



# Welwyn Garden Swimming Club

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

## AGM

AGM 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

9 people in attendance: Peter Jasko, Faye Ward, Derek Milton, Stuart Clewlow, Victoria Francis, James Consdanti, Scott Koronka, John London, Pieter Vermeesch

Apologies: Elisha Clewlow, Jane Ashton Jones, Joss Stafford, James Consdanti, David Weaver, Christine Clewlow, Ren Kusmierek

Approval of AGM minutes 2023

The report was unanimously approved with the following comments.

Matter arising from 2023 – nothing arising.

The Chairman's Report was presented by Peter Jasko

The report was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peter Jasko

The Chairman report, incorporating the Treasurer's report (due to the Treasurer's illness) was presented by Peter Jasko

The report was unanimously approved.

The Head Coach's report was presented by Victoria Francis

The report was unanimously approved.

The Life Saving report was presented by Stuart Clewlow

The report was unanimously approved.



## Subscriptions 2024 – 2025

The new subscription fees for 2024-2025 were presented by Peter Jasko

Increase by 7.5%

7.5% increase for 2024 fees:

1 swimmer £355

2 Swimmer £655 (Increase of £125 per swimmer thereafter)

3 swimmer £780

4 swimmer £905

5 swimmer £1030

6 swimmer £1155

Life saver will still be half price if only attending lifesaving only.

Discounts for multiple family swimmers on going.

Election of the Examiner of the Accounts – Stuart Smith will do this for the year ending 31 December 2024; it was noted that Cath Ellerd-Elliott did this for the year ending 31 December 2023

## Election of Committee 2024 – 2025 – All Elected

### Executive Members

James Consdanti – Chairman

Joss Staford - Treasurer

Faye Ward – Secretary

### Elected Members:

Peter Jasco

Scott Koronka

Jane Ashton Jones

Elisha Clelow

David Weaver



## Q&A

1. Stuart Clewlow highlighted the Welfare Officer gap; that a club can't be run without at least one Welfare Officer and that there are rules against links (e.g. family) between the Welfare Officer and other club volunteers (such as coaches). He specifically asked if Joss can continue as a Welfare Officer and Treasurer even if just for an interim time. Victoria Francis asked if it might be possible to share Welfare Officers across clubs.

2. Stuart Clewlow noted that Club Championships can run quite long if there are heats. He feels heats are essential if there are 9 or more swimmers in a race. Peter Jasko noted that we have not had heats in several years. The concern stems from the decision to put all four strokes on the same evening.

3. Stuart Clewlow reiterated a request for club championship records to be published. He asked that club championship winning times be published for 2023 and future club championships.

4. John London noted the recent highly negative Swim England report and believes that the negative press will tarnish all swimming clubs. He asked what WGSC will do about it. He asked if we can ask Swim England for support to counter the negative perceptions.

5. John London saw an article in a local (to Ware) magazine about Ware Swimming Club. He asked if we can place an article in the two local magazines (one in WGC and one in old Welwyn). Peter Jasko asked John London for the names of the magazines.

6. Discussion revolved around how to increase membership. One idea was a "bring a friend on Sunday evening". It was suggested to combine that with lifesaving week, when there is a Sunday with more lifesaving and less swimming.

7. Stuart Clewlow and John London noted that they are now teaching lifesaving to the children of those who they taught before; and that they will seek to hand over at some point to a younger generation. They noted that several local lifesaving clubs have closed over the past few years as the teachers reached a retirement age.

8. Questions regarding the accounts: Is insurance in 2023 in the administration account? What does the "other club events" account include?