



# Dingwall Amateur Swimming Club

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7th March 2018

**Attendees:** Nicola Mitchell (Chair), Steph Innes (Vice Chair) Melissa MacLennan (Treasurer), Andrew Clark (Head Coach), Anne Wood (Secretary), Lauren Roberts, Julie Duff, Irene MacDonald and Fiona Richardson (CPO).

**Apologies:** Neil Robinson (Management Committee), Gordon Lyall (Management Committee), Rhona Morrison (Membership Secretary), Rachel Thomson (Coach), Jordan MacDonald (Coach), Eion Coull, Roslyn MacDonald, Paula Barlow, and Joanne Simpson.

Item	Discussion	Action
1	Nicola welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> 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	<b>General Club Update</b> Andrew is very happy with where the club is at present. It has been a busy few months and all squads are working extremely hard. All squads have more packed into their swimming time and he felt that, in particular, A Squad swimmers were feeling the difference. There are 3 new swimmers in development squad, a couple moving from Development to C squad and a couple moving from C to B squad. No changes in A squad at present – the numbers are high in A squad at present.	
4	<b>Fundraising and Social Evening</b> A few ideas were discussed with regard to a social evening for the swimmers – whether it should be divided into squads or an all together occasion – it was decided to have all swimmers together as it was felt that it was good for all age groups to mix socially. A party was decided on – various venues were discussed but it was felt that it would need to be in the Dingwall area to have maximum attendance. This year it would be just the party but the possibility of this being the time to present trophies was discussed and it was felt that this would be a good idea from 2020 onwards. The 19 <sup>th</sup> of February was proposed as the best date. Julie will look at hall availability and prices. Fiona will look at Highlife venues for availability. It was felt that a sub-committee of swimmers, led by the Club Captains - should be formed to progress plans. The idea of novelty awards was discussed and this was felt to be a good idea. Andrew would be able to borrow a projector and screen to show photos on the night	<b>Andrew</b>

	<p>Anne will enquire about a local DJ for the event – a 5<sup>th</sup> year boy in Alness does this fairly regularly. Various fundraising ideas were discussed and the committee felt that we should apply for any funding available to us.</p> <p>Anne to look into the Tesco blue tokens and Gordon to find out how to apply for the Co-op scheme. The question of land training was brought up. Andrew felt the swimmers required more pool time. Whist he recognised that overall fitness was a benefit; he felt that he was not in a position to deliver land training.</p>	
5	<p><b>Access to the new Alness Pool</b> Andrew told the meeting that he had been speaking to Lisa MacDonald and that a written plan would be the way forward to requesting pool time in the New Alness Pool. This would need to be given to Joanne for consideration. Andrew had produced a few years ago and said this could be adapted and updated to suit the requirements of the club as it is now.</p> <p>Andrew foresees the club eventually moving all training to the new facility in Alness – this may result in some losses as we experienced when squads were introduced – but in the long term it would be a far superior training venue for the club.</p>	<b>Andrew</b>
6	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>The new Hitek software is now up and running and, after a few teething problems, Andrew says it is working well.</p> <p>The DASC logo was discussed and Andrew would like to change this to incorporate pink.</p> <p>It was noted that we have not yet seen any of the Club Championship photos which Michael MacDonald took on the day. Anne will enquire about progress on these.</p> <p>It was agreed that Andrew should receive a £200 bonus with his next pay in recognition of both his hard work and the fact that a large drop in his wage was taken in wage when the club was in financial trouble earlier in the year. It was agreed to look at coach's wages again in the new year with a view to increasing them.</p> <p>Melissa was happy to report that all fees are at last up to date.</p> <p>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of training for 2018 and we will resume on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.15pm</p>	