



Welwyn Garden Swim Club

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

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Monday, 22nd March 2021

14 people in attendance online

Peter Jasko, Cath Ellerd-Elliott, Faye Ward, Renata Kusmierek, Kate Shaw, Derek Milton, Jane Ashton, Catriona Byres, Jayne Lansdell, Scott Clewlow, Kerri Brennan, Nadine Green, Keith Green, Stuart Clewlow, Steve Holmes

Apologies Kate Saunders, Audrey Archer and Louise Eagles

Approval of AGM minutes 2020

Proposed Cath Ellerd-Elliott

Seconded Jayne Lansdell

The report was unanimously approved.

The Chairman's Report was presented by Peter Jasko

Proposed Renata Kusmierek

Seconded Catriona Byres

The report was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cath Ellerd Elliot

Proposed Scott Clewlow

Seconded Nadine Green

The report was unanimously approved.

The Head Coach's report was presented by Scott Clewlow

Proposed Jane Lansdell

Seconded Cath Ellerd-Elliott

The report was unanimously approved.

Subscriptions 2021 – 2022

The new subscription fees for 2021 - 2022 were presented by Cath Ellerd-Elliott

The following questions were raised:

- Can we ask for a reduction on Swim England fees? Peter Jasko noted that this has been raised by other clubs to Swim England, but they have serious constraints on their budget and have not reduced their fees due to their financial situation. Members have been okay to pay the fees. Stuart Clewlow may take this up with Swim England – to be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Could the committee look at the fee discounts offered to 3+ swimmer families as it is very generous. Cath Ellerd-Elliott noted that this year we had increased subs by swimmer count. In addition we only have 2 families currently with 3+ swimmers. However, we will discuss further at the next committee meeting for 2022-23 fees.
- We must be able to offer swimming slots to members, otherwise we may lose more members, we may consider restricting new members to less popular swimming sessions. Peter Jasko notes that we have been giving slots based on a lottery and we made sure that if there were 2 or more siblings, they would get a slot together. We only had 55 places at Hatfield. We would always have some dropouts, but we tried to fill all spaces as best we could. Some would turn up without being offered a space, most of the time we could accommodate. Thanks to Cath for her hard work in running the allocation lottery.

Election of Committee 2021 – 2022 – All Elected

Executive Members

Peter Jasko - Chairman

Cath Ellerd Elliot - Treasurer

Faye Ward – Secretary

Elected Members:

Jayne Lansdell

Kate Shaw

Renata Kusmierek

Kate Saunders

Becky Bristow

Louise Eagles

Q&A (not part of AGM)

What happens to fees if Monks Walk pool does not open – will have to address this if it happens or if Covid restrictions apply again – we can look at St Christopher's again.

Why do we want to pay fees when we may not be able to swim? Pools reopening from 12th April we should be able to swim, Hatfield and Birch Green confirmed opening 12th Apr – Monks Walk have put in new pumps, but they now have a filter problem – to be fixed but no dates yet. We will need to re-evaluate fees if Monks Walk does not open.

Have we tried Townsend in St Albans? Yes but no spaces.

Can we stagger fees as it is a lot of money to swim once a week? We need to cover all our costs; we can be flexible for individuals, but we cannot afford to reduce it further.

Do we know why the swimmers we have lost have left? No, we do not keep records of this. We always have some attrition. In September we asked for Sub payments or suspend membership, 17 suspended, 6 have since paid swim England, lost 11. Some dropped out due to no space on Sundays.

What will we do if we do not get out of covid lockdown in June? Do we have a plan? We check daily Covid numbers and vaccine is helping so we assume we will be ok from June or within a few weeks if the numbers do not increase again. We want to open as soon as possible and be prepared for it and be prepared if we go into lockdown again and review fees/refunds.