

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **HELENSBURGH AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB**

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Held on Zoom at 7pm on the 3rd September 2020.**

Present

Alex McEwan, Lee Humphries, Peter Brown, Nicola McMahon, Stephen Brown, Sue Macartney, Gemma Peace, Lois Smith, Jo Scott, Alan Young, Clare Hennessey, Lesley McGarry, Karena Caskie, Caroline Drew.

Apologies

Elizabeth Brown and Honorary members Graham Craig, Robert McGregor, Rosaleen Bray, Carol Walsh, Patricia Cook and Aileen Baird.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday the 13th September 2019 at The Commodore Hotel, Helensburgh were proposed for acceptance by Alex McEwan and seconded by Nicola McMahon.

President's Opening Remarks/Combined President and Secretary Report

Alex asked everyone if it was okay to record the meeting as its the first time that the meeting has been held virtually.

Welcome and thank you all for coming. It has been a challenging year for many obvious reasons.

There have been a lot of committee meetings over the past few weeks and due to a huge team effort we have been able to get the swimmers back into the pool this week.

This is due to help from many including the pool and everyone has been supportive and patient. We were one of the first clubs back in Scotland.

Our new Regional Swimming Development Manager – Erin Cummins has been an excellent support to the club.

We are fortunate, we have lost a few swimmers for numerous reasons, other clubs have not been so lucky. Some clubs are going to close.

No competitions for the next few months probably at least until Easter 2021.

Up until Covid the club were performing well in competitions.

The club celebrates its 130th anniversary next year so we are looking at many ways of celebrating this occasion.

We have already looked into additional funding for this and other additional forms of funding. Sue Macartney has been very helpful with these applications.

The new pool has currently started construction.

Head Coach Report

For the start of the season this year the swimmers are going to be building up slowly.

The first few sessions have gone well the swimmers have listened well and adopted everything that they have been asked to do. They need to familiarise themselves again with the water and then focus on technique.

At the most they will be working at 60% capacity.

There is a new Covid Liason Team including officer and managers as lead by SASA. So far this has worked well. Each officer needs to be a SASA member and to have been PVG'd by the club.

Up until everything that happened with Covid we were doing well in West Districts.

Treasurers Report

Lee circulated the accounts for the period ended the 30th April 2020. The Impact of Covid 19 towards the end of March has meant a slight surplus of £1500 as we cut back on costs due to the pool closing.

All rebates have not yet been paid back. The committee agreed that the fees should be refunded as quickly as possible.

Before Covid we had 55 members. Refunds that have been made totalling £5,600. The cash position even after the refunds are handed back is around £18,000.

This cash position puts the club in a strong position going forward.

Membership has reduced to 48 members which is good given the circumstances. Fees have been reduced on the basis that members are not getting as much pool time.

If the pool time changes the fees may also need to change, there are not current timescales available to implement these changes.

If we loose pool time due to another lock down we propose to the membership that we keep the money until the situation is reassessed. We should be asking the membership if this is suitable, the committee will look into this should the situation arise.

Brand new members will have to pay a slightly higher amount to join SASA, that is the only difference to existing members.

(Please note that whilst refunds had not been completed by the end of April (reporting period), all refunds have subsequently been made or carried forward at the request of parent. Where carry forward occurred, the refunds due have all been offset against current fees being collected. No Refunds remain outstanding.)

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Constitution to be altered to allow AGM's and committee meetings to be held virtually online.

Matters Arising or Outstanding From Previous Minutes

No matters were brought up from the previous minutes.

Proposed Changes to By-laws

There were no requests so no action required.

Election of Committee Members

New members and officials were proposed and seconded by the committee through Zoom.

- **President:** Alex McEwan will continue in the position
- **Vice President:** Gemma Peace will continue in the position.
- **Secretary:** Nicola McMahon will continue in the position.
- **Treasurer:** Lee Humphries will continue in the position
- **Membership Secretary:** Elizabeth Brown has resigned and Clare Hennessey will take on the role.
- **External Gala Convenor:** Neill Lyell will continue in the position.
- **Internal Gala Convenor:** Lesley McGarry will continue in the position.
- **Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer:** Sandra Gettings has resigned and Lois Smith has agreed to take on the role.
- **Training Co-Ordinator:** this position is currently vacant.
- **Social Co-Ordinator:** Gemma Peace will continue in the position.
- **Fundraising Co-Ordinator:** this position is currently vacant.
- **Website Co-Ordinator:** Peter Brown will continue in the position.
- **Publicity Officer:** Lesley Johnson has resigned and the position is currently vacant.
- **Trophy Convenor:** Aileen Baird will continue in the position.
- **Kit Convenor:** Sue Macartney will continue in the position.
- **Head Coach:** Karena Caskie will continue in the position.

Big thanks to Elizabeth Brown for helping get everyone back into the pool, we would not have been in the pool without your help. Also thanks for your ongoing support.

Thanks to Sandra for all her help with the transition to Lois.

Thanks to Lesley Johnson for all the work she has done on behalf of the club.

New positions due to Covid

Covid Liason Manager CLM – Tina Sartin

Client Liason Officer CLO – Karena Caskie, Alex McEwan and Neill Lyell.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

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

Any Other Competent Business

A massive thank you to Alex McEwan for getting the club back into the pool it has been a huge effort.

Thanks to Tina Sartin for taking on the new role of CM which is a very important role.

The club would like to acknowledge Alex Johnson for all his efforts and achievements while swimming for the club, good luck for the future.

Meeting with adjourned at 7.34pm.

Proposed by

Seconded by.....

Date.....