



Welwyn Garden Swim Club

(Affiliated to Swim England East Region, Swim England Hertfordshire and R.L.S.S)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Monday, 2nd March 2020

15 people attended.

Peter Jasko, Cath Ellerd-Elliott, Catriona Byres, Derek Milton, Jayne Lansdell, Scott Clewlow, Ren Kusmierk-Peh, Faye Ward, Kate Saunders, Becky Bristow, Nadine Green, Tom Brennan, Stuart Clewlow, Louise Eagles, Audrey Archer

The meeting was chaired by Chairman Peter Jasko.

1. Apologies for absence

Jane Macgillivray, Rod Reeves

2. Approval of 2019 AGM minutes

The minutes were considered and unanimously accepted.

Proposed: Peter Jasko

Seconded: Catriona Byres

Accepted unanimously

3. Matters arising from the 2019 AGM minutes

No matters arising from the AGM minutes.

4. Chairman's report – Peter Jasko

Proposed: Becky Bristow

Seconded: Cath Ellerd Elliott

Accepted unanimously

Points raised in relation to chairman's report: Derek queried that the number of young swimmers had increased, as it was not apparent at Birch Green

5. Treasurer's report – Cath Ellerd-Elliott

Proposed: Kate Shaw

Seconded: Tom Brennan

Accepted unanimously

Points raised in relation to treasurer’s report: Stuart Clewlow queried not increasing the fees, and suggested that the club should have a buffer of 1-2 years cost in savings. This year running the club is running at a deficit. Concerned that next year would see a bigger increase in fees which might put people off renewing. Peter responded that he would look into this and try to find out where the guideline for such a buffer comes from.

6. Club Head Coach report – Scott Clewlow

Proposed: Louise Eagles

Second: Stuart Clewlow

Accepted unanimously

Points raised in relation to Head Coach’s report: Ren queried that she was not aware that we had been promoted to Div 2 in HML. Response: division 3 had been discontinued.

7. Subscriptions 2020/2021 – Cath Ellerd-Elliott

The fees for 2020/2021 will be as follows:

Number Swimmers in family	Fee After 15th April or using Go Cardless	Full Payment Before 15th April	Increase	% Increase
1	£ 280	£ 275	£ 5	1.9%
2	£ 515	£ 505	£ 10	2.0%
3	£ 560	£ 550	£ 15	2.8%
4	£ 605	£ 595	£ 20	3.5%
5	£ 645	£ 635	£ 25	4.1%
6	£ 685	£ 675	£ 30	4.7%
Lifesaving only	£ 140.0	£ 137.50	£ 2.50	1.9%

The subscriptions were unanimously accepted.

8. Life Saving Report – Stuart Clewlow and John London

Proposed: Scott Clewlow

Seconded: Nadine Green

Accepted unanimously

9. Election of Committee for 2019/2020

The following members were nominated in accordance with Rule 15.5. Voting is not necessary as the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies and they are thus declared to be elected as members of the committee.

Executive Officers:

Chairman – Peter Jasko

Secretary – Faye Ward

Treasurer –Cath Ellerd -Elliott

Elected members (maximum 9)

Audrey Archer

Rebecca Bristow

Catriona Byres

Louise Eagles

Nadine Green

Jayne Lansdell

Kate Shaw

Kate Saunders

Peter Jasko thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting which was reported closed at 20.20pm.

Appendix 1. Informal discussion following the AGM covering the following points:

- Could the club's Facebook page be used more to engage people online, e.g. announcement and reminders on Facebook on the day of a gala?
- Discussion about why swimmers are less keen to attend galas, high drop-out rate, and people not letting Scott know if not attending at the last minute. Would a response deadline for gala participation help?
- The club should encourage swimmers to regard selection for the team as an honour. Not turning up for a gala after agreeing to take part is letting the side down.
- Parents should be expected to volunteer
- Could the club make use of Whatsapp or Instagram?
- Videos from club captains to encourage team spirit
- Can we bring back squad training e.g. last part of the Tuesday session?
- Could the club provide white shirts for all officials with the club name?
- Are there role descriptions for club captains, and do they need updating?
- Lift sharing – must be arranged between parents as the club is not able to get involved
- New members pack – needs revamping
- Some swimmers would value technical information about improving strokes and times