



Dingwall Amateur Swimming Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2019

Attendees: Nicola Mitchell (Chair), Melissa Maclennan (Treasurer), Neil Robinson (Management Committee), Gordon Lyall (Management Committee), Andrew Clark (Head Coach), Laura Roberts (Parent), Kavitha Wilson (Parent), Julie Daff (Parent), Malcolm Sutherland (Parent), Keith Wilson (Parent) and Blythe Wilson (Club Captain).

Apologies: Fiona Richardson (Parent)

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Nicola 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	Vacant Secretary Position Andrew informed the meeting that Kavitha Wilson had put her name forward to be considered for the position of Secretary which had become vacant when Anne Wood resigned. Julie proposed Kavitha Wilson as Secretary and this was seconded by Laura.	
4	Awards/Presentation and Social Evening Update Fiona was to look into Highlife venues for the social evening. There is no current information from Fiona, Andrew will find out if she has any information and let the rest of the Committee know. Julie said that she had contacted The National Hotel in Dingwall but the charge is £100 per hour which is too high. The bar would be open but the Club would need to pay £100 upfront to cover staff costs. There is the option to "Bring Your Own Bottle", but corkage would need to be paid on this. Julie has also contacted Mulbuie Hall which is £10 per hour, with a £50 deposit. We would only be allowed the hall until 11.30pm, definitely no underage drinking and the hall would need to be cleaned the next day by the Club. Julie will contact Maryburgh community to find out how much they charge for their hall as it would be good to keep it closer to Dingwall and support them.	Andrew will ask Fiona for Highlife venue details. Julie will contact Maryburgh Hall to find out charges.

	<p>Attendance numbers were discussed and it was agreed there would probably be approximately 150 attendees, this would be approximately 50 swimmers and their siblings and parents. Dates were also discussed and it was decided that we would try for 2nd March as this gave enough time to organise but would not clash with any events in March (see 6).</p>	
5	<p>Club Kit Order</p> <p>Andrew advised that we need to order more club kit asap as we haven't ordered any for a while. We normally order with Craig at Rightsport. We need to order hoodies for the swimmers who have moved up to C Squad. Melissa asked whether we were still planning on having Club shorts. Blythe thought that these would be a great idea for poolside and would be very popular. Laura agreed to place the order.</p> <p>Andrew mentioned that the Club had been thinking about changing the badge and the Club colours to reflect the fact that the majority of swimmers are female. He suggested contacting Amber King of Darwin Design Studio to ask them the cost of redesigning the logo and having several options to choose from. These designs would be put to the swimmers for them to choose their favourite.</p>	<p>Andrew to give forms to Laura to organise kit order.</p> <p>Andrew to contact Amber King to redesign the Club logo.</p>
6	<p>Upcoming Meets for 2019/Aberdeen Sports Village Booking</p> <p>Ullapool Club contacted Andrew before Christmas regarding the annual competition. Andrew met Tom, the coach, at the Highland Schools competition and they agreed that the competition should take place on 30th March. It had been agreed that the venue would alternate each year, however Andrew mentioned that Dingwall Leisure Centre is not great for spectators as there is such a small space for them to watch, whereas it is much more comfortable at Ullapool as the spectators can sit poolside. Andrew will speak Tom to see if it would be possible to have the event at Ullapool again. The whole Club is eligible to go. Andrew said that they took 20 last year but we will aim to take more this year so that there is a good range and he is hoping to get everyone to do a 50m instead of 100m/200m swims for the older kids so that the swims are more of sprints than distance swims. Andrew will send out an email and start picking the team.</p> <p>Andrew also said that there is a competition in Dyce on 23rd March for under 12s. The event costs £5 per swimmer per event and starts at 9.15am. Andrew will email the parents of the swimmers who have qualifying times to see if they would like to enter their children.</p> <p>Gordon asked if there were any competitions for older swimmers and Andrew confirmed that there are some mini meets including one in Forres for the whole Club. Andrew will look to see if there are any more.</p>	<p>Andrew to speak with Ullapool about venue and organising comp.</p> <p>Andrew to send email about both comps.</p> <p>Andrew to look for comps.</p>

