

Bushey Amateur Swimming Club Annual General Meeting 2013

Held on Saturday 25th January 2014 at Bushey Manor School.

1) Welcome

Club President, Wendy Cook, opened the meeting and passed the meeting to Club Chair, Caroline Shermer.

2) Apologies

Received from Richard Henson and family, Kirtsy Hawes, Shasheen Payoe and Jeanette Binns.

3) Review of minutes from AGM held January 2013.

Club Chair, Caroline Shermer, confirmed that members had received the AGM document report and Minutes to AGM held in January 2013. The meeting approved the minutes of the 2013 AGM as a correct record.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4) Chair's report

Caroline Shermer thanked the Club volunteers, Committee members, teachers and especially Officials who help the Club to function.

Caroline expressed that she wanted to focus her report on Service, Social and Swimming.

Service:

Caroline made reference to the Chair report in the AGM pack which shows 95% of the Clubs volunteers are parents / relatives / swimmers in the Erica squad. As this is the top squad in the club there is a genuine concern that as these swimmers move on there will be a void of volunteers to run the club within the next few years and it is important that the contacts in the earlier / younger squads consider volunteering to support the club, even if it is just shadowing a role to begin as the wealth of experience in the Club will be lost as the swimmers move on.

The Club needs judges (it's much cooler poolside than in the seating area).

Thanks were given to the teachers Jamie, Rafal, Richard and Colin for assisting during the year when due to progression of swimmers to other clubs, moving to University and career moves we lost 8 teachers. However, 7 new teachers are now trained and we would welcome more volunteers. (Training paid for by the club)

BASC now has swimming sessions 7 days a week,

Social:

BASC has a reputation for being a family friendly club. During 2013 there were several events, the summer fun day was very successful and raised funds. The Christmas disco was not so successful but there are plans to run it again in 2014. The quiz night has been postponed until 2014 and there are also requests to have an outside event such as pantomime trip. We do not currently have a Social Secretary so a request was made for any volunteer to come forward.

Communication between parents and teachers is encouraged, please do speak to your teacher if you have any queries about progression. The decision for swimmer progression within the club is based on a group discussion with all the teachers who assist your children. The club has had a very successful year from a performance perspective, with many PB's and club records broken. Caroline also congratulated the gala squads.

Swimming:

There are no plans to increase the pool time during 2014 as this now fits well with the teaching timetable. It is hoped that the additional pool time we were able to secure during 2013 will help to encourage new membership.

BASC also successfully trialed a safeguarding course for youth by the ASA.

It is hoped that we can attract:

3 new teachers

10 Judges

6 timekeepers

Increase membership

Improve our communication (Caroline said that any suggestions of how we can do this would be welcome)

Fill vacant Committee posts

Identify parents who can shadow current Committee members

Develop the leadership program

Swim 21 accreditation

5) Club Constitution

The Club Constitution has been amended and updated. It was circulated via e-mail to all the members in November 2013 and Caroline requested the members voted to accept this new Constitution.

Proposed by Howard Willis and Kevin Binns

Seconded by Gillian Wertheim

Club Constitution accepted by members

6) Treasurers Report

Judith highlighted the financial figures presented to members. The club has had a turbulent year, with the cost implications of teachers leaving, new ones training, members leaving, and changes to pool time there has been a loss of £1,500 subscriptions and members. The increase in pool time and increase in lifeguard costs which are associated with this increased pool time plus fewer social events during the year have also contributed to the lower income figure.

Judith thanked Lou Gooden for securing £750 funding from Barclay's and Gillian Wertheim for raising £300 through the 100 Club.

Financially the club is in a good position for 2014 as there is a healthy amount in reserve and the increase in fees and subs for 2014 will also assist. There is a drive for new members and teacher training.

Judith explained that unfortunately much time last year has also been spent chasing late payments. As volunteers this is really a task that should not need doing and Judith reminded all members that if fees are not paid swimmers will not be able to swim or participate in any club events or galas. She urged everyone to ensure that the details held on the membership database are correct and thanked Pam Brown and Jacky Summerfield for assisting in the collection of late fees.

Judith requested agreement to increase the fees by £5 per term and membership as appropriate if considered necessary for 2015. This was unanimously agreed by the meeting. Proposed by Caroline Shermer and seconded by Julie Rose

7) Retiring swim teachers and coaches.

Caroline thanked all the teachers for their hard work during 2013.

Retiring teachers are Jane Willis, Richard Henson, Robin Willis, Kirsty Hawes, Charlotte Henson, Becky Wood, Clare De Gidlow and Jon-Luke Summerfield

8) Retiring Committee, new teachers and Election of BASC Committee for 2014.

Caroline thanked retiring Committee members: Jackie Summerfield, (VC), Tracy O Sullivan (Newsletter), Sam Saville (workforce development Officer) and Yvonne Pope (membership).

Congratulations to the following teachers:

Karen Jones who has qualified as level 2 teacher and level 1 coach

Jack Jackson who has achieved level 2 teaching and level 1 coach and has also secured one of only 20 places on the National Youth Academy

Tayla Gilbert, Louis Rose, Clare Marett, Lou Gooden, Elizabeth Shermer, Charlie Wray,

Susanne Sulaman and Sarah Wray have all passed their level 1 teaching or coaching awards and were presented with their Black T-shirts.

The following Committee appointments were proposed:

Kevin Binns – Webmaster

Pam Brown – Bookings Secretary

Lou Gooden – Swim 21

The above posts were agreed in a block vote,

Proposed by Howard Willis and Seconded by Sara Springer

The new committee members were voted in individually:

Alan Brown – Vice Chair

Proposed by Pam Brown, Seconded by Ian Shermer

Jonathan Bailey - Membership Secretary

Proposed by – Julie Rose, Seconded by Sarah Wray and Lou Gooden

Lisa Sheerin – Workforce development officer

Proposed by Pam Brown and Lou Gooden, Seconded by Susanne Sulaman

Tasha Kavaganagh – Press Officer

Proposed by Kevin Binns and Gillian Wertheim

Seconded by Pam Brown

Jill Elsen – Disability Officer

Proposed by Lisa Sheerin

Seconded by Sarah Wertheim

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

Health and Safety Officer

Social Secretary

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.

9) Election of Club Captains 2014

Caroline thanked the outgoing Captains for their hard work and help at Galas this year. The results of the election for Club Captains 2014 were announced.

Congratulations to:

Boys Captain – Charlie Wray

Girls Captain – Elizabeth Shermer

Vice Captains – Ollie Farrimond, Briony Gooden and Shasheen Payoe

10) A.O.B

The Willis family - A special thank-you

The Willis family, Howard, Jane, Robin and Tamsyn have supported the club for 22 years. Caroline outlined the many ways they have helped the club, from Timekeeping, Judging, teaching, swimming, club Captains, competing, and Chairing. For many years they have prepared and presented the trophies and awards to the swimmers and hosted many Committee meetings at their house.

In recognition of the huge contribution to the club a new Trophy will be awarded in their name (the Willis Trophy), in recognition of the club member who has given the highest Contribution and Involvement within the Club.

100 club Cheques were presented

Kezzie Brown and Briony Gooden presented 3 Thank-you cards, signed by swimmers to the Committee, Teachers and Officials in recognition of thanks.

There were no items of other business.

The meeting closed and the annual awards ceremony followed, presented by Jamie O Malley and awards and Trophies presented to winners by the Club President and Jane Willis. Full details of all the awards presented are available on the BASC website.