

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **HELENSBURGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2016 **AT THE HELENSBURGH GOLF CLUB, HELENSBURGH**

Present

Neil Storey, Karena Caskie, Lee Humphries, Mandy McClenaghan, Alison Macfarlane, Susan Donnelly, Kieran Martin, David Swigciski, Patricia Cook, Ros Bray, Anna Law, Jon Law, Rhona Hamilton, Eilidh McQueen, Aileen Baird, Ailsa Stewart, Caitriona Stewart, Tanith Miller, Jake Miller, Emily Miller, Joel Miller and Mikey Miller.

President's Opening Remarks

Neil Storey, in his new role as president, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. He also extended his thanks to the Golf Club for offering the use of their facilities for free. Confirmation was made that the quorum of 2 officers and 7 members had been reached.

Apologies

Lyndal Findlay, Jimmy and Carol Young, Margaret Thomas, Alison Sheen, Barbara Humphries, Gemma Peace, Alex Macfarlane, Jo Scott.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 17th June 2015 at the Victoria Halls were proposed for acceptance by Alison Macfarlane and seconded by Karena Caskie.

Matters Arising or Outstanding From Previous Minutes

No matters were brought up from the previous minutes.

President – Combined Annual Report

Neil reported that membership numbers had been good throughout the year with good retention of older swimmers and we also benefited from some younger swimmers coming through from lessons. We have a constant drive to boost membership.

He advised that we have a good profile within the district and wanted to extend his thanks to coaches, technical officials and the management committee who are all volunteers, a lot of whom take on more than one role. Scottish Swimming advice is it would be better if there wasn't any crossover of positions so if anyone is open to joining the coaching staff or committee please speak to us.

Head Coach Report

Neil Storey, in his role of Head Coach, reported that it had been an excellent season with 3 swimmers reaching nationals and special mention must be made for Jon Law who broke 4 Scottish Records. There had been a change in the landscape in Scottish Swimming and West Districts were harder to get into. There were swimmers who qualified for the British Championships but did not make the West Districts. We need to find other competitions to be able to get swims, he was planning more head to head meets and hopefully trips further afield. He thanked all the coaches, who are all volunteers, for their hard work. He asked if anyone was interested in joining the coaching team to speak to him.

Treasurer's Report

Lee Humphries had circulated Treasurer Report and the accounts prior to the meeting and confirmed the accounts had been reviewed by an Independent Examiner. He reported a surplus of

£3k last year. Expectations for next year were to break even or for a slight deficit. Pool hire had increased by 6% since April and we are paying the council to open the pool for the early morning sessions. However, the club remained in a strong financial position. The Management Committee had recommended membership fees remained at the same level as last year. This was proposed by Mandy McClenaghan and seconded by Neil Storey. There were no questions from the floor.

Proposed Changes to Club Constitution and By-laws

There were no requests so no action required.

Election of Committee Members

A nomination list had gone up on the notice board. President (Neil Storey) and Vice President (Karena Caskie) were elected through.

Election of Captains

Mini Boys Captain – Mikey Miller

Mini Girls Captain – Caitriona Stewart

Boys Club Captain – Alexander Johnson

Girls Club Captain – Kate Storey

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Ian Docherty has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner of Accounts. Proposed by Lee Humphries, seconded by David Swigciski.

Life Membership Rewards

Graham Craig has been awarded Honorary Membership in recognition of his long service. Neil wanted to thank Graham and hopes he continues to attend and give his experience at the club. Graham will be our last life member as the Club needs to pay SASA fees for life. We will still give out awards but will need to call it something else.

Any Other Competent Business

Lee and Neil had attended the recent Area Committee Meeting regarding the pool development. HASC had not been consulted. The Council are going to appoint a design officer. It is expected the facilities will be delivered within budget. We asked to be consulted in future and we will also ask Scottish Swimming to get involved. The council have voted for a 6 lane pool, slightly larger teaching pool and splash pool area. Cllr James Robb asked about the £5m awarded from Chancellor George Osborne. We had expected £17m plus the £5m but it was made very clear that was not the case. The request from the Government was to bridge a funding gap and the council had a clause that if additional money was given then an equal amount would be taken out the budget, so £5m would be spent elsewhere. Lee suggested it might be an idea for as many people as possible to get in touch with the council about this.

Alison Macfarlane asked if we had received any guarantees the existing pool would not close during the building process. We have been advised the new pool is expected to open in April 2020, as the building is not being constructed on the existing footprint the pool will remain open, there may be a one week period but there will not be an extended period of closure.

There were no further questions from the floor. Neil Storey thanked everyone again for coming. The meeting adjourned at 8.10pm.

Proposed by

Seconded by.....

Date.....