	<p>Melissa asked whether we could organise an event with Inverness. Andrew said that there is a competition coming up, it was a double event but unfortunately we missed the qualifying event so now can't enter the second one. Melissa asked if there was any opportunity to do a friendly competition between the two Clubs as the Highland Schools event was totally different to anything they'd done before and it is great to give them experience of things like the touch boards. Andrew said he would look into organising a friendly competition between Dingwall, Inverness, Tain and Alness. We could charge an entry fee of £5 per swimmer and this would cover the cost of pool hire and other expenses.</p> <p>Andrew also mentioned that some swimmers have been asking about visiting a 50m pool. The Northern District sent an email recently saying that the 50m pool in Stirling can be booked per hour or per day. Andrew is keen to organise this and send out an open invite to the A and B Squads. The Club would pay for the bus and it would be a day's training at a long-course pool. One swimmer has tried the 50m pool and found it very difficult to keep going after 25m, because they would normally touch the side at that point, so would be great training for their stamina.</p>	<p>Andrew to organise a friendly competition between local Clubs.</p> <p>Andrew to find out details and costs for 50m pool.</p>
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Melissa informed the Committee that the current bank balance is £6,152.93 and that she is not expecting any large bills in.</p> <p>Andrew said that Colleen Blair, the Development Officer for Scottish Swimming, has finally been in touch and has been asking for information about pool hire prices for Clubs in the area and about the amount of pool time we have. Andrew said that we are always looking for more pool time. Colleen is going to look at any discrepancies.</p> <p>There has been a change in clause C3.2.1 of the Club Constitution. It used to say that the Club would pay half of the fees and the members would pay the other half, however this only happened once a long time ago and this is no longer a possibility so clause C3.2.1 has been changed to:</p> <p>Enter new wording</p> <p>This wording had been discussed and agreed by Melissa, Nicola and Andrew.</p> <p>Melissa also mentioned that there may be a possibility of an increase in fees for the Coaches at the next meeting. She also wanted the Committee to note that pool hire prices normally increase in April each year.</p>	<p>Kavitha to add to agenda.</p>

	<p>The affiliation is normally done by 28th February each year. The members need to pay their £43 membership fee asap as we need all of the fees in before 28th February. Melissa asked that the Swimmer's name that the fee relates to is added to the bank transfer in the reference section. Kavitha to send out email the members about fees?</p> <p>Andrew received an email from Becca Harvey at the BBC regarding a programmed called Teen Taxi. This was to do with family relationships in the car and she was asking for 14 to 19 year olds to take part. She asked if Andrew could help to spread the word. Andrew said that he would fully check it out before passing any information on to the parents.</p> <p>Andrew has been contacted by an ex-member, Anna Munro. She is currently taking Higher PE and is majoring in swimming. She would like to join the Club for three months. The Club doesn't currently have a temporary membership but Andrew thinks it may be a good idea to have one but stipulate that it cannot be for longer than three months and we would need to know the reason for a temporary membership and decided case by case. The temporary member would still have to pay the affiliation fee and, upon discussion, it was decided that the cost should be £5 per session. Andrew will ask for more information from Anna about the reason for wanting the temporary membership with the Club before agreeing to it.</p> <p>Andrew has been contacted by some families about joining the Club so he will organise a Readiness Assessment at the end of February/start of March. Melissa asked Andrew to let her know how many people are in each Squad once this has been done as there will probably be quite a lot of movement and this will mean a change in fees. Andrew confirmed that there are approximately 70 swimmers in the Club at the moment. There is currently space in the Development Squad and B Squad and Andrew thinks that there is the capacity for approximately 90 swimmers in total.</p>	<p>Kavitha to send email about membership fees.</p> <p>Andrew to see if this is a genuine programme.</p> <p>Andrew to let Anna know about temp membership.</p> <p>Andrew to organise Readiness Assessment and let Melissa know Squad numbers.</p>
<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 12th March at 7.15pm in the Dingwall Academy Meeting Room.</p>	<p>Kavitha to book room.</p>