



Dingwall Amateur Swimming Club

Minutes of AGM held on 25th September 2018

Attendees: Melissa Maclennan (Treasurer), Gordon Lyall (Committee), Andrew Clark (Head Coach), Anne Wood (Secretary), Nicola Mitchell (parent), Rhona Morrison (Membership Secretary), Dawn Cleary (Parent) and Chris Wilson (parent), Kavitha Wilson (parent), Neil Robinson (parent), Malcolm Sutherland (parent), Julie Duff (parent), Jordan MacDonald (Coach), and Pippa Saunders (parent)

Apologies: Rachel Thomson (Coach), Paula Barlow, and Eion Coull (parents).

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting – great to see so many faces. He informed the meeting that he would act as chair for the AGM as our chairman, James McPake had resigned.	Committee
2	Apologies were received and noted above. Please notify a committee member or Andrew if your name has been missed from the Apologies or Attendee list.	
3	Approval of Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising	
4	<p>Chairs Remarks</p> <p>Andrew began by saying how happy he was with all the swimmers efforts and behaviour. He told the meeting that his workload had increased significantly but that he continues to be very passionate about the club and do his very best to ensure he carries out his duties fully.</p> <p>We currently have 70 swimmers in the club and he is really happy with the way the squad system is working.</p> <p>After our competition against Western Isles last week he felt it was obvious that there is another level of training for us to tap into. Western Isles top swimmers have 10 hours pool time per week whereas ours have 2.5 hours. With this in mind, he felt that our swimmers had given an amazing performance – only coming 58 points behind them – and only 2 weeks after our Club Championships.</p> <p>He was also very happy that there has been an increase in parental involvement – something we have been trying to encourage for some time. Our new Club Captains, Lewis Lyall and Blyth Wilson, have been invited to assist at training sessions. This has been successful and Andrew would like to extend this invitation to all over 14's in the club. Just approach</p>	Ongoing

	<p>Andrew and he will arrange it.</p> <p>Andrew has been looking over out constitution and in future he has decided the swimmers should out themselves forward for Club Captains (perhaps writing a small paragraph to explain why they feel they would make a good captain) – the coaches would then whittle it down to 4 names and the swimmers would have the vote on the final 2 names. Then the committee would be informed before the Club Champs, when the new captains would be appointed. However he did feel that there should always be at least 1 girl.</p> <p>Andrew would anticipate approaching Alness Pool about 8 months before completion to book more pool time (due for completion Aug 2020). Dingwall are not keen to give away much more public swimming time. Alness pool will have 6 lanes which means we could have 2 squads training together. He would like to possibly introduce regular land training if we were unable to secure more pool time.</p> <p>Andrew assured the meeting that he had no plans to leave the club – a question he had been asked.</p>	
5	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>No report from the secretary as it was felt it would just be a repeat of the Chairman's Report.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Report attached</p> <p>Melissa presented the figures to the meeting.</p> <p>She told the meeting that the increase in fees and reduction in coaching fees has allowed our account to come back to an even keel. The introduction of the Readiness Assessment, increase in swimmer numbers and movement between squads have all also helped us to get back on our feet.</p> <p>Melissa finally got onto online banking this year which has made things much easier for her.</p> <p>She told the meeting that there are still a few (maybe half a dozen) who have not updated their fees. The committee all felt that we should be following this up and not allowing swimmers to swim if their fees are not updated – they have had more than ample time to make the simple adjustment.</p> <p>SO – CAN ALL PARENTS PLEASE CHECK THAT THEY ARE PAYING THE CORRECT FEES!!</p> <p>Chris Wilson asked about grants available to the club. Andrew explained that we had looked at those and got forms from various sources. Our Sponsored Swim, Bag Packing and plea to local businesses were all enough to help us climb back up from crisis point last April. But we agreed</p>	<p>Ongoing Melissa</p>

	<p>that it is something we will re visit, along with possibly Tesco Tokens and the Co-op scheme.</p> <p>Andrew was very keen to make the Sponsored Swim an annual event and this was agreed to keep funds at a good level.</p>	
7	<p>Election of Committee Members</p> <p>Andrew informed the meeting that 12 people had put their names forward to be considered for the chairman's position which had become vacant 2 weeks ago when James McPake resigned.</p> <p>It was agreed to nominate a Chairman and Vice Chairman.</p> <p>Melissa proposed Nicola Mitchell as Chairman and this was seconded by Rona.</p> <p>Anne Nominated Steph Innes as Vice Chairman and Gordon Lyall seconded.</p> <p>Rona, Mellissa, Andrew and Anne were all nominated to remain on the committee and agreed to continue.</p> <p>Irene MacDonald has expressed an interest in joining the committee and we would welcome her input.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Relevant Business</p> <p>Andrew was very keen to have another Bake Sale in the school as it was a really good way to raise funds.</p> <p>A social evening for both parents and swimmers was also discussed and thought to be a good idea. Possibly a sub-committee could be formed to organize this?</p> <p>Fiona Richardson is the current CPO and was keen to allow committee members to undertake the Introduction to Child Protection course.</p> <p>Andrew said that he would happily arrange another Timekeepers course.</p> <p>Chris Wilson made a good point regarding appointing an event support person at competition so that in the event of an incident, 1 person takes control and arranges all the necessary input.</p> <p>The pool will be closed 29.10.18 to 07.11.18. Andrew proposed to allow at least Highland School Swimmers to attend Alness pool on a Friday with B squad as they could not have 2 weeks without training before Highland Schools. This year we have 13 swimmers competing in 20 events.</p>	<p>Andrew to book room</p>

<p>Andrew will be holding a meeting after training on Tuesday after training for A squad and Friday night before training for B squad to have a chat about plans for training. He will contact swimmers and parents. Finally a big thank you to all the new people who attended the AGM to support our club.</p>	
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Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th November 2018 – Dingwall Academy Meeting Room 7pm