

LEAMINGTON SPA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on 5 June 2014
at Warwick School

MINUTES OF 120TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Introduction and welcome

The meeting was opened by Chairman of LSASC, Rachel Saysell, who welcomed those present and introduced Mr Ken Dorset, Chairman of LSASC Trustees Committee, who was invited to chair the meeting. Apologies were received from life member Sam Henn.

2. Minutes of 2013 AGM

On a proposal from Suzanne Linton and seconded by Janet Welsh, the minutes were approved as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts

The accounts were presented by Dana Payne, Club Treasurer.

The Club was reported to be in a sound financial position and continued to make a small profit, which during the past year had been ploughed back into the Club to subsidise long course training and performance sessions.

The biggest expenditure had been on pool hire, which had increased in cost again during 2013/14. Squad fees had been raised last April for the first time in two years and the squads were now full. Teaching income had increased on the previous year, when pool closures had affected income generation. A higher than normal figure for stationery costs was accounted for by the production of welcome packs for squad swimmers.

On a proposal from Paul Welsh, seconded by Colin Hall, the accounts were approved. The accounts were filed.

5. Annual membership fee

It was agreed by those present that the Committee be allowed to set the membership fee closer to the renewal date once there was a clearer picture of the finances.

6. Report of Chief Coach

Graham Nash, Performance Head Coach, presented a report on the Club's achievements over the past year, during which swimmers had achieved a huge number of personal best times over the competition calendar, while Leamington teams had also enjoyed success in the Arena, Junior and Mercian Leagues. It was noted that this year there had been a record 54 qualifying times for Midlands Youth, whereas in 2010 this figure stood at just 3. Two swimmers would be competing in the national championships this year.

A successful Club swim camp had been held at Cardiff this year for the first time, and a further camp would take place in Croatia during the summer.

Graham Nash expressed his gratitude to the coaches, teachers and volunteers whose help ensured the success of the Club, and to the Committee for their continued support. Mr Dorset in turn congratulated Graham Nash on a very successful year.

The report was filed.

7. Report of Chairman

Rachel Saysell congratulated the coaches on an excellent competitive year and looked ahead to what she hoped would be an even better year to come, with swimmers targeting attendance and commitment to training. The level of member retention was very pleasing, in particular among the older swimmers. To ensure on-going success, a task force including coaching and teaching staff had been set up to take the Club forward and support swimmer progression.

Rachel Saysell encouraged the parents of younger swimmers to become involved as officials, teacher and coaches, to secure the Club's future. She thanked Janet Welsh and the teaching team, the coaches, and the Committee for their support. Special thanks went to Stuart Parker, responsible for the Club's enviable website. Ken Dorset was thanked for chairing the meeting.

The report was filed.

8. Election of Life Members

On behalf of the Committee, the Secretary nominated Dana Payne as a Life Member of the Club. Proposed by Suzanne Linton and seconded by Sarah Parker, it was unanimously agreed that she should be elected to life membership.

9. Election of Committee

Proposed by Graham Nash and seconded by Janet Welsh, the following were elected en bloc as members of the Committee for 2014-15:

Chairman: Rachel Saysell

Secretary: Jill Wharfe

Treasurer: Dana Payne

Committee member: Nikki Bradbrook

Committee member: Suzanne Linton

Committee member: Sarah Parker

Committee member: Deb Turner (Welfare Officer)

Janet Welsh, who had stepped down as a Committee member, was thanked for her valued contribution over the years to the work of the Committee.

The Secretary reported that two additional members would be co-opted to the Committee for the forthcoming year.

10. Election of Trustees

On a proposal from Suzanne Linton, seconded by Nikki Bradbrook, the elected Trustees were approved for a further year.

11. Election of Auditor

It was proposed by Dana Payne, seconded by Jill Wharfe, and carried by those present that David Brett continue in his capacity as Auditor.

12. Closing statement

Ken Dorset closed the meeting by congratulating the Club on its excellent form, both competitively and financially. The results being achieved were fantastic and he wished the Club well over the coming year, both in and out of the pool.