeting by formally welcoming Claire onto the CASC Committee and also welcomed the young volunteers to the meeting.

The committee introduced themselves for the benefit of the new committee member and parents present.

Mike reported that he had been in touch with Ivor and that he is progressing well after his fall. He then gave a short introduction about the history of the club.

2. Minutes

AGM held on 25th January 2013 – read and agreed

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Secretary's Report

County Sprints, BAGCATS and Youths

The County Sprints went ahead as planned in February last year with approx. 20 swimmers competing and at the Bagcats in March Matthew Hardick, aged 10, took gold in his age group in all four of his events, and achieved 3 regional qualifying times. Tegan Cairns achieved a regional qualifying time in the 400 IM. At the Youths at the end of Feb and beginning of March a total of 13 regional qualifying times were achieved by Matt Hare, John Branstion, Katie Smith, Peter Holden and Joe Bailey, Cameron Perkins, Jack Cook and James Tucker.

Summer and Winter leagues

In the 2012/2013 Moonraker Winter League Chippenham ASC finished 5th place beating Swindon Dolphins in the final.

We are currently placed 3rd in this seasons winter league with round 2 on the 18th Jan and in last year's summer league Chippenham were placed 4th in Division 1. This means we will be competing in Division 2 in 2014.

Regional Youths and Bagcats

This year both the BAGCATS and Youth regionals were held at Millfield in May and June. Five swimmers competed in the BAGCATS with Matthew Hardick taking an amazing 19 seconds off his PB in the 400 IM and Tegan Cairns also achieving a PB in the 400 IM.

At the Youths, six swimmers competed with Matt Hare finishing 6th in the 400 IM and Peter Holden 10th in his age group in the 400 IM.

At the SW Regional Sprints held in July at Gloucester, 9 swimmers represented the club achieving 28 PBs.

At the National County Team Championships in October, Matt Hare represented CASC for Wiltshire and competed in the 100 Fly and 4 x 50 medley team relay, coming 3rd in his fly heat achieving a PB and 26th in the country. The medley team finished 8th.

Club Championships

The annual club championships began in October and continued until just before the Christmas break. There were a massive 1,125 entries this year resulting in 469 county qualifying times, with more expected at the Corsham open meet in January. It is always good to see so many of the younger swimmers taking part in their first competition.

Other Issues

The 5K Swimathon in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care took place at the Olympiad in April with our team of Matt Cruse, Jack Cook, Henry Moore, Peter Holden and Matt Hare becoming the second fastest team in the country out of 1674 teams entered!

We have been informed that Corsham pool will be closing for a period during summer 2014 and that we will need to find alternative arrangements for training during this time. The Olympiad is happy to accommodate us on Sunday evenings, but it has been more difficult to find pool time on a Thursday evening. The only option available to us is the pool on Colerne army base which has now been booked and Nigel has been to see it. We will need to do quite a lot of planning in relation to car passes etc. but at least we can continue training on a Thursday. Nigel felt that the biggest issue will be getting swimmers onto the base. Mike commented that Colerne pool had been used by the club before, many years ago. Steve Preece asked Nigel about the pool – Nigel was very pleased with its suitability for training. The pool is 25m with 4 lanes. Marianna asked about viewing – there is space beside the pool.

Five of our older swimmers have taken part in the young volunteers programme. This has been a combination of coaching and courses including timekeeping and team managing.

With around 140 swimmers in the club, we cannot forget the hard work of all our volunteers who give up their time in a variety of roles. The dedication of Nigel and the coaching staff is clearly shown in the results that are achieved and the success of our club championships. For this to continue into the future, we will need to recruit a band of willing volunteers from the parents of our younger swimmers and the committee will need to look at ways of achieving this.

Steve Miller informed the meeting that Nigel had been nominated for a coaching award under the ASA volunteer scheme and had been to Davenry to be presented with this award for the SW region. He was also put forward for a national award.

5. Treasurer's Report

Gary reported that at year end 31/12/13, the club accounts were in the black by £4,683.00.

Income was £62,000 of which £44,000.00 was income from swimming sessions. Pool hire has gone up by £3,000.00 but this has been taken into consideration. Session fees have been reduced this year for swimmers doing 4 or more sessions per week.

In all, Club accounts are in good shape. For the benefit of young volunteers and parents, it was explained that these funds are used for paying for new equipment, to cover the impact of having to train at Colerne, and for club progression and training.

6. Club membership fees

Given the current strength of the accounts Gary recommended, and it was agreed, that there would be no increase to annual membership or monthly session fees for 2014.

7. Election of Tellers

Steve Preece and Darren Hall will act as Tellers, if necessary.

8. Election of Officers

President – as Tracey Crow no longer wishes to become President, Mike Lewis nominated Heather Butler and she accepted. Seconded by all present.

Chair – Don Smith
Secretary – Ruth Holden
Treasurer – Gary Brown
Head Coach – Nigel Butler
Competition Secretary – James Hare
Welfare Officer – Karen Tucker
Auditor – Richard Dutton

9. **Election of Executive members**
Claire Calthrop was welcomed onto the committee and agreed to stand for two years.
Sally May – Assistant Secretary
Steve Miller and Tracey Hall were up for re-election and agreed to stay on for a further two years.
10. **Election of delegates to Wilts AGM**
Chippenham ASC will be hosting the Wilts AGM on 17 May 2014 as Mike Lewis will be new County President. Kingston Langley village hall is booked and the club will need to provide a meal for delegates.
11. **Election of delegates to Wilts County**
Mike will do this in his role as County President.
12. **Election of delegates to Western Regions AGM**
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