

Bushey Amateur Swimming Club Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 23rd January 2010 at Bushey Manor School

1 – Welcome and opening remarks from the Club Chair, Jane Willis.

2 – Apologies received from:

Derek Swannick, Caroline Holt, Pam and Alan Brown

3 – Review of minutes of 2009 AGM

Approved Jon Wood, Seconded Kevin Binns – there were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 – Chair's Report

Congratulations for achievement of Swim 21 accreditation as a teaching club; the updated policies are on the website as is the 3 Year Plan. Congratulations also go to the swimmers for their hard work in improving their times and performances. The hard work has been reflected in gala results. Bushey finished in the top 6 in Peanuts league 2 and also received a shield from the Chilterns League for 2009. The number of swimmers who want to compete in Bushey colours is still as strong as ever and we were able to field 2 gala squads in the Herts League. Congratulations and thanks also go to all the teachers for their hard work. We are grateful to them as they generously give up their time voluntarily to ensure the club's swimmers have the opportunity to reach their potential.

Communication with parents and swimmers has continued to improve through the extensive use of the website and email, ensuring information about membership, social events, etc is available. Website functionality has been extended to downloadable club championships entry forms and electronic notification of gala selections. The club has also set up a SMS text messaging service to communicate urgent messages eg about late cancellation of swim sessions to those who have not got e-mail, or have limited access to it. The increase in information flowing from the club and committee needs to be accompanied by a reciprocating flow of information back from parents; the club welcomes and appreciates any thoughts or opinions that parents have.

There are certain challenges that remain for the New Year. Firstly, there is a need to deliver the 3 year plan, especially to maintain the increased swim time and to develop still further the competitive side of the club. Secondly, there is the need to build a committed membership of both swimmers and parents who will help the club to grow and become stronger. Thirdly there is the need for more volunteers to come forward. The club is run by volunteers and there are many ways for parents to get involved.

Everything Bushey ASC does and all the decisions made by the committee are aimed at achieving the club's vision "to inspire and develop a passion for competitive swimming".

5 – Accounts

In 2009 the club made a loss of £2000, mainly due to falling revenue from memberships and an increase in pool costs. The club did however save over £1000 on teacher training because of gaining Swim 21 accreditation.

The Treasurer submitted a proposal that the termly subscriptions might be increased by £5 per term from January 2011, and membership fees might also be increased from the same date if required. This was to ensure that the increases could be implemented if pool costs and other expenditure in 2010 required the club to raise extra income in 2011. This was proposed by Janet Wood, seconded Richard Henson and agreed by the meeting.

The Chair also asked the parents and swimmers to support BASC's 100 club (which is run by Gillian Wertheim), and other Club fundraising activities in 2010.

6 – Presentations to retiring committee members

The Chair thanked all the committee members who had served during the year. Presentations were made by the club to two members who had stood down at the end of 2009 – Marilyn Lawless, who had served as Treasurer for several years, and Caroline Clifford who had served as Club Champs Secretary and in other roles on the Committee.

7 – Election of officers

Treasurer – Judith Charman

Fixture secretary – Kevin Binns

Open Meet secretary – Kevin Binns

Kit Secretary – Sarah Wray

Club Champs Secretary – Alan Brown and Howard Willis

All appointments were proposed by Caroline Shermer, seconded by Jon Wood, passed by the Committee.

Positions still vacant: Club Secretary, Swim 21 Co-ordinator, Press Officer, Workforce Development Officer, Social Secretary. The Chair highlighted the need to find volunteers for these roles as soon as possible.

8 – Election of Club Captains

The result of the vote by swimmers was:

Girls Captain: Miriam Jones

Boys Captain: George Henson

Vice Captains: Daniel Lever & Robbie Waddup

9 – AOB

None raised

10 – Awards presentation by Club President Wendy Cook

11 – Closing Remarks

Thanks and good luck for the year.

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