

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELENSBURGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017
AT THE HELENSBURGH SAILING CLUB, HELENSBURGH

Present

Neil Storey, Karena Caskie, Lee Humphries, Mandy McClenaghan, Aileen Baird, Peter Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Stephen Trail, Angie Trail, Pauline Jackson, Alison Sheen, Julie Cameron, Jayne Forsyth, Tina Sartain, Carla Barbour, Gemma Peace, Lesley Johnson, Ailsa Stewart, Tanith Miller, Alison Macfarlane, Alex Macfarlane, Jake Miller, Lucy Harrison, Tracey Dunne, Brenda Cooke, John Dunne, Ruth Cumming, James Cumming, Susan Hendry, Jo Kerr, Alan Atkinson, Ryan Kerr, Ben Mansfield.

President's Opening Remarks/Combined President and Secretary Report/Head Coach Report

Neil Storey - Welcome everyone to the 2017 Helensburgh Amateur Swimming Club AGM and prize giving. This is the first time we have held the AGM and prize giving together with the aim of increasing parents awareness of the running of the club. The club is made up of swimmers, coaches, a management committee and volunteers, each of which depends on the other for the club to continue to flourish, providing an environment that allows Helensburgh swimmers to maximise their potential.

In the pool we have again punched above our weight. West District titles have been won over a range of age groups. Swimmers have achieved qualification times for National events and in Alex Johnson we have a double national finalist.

In the S13 disability classification Jon Law has set new national records again this year and is heading to Stirling University to continue his training whilst completing his studies.

Many new faces have arrived at the club as older swimmers move on these youngsters will be looking up the squads to new role models for inspiration and guidance, neither of which will be lacking!

Over the last year we have, in conjunction with Scottish Swimming, reviewed our management committee and strategy for taking the club forward. This is especially important with the arrival of a new pool on the horizon. Presenting a well run, robust and popular swimming club to those running the leisure facilities will strengthen our position when looking for access to the new pool. Our position as a key stakeholder in the development of the final plans for the pool has been recognised and the committee will strive to ensure the club is an integral part of the finished product.

Thanks in large part to the recruiting efforts of Karena Caskie, swimmer numbers are up by more than 20%, this expansion of participation needs to be mirrored by parents getting involved and spreading what can be an overwhelming workload amongst themselves. To this end no parent should feel excluded from the running of the club and any help or expertise will be gladly accepted.

Can I remind parents it is their responsibility to enter their child into galas, on the few occasions something is missed it is an oversight and please be understanding.

Peter Brown has produced a club website which we should all become familiar with as this will help streamline much of the club administration and introduce new parents to how the club runs.

As this year becomes a new swimming season there are some changes in the management committee. Stepping down are myself (President), Karena Caskie (Vice President), Mandy McClenaghan (Secretary), Aileen Baird (Membership Secretary), Alison Macfarlane (STA Training Coordinator), Rhona Hamilton, (Internal Gala Convenor) and myself (Head Coach). We have introduced some new roles to help spread the load, the full management committee will be posted on the website and notice board. Feel free to take on any unfilled duties.

Can I finish by thanking my colleagues on the committee for their hard work and support over the last year and a half, especially Lee whose organisational and management skills have held us together just when we needed it most.

Apologies

Patricia Cook, Jimmy Young, Margaret Thomas, Stuart Sanderson, Ian McArthur, Carol Walsh, Janine Macfarlane, Graham Craig, Elaine Craig and Gail Craig.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2016 at the Helensburgh Golf Club were proposed for acceptance by Neil Storey and seconded by Karena Caskie.

Matters Arising or Outstanding From Previous Minutes

No matters were brought up from the previous minutes.

Financial Report and Approval of Accounts

A copy of the Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting and were included on the club website. Lee Humphries reported a small surplus of £1,800 for the year. The Club is in a strong financial position with £25,000 in the bank. This year we experienced a general increase in pool hire costs and a full year of early morning opening charges of £2,000 per year. He also reported an increase in membership from 50-55 a few years ago to 71 swimmers at enrolment at the start of the season. Due to the increase in numbers the Management Committee recommended a reduction in fees of 10%. The members were asked if anyone disagreed with this reduction, everyone was happy with it. Next year there will be a 20% increase in pool costs from 1st April and possibly more general increases but it was hoped to keep membership numbers up. It should be noted that through the efforts of Karena and Sandy Stewart fundraising also contributed to the financial position.

Proposed Changes to Constitution

Copies of a proposed change to the constitution had been circulated both at the meeting and prior to it and it was also on the website. Lee explained that the constitution from 2015 was based on the SASA model but the clause which stated the AGM would be held in June is very restrictive as the Financial Year End for the Club is in May so it did not leave a lot of time for the Accounts to be prepared and externally examined as required by our constitution before the end of school year. It was proposed to change the constitution to read the AGM will be held within 6 months from the Financial Year End, this will allow more flexibility. Aileen Baird expressed concern that the AGM should have been held in June this year and this proposal made for the following year, or an EGM should have been called. Lee acknowledged it was a valid point but informed the members that it was agreed at a Management Meeting not to hold the meeting in June but to hold a General Meeting in September to conduct the business included in the agenda in line with Clause C 5.3.1 of the Clubs constitution. To provide additional comfort to the members, Lee proposed to ask

members to vote on whether tonight's meeting was valid and that the proposed business could be conducted. A 2/3 majority will determine that the meeting is valid. The motion was carried.

Proposed Changes to By-laws

There were no requests so no action required.

Election of Committee Members

New members and officials were proposed by Mandy McClenaghan and seconded by Neil Storey:-

Committee Members: Ryan Kerr (President), Ruth Cumming (Secretary), Elizabeth Brown (Membership Secretary), Tanith Miller (Training Co-ordinator).

Other Officials: Gemma Peace (Social Co-ordinator), Sandy Stewart (Fundraising), Peter Brown (Website Co-ordinator), Karena Caskie (Head Coach).

Election of Captains

(These were announced as part of the prizegiving)

Mini Boys Captain – Ethan Parsons

Mini Girls Captain – Millie Armstrong-Sheen

Boys Club Captain – Alexander Johnson

Girls Club Captain – Charlotte Caskie

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Lee Humphries advised that Ian Docherty had agreed to continue next year.

Any Other Competent Business

Neil advised the club had recently held a coaching course and was delighted to announce that we now have 8 new Level 1 coaches.

There were no further questions from the floor. Neil Storey thanked everyone again for coming. The meeting adjourned at 7.25pm.

Proposed by

Seconded by.....

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