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Kodak Grant Helps Local Swimming Club

24th January 2005 – Bushey Amateur Swimming Club is well on the way to offering a wider range of teaching for all abilities thanks to a recent grant from Kodak’s Dollars For Doers programme. Kodak employee David Thompson made the application to help the club move to a new level of teaching and was rewarded for his efforts with a grant of \$2,500. Dennis Lock, Kodak Limited UK Manufacturing Director presented the cheque during the Club’s AGM held on Friday 21st January at Bushey Manor School.

Dollars For Doers is a funding programme run by the Eastman Kodak Charitable Trust in the US, which aims to recognise Kodak employees worldwide who volunteer their personal time and energy to help community organisations. David’s award is donated by the overseas arm of the programme, Dollars For Doers International, which in six years of operation has awarded total grants of over \$75,000 to different organisations outside the US.

David, who works as Resin Coating Technical Manager at the Kodak site in Harrow, has been involved with the club since 1990 and is a member of the Governing Committee and a qualified swimming judge and timekeeper. Current membership of the club is around 160 with a waiting list of children wishing to join.

“We are delighted with the grant from Eastman Kodak, which will help us to fund improvements in the capabilities of our voluntary teachers and expand our teacher base,” said David. “As a result we will be able to better serve the community by providing a higher standard of teaching to existing members and take on more children from the waiting list.”

The club also intends to apply for the British Amateur Swimming Association’s Swim 21 quality mark accreditation. This involves providing the best teaching, coaching and development programmes for swimmers and is seen as the benchmark for all swimming clubs within the UK.

Bushey Amateur Swimming Club is supported and run entirely by volunteers and is based at Bushey Grove Leisure Centre approximately 4 miles from Kodak’s Harrow site. Children aged 5-18 are given the opportunity to learn to swim or improve their swimming. They compete in local galas and two country leagues and hold club championships three times annually. A number of social events are also held throughout the year and a recent charity swim event raised over £1,300 for Sports Relief.

Photo Caption: Watched by club members, Dave Thompson (right) receives the Dollars for Doers cheque from Dennis Lock.

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