

Bushey Amateur Swimming Club Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 26th January 2013 at Bushey Manor School

1) Welcome

Club President, Wendy Cook, opened the meeting by encouraging all members to enjoy the coaching, training and social side of the Club. Wendy thanked Jane Willis and Janet and Jon Wood for their hard work and dedication to the club for the many years they have served. Wendy passed the meeting to Club Chair, Jane Willis.

2) Apologies

Received from Lisa and Colin Hawes and Jeanette Binns.

3) Review of minutes from AGM held January 2012.

Club Chair, Jane Willis, confirmed that members had received the AGM document report and Minutes to AGM held in January 2012 by e-mail. The meeting approved the minutes of the 2012 AGM as a correct record (Proposed by Alan Brown and seconded by Zoe McQuire. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4) Chair's report

Jane Willis talked about the ethos of the Club as a family club, which was privileged to have such an active Social Secretary group throughout 2012 which had helped to maintain the friendly atmosphere of the club. Jane thanked Lisa Taverner and Andrea Fraser for organizing profitable and enjoyable events.

Jacky and Tracy have been present at BGLC and St Margaret's Swimming Pool on Sunday evenings and this has helped to welcome new members.

The meeting was reminded that BASC is run entirely by volunteers. Jane urged people to get involved and volunteer wherever possible.

BASC is a small teaching club but has achieved some excellent results during 2012. There were some excellent PB's and Club records achieved and our HSLGold team were promoted to Division 1.

During 2012 we were unfortunate to lose one of our main swimming pools which was closed for a full refurbishment. We received only short notice of this but Jane thanked Pam Brown for helping to secure new pool times. Jane urged everyone to consider becoming a swim teacher (training is paid for by the club and it is a recognized ASA teaching qualification) as we do need more teachers if we are to offer more training to our swimmers. The swimming groups have been restructured during the year and much work was undertaken to ensure the changes minimized disruption as much as possible.

Jane wished the Committee success and said farewell as Chair, after many years at the club Jane will relinquish her role on the Committee but will continue as a teachers.

Jacky presented Jane with an award as recognition and thanks from the Club committee and members for all her hard work over the many years.

5) Treasurers Report

The club has had another strong financial year, with a profit of just under £10,000. Judith thanked the Social Committee Andrea Fraser and Lisa Taverner for their hard work which raised funds, thanks also to Louisa Gooden who secured funding support in line with the social functions from Barclays.

Various costs have increased during the year but the fees have remained the same as the previous year. Judith did highlight that hopefully the move to a 12 month standing order payment will help collection of fees in the coming year as recently a lot of time has been spent trying to collect payments; everyone is a volunteer so this is obviously not an enjoyable task for committee members to have to chase families for money. Judith thanked Christine Thomas, Janet Wood and Jacky Summerfield for their help. Members were urged to double check their payments were made on time. Judith requested agreement to increase the fees by £5 per term and membership as appropriate if considered necessary for 2014. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

6) Presentations to retiring swim teachers and coaches.

Jane thanked all the teachers for their hard work during 2012.

Presentations were made to retiring teachers Neil Fraser (collected by Andrea in his absence), Lisa Taverner and Janet Wood.

7) Presentations to retiring Committee and Election of BASC Committee for 2013.

Jane made presentations to and thanked the following members of the Committee who are retiring: Andrea Fraser and Lisa Taverner (Social Secretaries), Sue Gledhill (Newsletter), Christine Thomas (membership), Jon Wood (Committee Member) and Janet Wood (Poolside Manager).

The following Committee appointments were proposed:

Chair – Caroline Shermer - nomination proposed by Jane Willis and seconded by Jacky Summerfield

Treasurer – Judith Charman (re-election)

Secretary – Clare Marett (re-election)

Membership Secretary – Yvonne Pope

Social Secretaries - David and Jackie Humphries

Jane proposed a block vote for election of all these Committee appointments - this was proposed by Pam Brown and Seconded by Sue Gledhill and voted unanimously by the meeting.

It was noted that the following roles have yet to be filled:

Health and Safety; Disability Officer; Swim 21 coordinator.

100 Club – Thanks to Gillian Wertheim and Louisa Gooden for running the 100 club. Jane requested that where possible it would be much appreciated if club members bought a number to support it. This year Gillian is retiring from running the 100 Club and would welcome a volunteer to take on the role.

8) Election of Club Captains 2013

Jane thanked the outgoing Captains for their hard work and help at Galas this year. The results of the election for Club Captains 2013 were announced. Congratulations to :

Boys Captain – Louis Rose

Girls Captain – Tayla Gilbert

Vice Captains – Alex Karet and Grace Miles.

10) A.O.B

There were no items of other business.

The meeting closed and the annual awards ceremony followed.

Full details of all the awards presented are available on the BASC website.