

Bushey Amateur Swimming Club Annual General Meeting 2014.

Held on Saturday 31st January 2015 at Bushey Manor School.

1) Welcome

5.45pm Club Chair, Caroline Shermer opened the meeting, welcomed members and Club President Wendy Cook.

2) Apologies

Received from Jeanette and Kevin Binns, Judith Charman (Alan Brown to present Treasurers report), Jules Henderson.

3) Review of minutes from AGM held January 2014.

Club Chair, Caroline Shermer, confirmed that members had received the AGM document report and Minutes to AGM held in January 2014. The meeting approved the minutes of the 2014 AGM as a correct record, Proposed by Lou Gooden and seconded by Susanne Sulaman. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4) Chair's report

Caroline said she wanted to focus her report on Service, Social and Swimming.

Service: The club relies on help from three groups

a) Volunteers - Caroline informed the meeting that during 2014 there had been an increase in the number of volunteers, but made a plea for more to come forward.

b) Teachers

c) Committee

Caroline thanked everyone who volunteered in any of the above categories for the Club.

Next year (2016) several posts will become vacant

- Chair
- Club Secretary
- Treasurer
- Website manager / Stats analyst/ Open meets manager.

and Caroline requested that if any existing member was interested in shadowing any of the posts it would be much appreciated.

Social:

BASC has a reputation for being a family friendly club. The support the swimmers give to each other at galas is very strong and Caroline said parents should be very proud of their children.

The club had paid for members to enjoy a very successful trip to the Olympic pool in June 2014 and it is hoped to be able to repeat this during 2015.

The newsletter is now published four times per year and Caroline welcomed any article contributions from members.

Code Of Conduct:

During 2014 Bushey ASC achieved Swim21 accreditation, Caroline thanked Lou Gooden for her hard work in helping the Club to achieve this. Part of Swim21 is an agreement that every member will sign a Code of Conduct. This will be distributed to all members during 2015.

Swimming:

Coaching session plan. See 2014 AGM pack with Chair report for full details. Caroline informed the meeting that all teachers are unpaid volunteers. There is a continual turnover of teachers as experienced teachers leave they are replaced by newly trained ones but that this is not sustainable.

2014 has seen many teachers give up several evenings a week and this is not an ideal situation and also not sustainable.

The Committee had discussed, at teachers request, the possibility of a paid Coach.

It was agreed by the Committee that this was the way forward for the club. This will result in the monthly increase in fees £5 per month. The Coach will teach across the lesson spectrum.

The fee increase will maintain the Club fees lower than equivalent swimming lessons.

Caroline asked the meeting to agree this increase proposal.

Proposed by Lou Gooden

Seconded by Lisa Sheerin and Sarah Wray.

Caroline presented the results from 2014 aims (Results also in Chair report AGM pack)

It was hoped that in 2014 we could attract:

3 new teachers (1 qualified teacher, 3 volunteers)

10 Judges (number of officials currently training)

6 timekeepers (exceeded)

Increase membership (achieved)

Improve our communication (to be evaluated - comments from members are encouraged)

Fill vacant Committee posts (H and S still vacant, others filled)

Identify parents who can shadow current Committee members (many new committee members, appeal reissued)

Develop the leadership program (this continues – we have a number of older swimmers now volunteering at St Margarets)

Swim21 accreditation (achieved, many thanks to Lou Gooden)

The number of Club members increased during 2014 from 128 to 154 current members

Caroline passed the meeting to Alan Brown (Vice Chair) for Treasurer report

5) Treasurers Report

Alan informed the meeting that Judiths report showed 2014 had been a stable and good financial year, with the club making a small profit. (see Treasurer report).

Forecast 2015 is a small loss £1000. This forecast shows the cost for a Coach and increase in subscription from April.

Thank-you to members who pay promptly and thank-you to Pam Brown for contacting members who need reminding to pay but Alan reminded the meeting that the Club needs everyone to pay on time and it would save Pam a huge amount of time chasing payment.

Alan requested agreement to increase the fees by £5 per term if considered necessary for 2016. Proposed by Lou Gooden and seconded by Pam Brown

6) Club Constitution

The Club Constitution has been amended and updated. It was circulated via e-mail to all the members in November 2014 and Caroline requested the members voted to accept this new Constitution. (Pt 14.1 to change to policy regarding payments of in excess of £500)

Proposed by Lisa Sheerin

Seconded by Susanne Sulaman

Club Constitution accepted by members

7) National Youth Coaching Academy 2014

During 2014 Jack Jackson has been part of the National Youth Coaches Academy. He is one of twenty Coaches across the UK across various sporting disciplines.. Caroline thanked Jack for his hard work.

Jack shared with the meeting the detail of his course which had culminated in a Conference in December 2014 at Loughborough University. Jenny Demont has been his mentor during the year and had assisted him with the Clubs annual plan and test sets. He has also been involved in ASA Development days and after a successful trial period has introduced Land training to the Erica squad on Wednesday evenings.

Jack informed the meeting that he has recently been successful in a job application to Hatfield Swimming club where he will help develop the junior team and they will also support him in his Level 2 Coaching course and remain at Bushey ASC in a teaching capacity on Sundays.

Jack thanked several members of the Poolside team for their support.

8) Retiring Committee 2014.

Caroline thanked and presented tokens of the Clubs thanks to retiring Committee members Sarah Wray (Kit Secretary) who has helped the Club for many years and Howard Willis (Club Secretariat) who has worked tirelessly arranging not only Club events but also the medals and awards over many years.

9) Election of BASC Committee for 2015.

Caroline informed the meeting that both Sarah and Howards posts were the only ones due for re-election.

The following Committee appointments were proposed:

Mark Fagan – Club Secretariat

Lynn Hauff – Kit Secretary

Kelly Holden – Social Secretary

Jackie Humphreys – Social Secretary

Jill Elsen – Disability Officer

(The above posts were agreed in a block vote after the swimmers awards had been presented)

Proposed by Lisa Sheerin and seconded by Alan Brown

It was noted that the following role has yet to be filled:

Health and Safety Officer

100 Club – Thanks to Sara Springer who has co-ordinated the 100 Club during 2014

10) Election of Club Captains 2015

Caroline thanked the outgoing Captains Elizabeth Shermer and Charlie Wray and Vice Captains Briony Gooden and Shasheen Payoe for their hard work and help at Galas this year.

The results of the election for Club Captains 2015 were announced.

Congratulations to:

Boys Captain – Chris Tang

Girls Captain – Chiara Brown

Vice Captains – Sam Cohen, Giacomo Desiderio, Mia Springer, Ella Bailey and Lauren Smith

Caroline welcomed the new Captains .

11) AOB

There were no items of other business.

The meeting closed and the annual awards ceremony followed, presented by Jack Jackson and awards and Trophies presented to winners by the Club President and Jane Willis. Alexander Larkin was mentioned as he had not receive an award for CC3 swim which was due to him due to a technical error – Alex not present at meeting so award to be presented in lesson.

Full details of all the awards presented are available on the BASC website.