

Minutes of the Bushey Amateur Swimming Club

Annual General Meeting held Friday 23rd January

2009

1 All attendees were welcomed to the meeting. No apologies for absence had been notified.

2 Minutes of the previous AGM in January 2008.

Kevin Binns and Howard Willis proposed and seconded the acceptance of the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

3 Chairman's report.

Paul Scott reported that the club membership had grown significantly during the year. We ended 2008 with 200 members, and now had 254 members at the start of 2009. BASC had completed and submitted its application for Swim 21 accreditation and would learn in the spring if the club had been successful. The aim of the club in 2009 was to maintain and build on the Swim 21 status with a new 3 year plan which was supported by the new Vision Statement. The meeting was invited to agree the proposed plan. Acceptance of the plan was proposed by Alan Brown and seconded by Caroline Holt and carried unanimously by the meeting.

4 Poolside Manager Report

Richard Henson spoke briefly and gave thanks to the teachers, other volunteers that helped poolside and in the water, club officials, and, of course, the swimmers. He reminded the members that the club are guests at the swimming pools we train at and as such everyone needed to respect the rules of those pools during club sessions. The club was now operating at near capacity for the swim sessions it could offer and it was achieving fantastic results. Whilst the club was running at 95% capacity, less than 20% of the membership was actively involved in the running of the club. It was therefore essential to have more volunteers to help with all aspects of the club's operation; this included finding more people willing to train to be swim teachers.

5 Gala Report

Baz Long reported that the club now had more swimmers than ever before swimming competitively, with 115 swimmers taking part in inter-club galas. On one Saturday we managed to take part in three galas. BASC's performance in galas during 2008 had been outstanding given that the club did not have as much swimming time as many of the other clubs it competed against. Bushey had entered two teams in the Herts Major League. The Gold Squad was aiming to maintain its place in Division 1 in 2009. The Black Squad was performing well in Division 3. The club also competed in the Chiltern League as a development opportunity for swimmers, and the Peanuts League for our younger members. Baz congratulated everyone involved in the club's gala performance in 2008.

6 Treasurers Report

Marilyn Lawless presented the financial report for 2008. She presented a recommendation to the meeting that it should agree to the club being able to increase if necessary its termly subscriptions by £5 (ie from £50 to £55 a term) from 1 January 2010. This motion was proposed by Richard Henson, seconded by Jacky Summerfield and carried by the meeting.

Marilyn also noted that she had been Club Treasurer for the last 6 years, and that the position would be due for re-election next year. She hoped people would consider volunteering for the role. She thanked parents who had undertaken desk duties and reminded everyone that the desk rota needed to be maintained.

7 Club Captains for 2009

Paul Scott thanked the outgoing Club Captains: Michael Molloy, Peter Ridout, Lauren Raw, and Heather Grant-Davey for their work in 2008. He then announced the results of the election for club captains for 2009:

Boys Captain – Andrew Sewell, Vice Captain – Hugo Mira
Girls Captain – Tamsyn Willis, Vice Captain – Emily Raw

8 Election of BASC Committee for 2009

Paul Scott explained that the Executive Committee comprised the positions of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. It was proposed that this group should be augmented to include the roles of Vice Chair, Poolside Manager, and Welfare Officer. The motion was carried by the meeting and it was noted that the Constitution needed to be amended accordingly.

The following Committee appointments were proposed

Chairman - Jane Willis to replace Paul Scott who was standing from the role;
he had however agreed to stay on as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
Membership Secretary -Jon Wood
Kit Secretary -Caroline Shermer
Badge Secretary -Janet Wood
Poolside Manager -Richard Henson
Social Secretary -Vacant

The appointments were proposed by Sue Armitage and seconded by Sue Gledhill. The meeting endorsed them.

9 There being no other business the meeting was closed and the awards presentation commenced.