

LEAMINGTON SPA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on 5 June 2015 at Warwick School

MINUTES OF 121ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Introduction and welcome

The meeting was opened by Chairman of LSASC, Rachel Saysell, who welcomed those present and introduced Ken Dorset, Chairman of LSASC Trustees, who was invited to chair the meeting. Apologies were received from life members Mike Botwell, Sam Henn, Janet Welsh and Paul Welsh.

2. Minutes of 2014 AGM

On a proposal from Sarah Parker and seconded by Dana Payne, 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 have undergone some major financial changes in the course of the past year, with the decision to move teaching to termly payments and to subsume the cost of registration into the overall costs, and the closure of the Senior Development squad. Squad income had also been affected significantly by the departure of a number of Senior Performance swimmers.

Overall, however, the Club had broken even. The meeting noted that the majority of income comes from squad and teaching fees, while the main costs relate to pool hire and coaching expenses. Ken Dorset congratulated the Treasurer on the sound financial position of the Club, commenting that it was well run.

On a proposal from Nikki Bradbrook, seconded by Julian Bowden-Williams, 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, including a healthy number of individual PBs and club records achieved by swimmers at galas across the squads and throughout the competition programme.

2014 was a good year, with Leamington teams reaching the final of the Junior and Mercian leagues and finishing 10th in the Arena League – a great result for a club the size of Leamington. The prospects for 2015 are also good with the early rounds of the Junior and Mercian Leagues going well.

As well as having swimmers at Midlands Age Groups and Short-Course Championships in 2014, two swimmers qualified for the ASA Summer Nationals. To date in 2015, Leamington

swimmers have competed successfully at the Warwickshires, Midland Distance and Youth Championships. It is also hoped that Leamington will be represented at the GB Championships and the English National Championships in the Summer.

Graham Nash expressed his gratitude to the coaches, teachers and volunteers whose help ensured the success of the Club, and to the Trustees and Committee for their continued support. In particular, Graham placed on record his gratitude to Deb Turner for her work both as Welfare Officer and in making the Club's gala entries.

Mr Dorset in turn congratulated Graham Nash on an excellent and very full report. The report was filed.

7. Report of Chairman

Rachel Saysell thanked the coaching team, in particular for their work in creating a greater depth of programme for competitive swimmers in the development and performance squads. The restructuring of the teaching section had also been very successful, resulting in a better transition to squads. Rachel thanked all of the teachers for their cooperation and willingness to embrace change, and also Jo Deakins of Coventry Swimming Club for her support in implementing the new programme.

The past year had also seen the introduction of licencing to CDCs and Club Championships and thanks are due to Alan Cooper, Stuart Parker, Suzanne Linton, Janet and Paul Welsh and all the volunteer officials who have made this possible.

Rachel placed on record her gratitude to all of the Club's officials, including Sue and Ian Carden, Andrew Jackson, Richard Reading, Janet and Paul Welsh. She also thanked the coaches and the Committee, who had worked together to secure the success of the Club. Particular mention was made of Deb Turner, who had stepped down as Welfare Officer, to be replaced by Jill Wharfe, who would be replaced as Secretary by Sarah Parker. Rachel thanked Committee members and the Trustees for their support. 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 Trevor Clark as a Life Member of the Club in recognition of his long association with Leamington and his services to Warwickshire Masters. Proposed by Graham Nash and seconded by Andrew Herbert, it was unanimously agreed that he should be elected to life membership.

9. Election of Committee

Proposed by Robin Warren and seconded by Gail O'Brien, the following were elected en bloc as members of the Committee for 2015-16:

Chairman: Rachel Saysell

Secretary: Sarah Parker

Treasurer: Dana Payne

Committee member: Julian Bowden-Williams

Committee member: Nikki Bradbrook

Committee member: Nathalie Herbert

Committee member: David Jolly

Committee member: Suzanne Linton

The Secretary reported that Matt Astill would also be co-opted to the Committee for the forthcoming year.

10. Election of Trustees

It was reported that Sam Henn had stepped down as a Trustee and that Ken Dorset had accepted Sam's resignation on behalf of the Club. His commitment as a Trustee has been much appreciated. On a proposal from Graham Nash, seconded by Sarah Parker, Rachel Saysell was elected to join the Trustees. The remaining Trustees – Ken Dorset, Chris Tarrant and Paul Welsh – will continue in the role.

11. Election of Auditor

The Treasurer reported that there would be no change in the Club's Auditor and that David Brett will continue for a further year in this capacity.

12. Closing statement

Ken Dorset closed the meeting by congratulating the Club on its excellent form, both competitively and financially. He added his thanks in particular to Ian Dennis who had enabled the Club to offer swimmers training camps. Ken added that he was delighted to have been invited to the meeting.