



Dingwall Amateur Swimming Club

Minutes of AGM held on 27th September 2017

Attendees: James McPake (Chair), Melissa Maclennan (Treasurer), Gordon Lyall (Management Committee), Andrew Clark (Head Coach), Anne Wood (Secretary), Nicola Mitchell (parent), Rhona Morrison (Membership Secretary), Dawn Cleary (Parent) and Keith Wilson (parent).

Apologies: Trevor Innes (Parent), Emily Finlayson (Coach), Rachel Thomson (Coach), Jordan MacDonald (Coach), Julie Davidon (parent) and Neil Robinson (parent)

Item	Discussion	Action
1	James and Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
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	<p>Approval of Minutes of previous AGM and matters arising</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding where we were this time last year with regards to training structure and affiliation.</p> <p>Andrew felt that the squad training was working really well. Sessions were easier to plan, results were easier to see and achieve and the swimmers all seem to be enjoying it.</p> <p>Coaching – Emily now has a job in Alness but Rachel will be able to coach until next summer so Andrew is happy with 3 coaches at present. Erin helps out on Thursdays and Emily may be able to change some of her hours to coach on a Friday night.</p> <p>Western Isles Swim Team Competition – this was put on hold as we were not affiliated but Andrew will contact them again and try to plan this for the future.</p>	Andrew
4	<p>Chairs Remarks</p> <p>James thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He thanked all involved in the Club Championships last Saturday – it was a great day and so good to see so many PB's. James feels – and the committee agreed – that this is a great confidence giver for swimmers and a good opportunity for parents to see how well their children are progressing.</p> <p>On the same topic, this year's Summer Camp was a huge success. The land training resulted in a few aches and pains but the overall feedback was really good from all swimmers. The decision to join all squads together proved very popular and it was great to see the squads work together – all ages and abilities.</p> <p>The Club has had a busy year with the transition from swimming sessions to squad training and to our long awaited affiliation to Scottish Swimming. The new squad training has made significant improvements albeit at the cost of losing some swimmers for whom squad training did not work. This should</p>	Ongoing

	<p>even out as new swimmers come in. With the affiliation will come competitions as they become available.</p> <p>He confirmed that swimmers standing orders have now all been brought up to date and thanked Melissa for her hard work in achieving this and parents for their patience and understanding in the fee changes which took place as squad training was introduced.</p> <p>Hopefully this coming year will be slightly easier as we move forward as an affiliated club.</p> <p>Once again thanks to committee members, parents and volunteers for supporting our great wee club.</p>	
5	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>No report from the new secretary as it was felt it would just be a repeat of the Chairman's Report.</p> <p>.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Report attached</p> <p>Melissa has had a huge task in not only getting parents to change fees but also in calculating and chasing payments of underpayments.</p> <p>The books are currently not balanced, by a small amount. Melissa will remedy this and have the accounts signed off.</p> <p>At present our outgoings are more than our income but this will even out a little as swimmers come into the club.</p> <p>The possibility of a sponsored swim or bake sale was discussed to boost with funds. It was agreed that this would not go towards affiliation fees, as previously agreed by the committee.</p>	<p>Ongoing Melissa</p>
6	<p>Any Other Relevant Business</p> <p>We have 75 swimmers affiliated (110 swimmers this time last year). Andrew felt that the swimmers left were the more committed ones and so hopefully they will take part in competitions.</p> <p>Andrew is holding trials twice a year. He trialled around 20 over the summer and 8 have joined the club.</p> <p>James felt that Andrew has been taking a lot on his shoulders and it was agreed that the committee step up and take more responsibility. Melissa requested contact details for all parents so that she can contact them directly without having to go through Andrew.</p> <p>Trophies – It was noted that we were short on trophies to hand out at Club Championships. 3 Committee members have offered to donate a cup/trophy and Andrew was asked to consider the most appropriate events.</p>	

	<p>Andrew has suggested putting in a new club kit order. Development squad will have an extra 15 minutes pool time per week after the October holidays. Timekeeping courses were discussed and Andrew will look into this. He will also see about ordering new stop watches.</p> <p>Andrew told the committee that he had received an email and that we should maybe look at a trip to Stirling Pool – 50m pool – there is availability for some training in a competition pool which would be great experience for the older swimmers. It was noticed and commented that the behaviour poolside on Saturday was great. All swimmers were encouraging and happy, which is great for us to see.</p> <p>Finally, Andrew wished to welcome the 2 new Club Captains – Alice Kerr and Chrissie Wood and also to thank the outgoing Captain, Erin Robinson for all her work for the club over the past year.</p>	
7	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 1st November 2017 – Dingwall Academy Meeting Room 7pm</p>	<p>Andrew to book room</p>