



# Welwyn Garden Swimming Club

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

## AGM

AGM 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

13 people in attendance: James Consdanti, Faye Ward, Peter Jasko, Derek Milton, John London, Stuart Clewlow, Victoria Francis, Jane Ashton-Jones, Mya Consdanti, Grace Ashton-Jones, Joss Stafford, David Weaver, Mirjana Milic

Apologies: Elisha Clewlow, Scott Koronka

Approval of AGM minutes 2024

The report was unanimously approved with the following comments.

Question from last year's minutes – Stuart says he did not receive any feedback on this question. "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."

Peter confirmed that we have not had heats for several years. We will have heat declared winners and based on entry time and listed on the programme going forward.

Question from last year's minutes – was this published? "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". James has the data

Question from last year's minutes – Is there an update? "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".

Question from last year's minutes – Is there an update? "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". John has now provided these at the meeting and we will look in to this. We have sent out flyers to local school to hand out to children.

Question from last year's minutes - 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. In general we need more people to help.



Matters arising from 2024 – nothing arising.

The Chairman's Report was presented by James Consdanti.

The report was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Joss Stafford.

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.

Lifesaver will still be half price if only attending lifesaving only.

Discounts for multiple family swimmers on going.

Subscription for 2025/2026

1 Swimmer £400

2 Swimmers £740

3 Swimmers £900

4 Swimmers £1200 and £300 per swimmer there after

Election of the Examiner of the Accounts – we will be looking to use a colleague of Joss Stafford from his workplace (Algebris Investments) moving forwards, starting with the year ending 31 December 2025.

Election of Committee 2025 – 2026 – All Elected

Executive Members

James Consdanti – Chairman

Joss Staford - Treasurer



Open Post - Club Secretary

Elected Members:

Scott Koronka

Jane Ashton-Jones

Elisha Clewlow

David Weaver

Mirjana Milic

All executive and elected members are re-affirmed as custodians of the club.

Looking for female Welfare Officer to work alongside Peter Jasko who is our male equivalent.

Looking for replacement club secretary as Faye Ward has now stood down from post – all elected committee members will share responsibility for ongoing tasks until this time.

James will continue for 1 more year, 2025-2026 will be his last year as Chaiman.

No proposals submitted for consideration: regarding section 9.3 of the current club constitution (which is to be replaced upon the conclusion of this AGM if successfully voted in).

Club Constitution

The report was unanimously approved.

Q&A Regarding Club Constitution:

RLSS – happy with the changes made. Once Swim Mark is complete, we will look to start the process to become RLSS accredited

Have the club considered not being part of Swim England? James confirmed that is we were not part of Swim England we could not be able to take part in some Gala's. It is not an option.

3.1 – Does a general meeting of the club cover the requirements? James will go back to Swim England to clarify what a general meeting of the club stands for – AGM/SGM or committee meeting?

Children under 16 vote – parent should be able to vote on their behalf if they do not have a Swim England membership. Swim England say parents can only vote if they have a SE membership.

8.2 – Honorary members now cannot vote – James and Peter confirmed if the SE fee has been paid then the member can vote – they come under rule 3.

Q&A



1. Peter Jasko asked how many Judge 1's do we have – James confirmed we have 3 and 2 more in training.