

ST HELENS SWIMMING CLUB

Annual General Meeting 2006

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Election of Officers

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members and Election of Officers held at Shaw Street Social Club on Sunday 10th December 2006.

The meeting commenced at 12 noon. Chairman, Ian Turner welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

PRESENT Stephanie Yeates, Steve Carr, Dave Gabbitas, Mark Sullivan, Mandy North, Lynn Lasikewicz, Janet Harrison, Alicia Ball, Lee Hughes, Ian Turner (chair), Sharon Dobson, Joe Coy

APOLOGIES Joan Smith, Shaun Woodward, Steve Lee

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

As circulated

Secretary's Report

As Circulated. Joe added that the club is subject to investigation by the ASA for submitting a team sheet at the Speedo Gala which contained false names and names of unregistered swimmers. This could have serious consequences for the club and the person who acted as Team Manager on the day. Other clubs have been fined and individuals have been banned from poolside for this type of thing. Joe added that we should take action ourselves before the ASA do. Sharon Dobson agreed and it was said that we will deal with it later in the meeting. Joe added that he has arranged for a full set of qualified officials to look after the M&D Gala at Parr in May 2007.

Treasurer's Report

As circulated

Membership Secretary's Report

At present we have 158 members registered, but 28 are not up to date with their fees, so are deemed to have left the club. There is a waiting list of 6-8. The difficulty is that the 1st two lanes are at their capacity so we can only accept those who are good enough to by-pass those two lanes. However things do change.

The monthly fee benefits the club, especially at this time of year when attendances are down due to Christmas Activities and the like.

Coach's Report

Steve explained that when he returned at the beginning of the year he was surprised that the standard of swimmers was generally poor with very few of the younger swimmers achieving Competitive Start Award.

He changed the coaching to suit the needs of the swimmers. It is no good swimming thousands of metres when races are over 50m, 100m, 200m. The swimmers, of all lanes, had to be taught good techniques. Starts & turns needed to be improved.

We need more galas, and it is the job of the gala secretary to arrange meaningful galas and not ones like we had against Ashton.

Steve added that he hoped to arrange Bi-athlons, which would raise money and expand the club.

AOB

Daniel Anderson (parent of Alana) submitted a motion that the coaches are paid. This was discussed. All the coaches stated that they did not wish to be paid as they do it because they want to. It was suggested the money suggested by DA would be placed to the side and used to either pay the expenses of a coach from outside the town should it be that due to circumstances we have no coaches of our own available. It should also be used to fund training for the coaches and potential coaches.

In order to take a vote, the nomination by Daniel Anderson was Seconded by Steve Carr.

VOTE For 0 (nil) AGAINST 12 (twelve)

Stephanie Yeates asked what qualifications were needed to become a teacher/coach/poolside helper. Steve explained the steps.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	FOR	AGAINST
Chair	Ian Turner	Stephanie Yeates	Steve Carr	11	0
Secretary	none	none	none		
Treasurer	Ian Turner	Joe Coy	Lee Hughes	11	0
Membership Secretary	Dave Gabbitas	Sharon Dobson	Steve Carr	11	0
Competition Secretary	Sharon Dobson	Ian Turner	Lee Hughes	11	0
General Committee	Mark Sullivan	Dave Gabbitas	Lee Hughes	11	0
	Joan Smith	Alicia Ball	Lee Hughes	11	0
	Steve Lee	Dave Gabbitas	Joan Smith	11	0
	Alicia Ball	Joan Smith	Dave Gabbitas	11	0
	Lee Hughes	Dave Gabbitas	Joan Smith	11	0
	Shaun Woodward	Dave Gabbitas	Lee Hughes	10	1

All were duly elected.

Ian thanked outgoing Secretary Joe, for his input over the last few years, adding that his knowledge of swimming will be missed.

Joe thanked Ian for his kind comments and thanked those who had helped him but felt that he could not continue in the circumstances. He did state that assuming there is no conflict of interest he would help individuals where possible if requested.