



ST HELENS SWIMMING CLUB

Annual General Meeting 2007

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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 2nd December 2007.

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

PRESENT: Steve Carr, Dave Gabbitas, Janet Harrison, Alicia Ball, Lee Hughes, Ian Turner (chair), Joan Smith, Shaun Woodward, Sean Ahearn, Graham Baum

APOLOGIES: Sharon Dobson, Ann Marie Greenall

LATE ATTENDEES: Liam McDermott arrived at the start of the Chairman's report.

MINUTES OF THE 2006 AGM

These were issued to attendees and placed on the club website following the 2006 AGM, and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Shaun Woodward stated that there were no false names entered on the Speedo team sheet, however there were swimmers which were not registered at Cat.2 level which was a requirement of Speedo. Shaun was acting Team Manager on the day and was not informed of this beforehand nor that our swimmers would be in breach of this rule.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

Ian Turner read out his report and thanked everyone for their support during his 2 years in office. The report will be published on the web site.

Secretary's Report

The report was combined with the Chairman's report.

Treasurer's Report

Joan Smith reported that the accounts are currently with the independent examiner and have not yet been returned to the club. Ian Turner informed the meeting that it may be better to consider amending the date of the AGM from December to 'within 3 months of the year end' to allow for the full preparation of accounts.

The accounts will be signed off by committee at a future committee meeting and submitted to the members at an EGM for ratification along with the revised constitution.

Membership Secretary's Report

Dave Gabbitas reported that membership uptake is busy as late. The membership level is standing at 126 with an additional 11 in their trial period. The attendance has improved amongst the swimmers. The ASA registration forms are now being submitted on joining.

Dave suggested that the club put together a membership pack which can be given to all new members. This would include the Membership form, Club rules, ASA form as a basic requirement.

Coach's Report

Steve Carr apologised for his absence from the club over the last 4 months which was due to a family bereavement and subsequent work commitments. The chair on behalf of members thanked Steve for his earlier involvement and the effect that this has had in raising the standard of the swimmers. Although not at poolside, Steve has constantly been in touch with the committee regarding issues concerning the club and is hoping to resume coaching sessions soon. He reaffirmed his desire to re-start land training at the earliest opportunity.

Shaun Woodward wished to record the clubs appreciation to all the coaches, especially Liam, for their efforts in supporting the training sessions and galas.

The membership was informed that the club is forging new affiliations with other associations to give all our swimmers more opportunities.

Dave Gabbitas stated that the friendly galas have been of great benefit to our younger swimmers and the club would benefit more from such galas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER	FOR	AGAINST
Chair	Shaun Woodward	Janet Harrison	Lee Hughes	10	0
Secretary	Ian Turner	Joan Smith	Steve Carr	10	0
Treasurer	Joan Smith	Steve Carr	Alicia Ball	10	0
Membership Secretary	Dave Gabbitas	Shaun Woodward	Lee Hughes	10	0
Head Coach	Steve Carr	Ian Turner	Shaun Woodward	10	0
General Committee	Ann-Marie Greenall	Shaun Woodward	Dave Gabbitas	10	0
General Committee	Lee Hughes	Shaun Woodward	Joan Smith	10	0
General Committee	Janet Harrison	Alicia Ball	Ian Turner	10	0
General Committee	Alicia Ball	Joan Smith	Steve Carr	10	0
General Committee	Sharon Dobson	Ian Turner	Steve Carr	10	0
General Committee	Graeme Baum	Janet Harrison	Lee Hughes	10	0

All were duly elected.

Ian congratulated Shaun on his election to Chairman and wished him all the best during his term in office.

As Sharon Dobson was not present at the meeting, the position of Competition Secretary was left open until Sharon indicated her willingness, or otherwise, to carry on with this role. The position will then be formally appointed at the next committee meeting.

CLUB CONSTITUTION & AMENDMENTS

Ian Turner informed the meeting that Mr J. Coy, parent of one of our club swimmers, had proposed an amendment to 'rule 3' of the club constitution which was read out at the meeting.

Ian also informed everyone that the ASA had made a written request for the club to submit its constitution for ratification by the ASA North West Region by 31st December 2007. The ASA had forwarded a 'model constitution' which included all the relevant sections required under ASA law, and one which can be used as a basis for a new constitution for the club.

After much discussion, the membership requested that the committee examine this at the earliest opportunity and for the Chairman to accept them on behalf of the membership.

An EGM would be called at a later date in order for the membership to ratify the new constitution.

Proposal 1:- “In view of SVGA and IBB, that rule 3 and its subsections be re-worded accordingly”.

Proposed by Mr J Coy (Parent of club member)

There were no members willing to support this proposal; however a show of hands indicated that it should be rejected in favour of Proposal 2.

Proposal 2:- For the Chairman to accept the revised and updated constitution on behalf of the membership and to ensure it's submission to the ASA by December 31st 2007.

Proposed: Steve Carr, Seconded: Dave Gabbitas

For 10 (ten) Against 0 (nil)

The proposal was carried.

AOB

Shaun Woodward informed the membership of the arrangements for the presentation evening and that all trophies have been received. Shaun thanked the supplier E&G Trophies for the kind donation of 3 trophies. One of the trophies would be for the 'swimmers swimmer of the year' which is being voted on by our junior members. There has been no reply from St.Helens Rugby League club to our request for someone to present the medals.

Shaun wished also to record his thanks on behalf of the club to Ann-Marie Greenall and Paul Burgess for their recent support on poolside. Shaun indicated that both wish to pursue ASA teaching qualifications.

The meeting was closed