



**MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at  
Chesham Leisure Centre on Sunday 17th May 2009 at 5.30 pm**

Present: Chairman - Jane Curtis  
Vice Chairman - Nigel Brand  
Secretary & Membership Secretary - Tricia Rea  
Treasurer - Liz Rose  
19 members & parents

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Received from: Liz Green, Wendy Sadler, Claire Bench, Rob Ballingall and Wendy Zakrzewski, David Curtis and Marion Brand.

**2. Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the AGM held on 18 May 2008 had been sent to all members. These Minutes were agreed by those present and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Vice-Chairman reported that the shopping links were now available on the web-site with the SRS Club Shop. CSC gets 15% commission from purchases made through the site on a monthly basis. They will price match with any retailers if items are found to be purchased cheaper elsewhere.

**4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported the key highlights for the year based around the four seasons. A copy of the summary was circulated to the members. Some highlights were: Summer: End of Personal Challenge for the younger swimmers, Annual BBQ and 2 swimmers qualifying for the National Championships. Autumn: Beginning of swimming season. Liz Waddy produces annual plan for the coaches and training starts with a vengeance. National Swimming League and Club Championships. Winter: Personal Challenge starts and County Championships. Spring: Lots more galas, including a fun gala and an inspirational talk from Adrian Moorhouse.

There were no questions for the Chairman.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Draft accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009 had been available in advance of the meeting to all members. The Treasurer highlighted main areas of note: **Income;** Quarterly fee income higher than last year due to higher numbers. Shop income down due to reduced lines now being sold with the uptake of internet sales. Coach & Gala income down due to fewer outings and numbers attending galas. Fund raising income up.

**Expenses:** Coaching fees and pool hire up due to inflation. Gala costs less due to less numbers entering galas, ASA fees higher due to higher numbers and increased ASA charges. Coaching and training expenses higher but funding had been received to cover nearly half of this sum.

With the debtor situation much improved over the previous year and a number of people paying in advance the overall excess of income over expenditure was greater than the previous year and the state of the finances very healthy.

There was one question regarding the type of account where the funds are held and it was confirmed that there is a reserve account and a current account.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for her hard work and also John Walker for his work as Independent Examiner of the Accounts.

Nigel Brand proposed the adoption of the accounts. Seconded by Sonja Ballingall. All in favour.

## **6. Election of an Independent Examiner for accounts**

Jane Curtis asked those present at the meeting for their agreement to postpone the election of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts since there had not been an opportunity to ask the current Independent Examiner if he still wanted to continue in that role. Those present agreed that the appointment could be made by the Management Committee in due course.

## **7. Election of Officers and Committee**

Sonja Ballingall is stepping down from her role as Volunteers Coordinator and the Chairman thanked her for her contributions to the Club in that role. This position is now vacant and therefore she has agreed to stay as a member of the Committee whilst a replacement can be found.

Members of the Management Committee for 2009-10 were proposed and elected as follows:

Chairman	Jane Curtis
Vice Chairman	Nigel Brand
Treasurer	Liz Rose
Secretary	Tricia Rea
Membership Secretary	Tricia Rea
Fixtures Secretary	Caroline Walker
Swim 21 Co-ordinator	Mary Rose
Volunteers Co-ordinator	Vacant
Members	David Allen
	Wendy Sadler
	Phil Bousfield
	Sonja Ballingall

All positions were proposed by Jo Shackleton and seconded by Valerie Quinell.  
All in favour.

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was one question submitted in advance from Mrs Shandler regarding specific technique sessions for the swimmers and the Chair had answered this question in her Chairman's report regarding this. The parents should not just contact Liz Waddy but other coaches or Committee members if they wanted to ask questions and more contact details were sought from the parents. The Management Committee to review these details and availability at a future Committee meeting.

A further question regarding specific days when types of training held and it was advised that there was not a specific type of training done on a specific day so if a swimmer always missed one day they wouldn't miss out.

There were concerns regarding health & safety issues and absence of proper lane ropes but these should be taken up with the Leisure Centre management who are responsible for this. The Chairman advised the parents that Liz Waddy & Sonja Ballingall had regular quarterly meetings with the Leisure Centre management to tackle issues of this kind and were constantly chasing these up for resolution.

There were no more questions and the AGM closed at 6.05 pm.

## **Open Forum**

There was a discussion regarding the swim technique not always being seen from the poolside and whether coaches should on occasion view this from the balcony. The Chairman said this could be discussed at a future Management Committee meeting. Also if parents wanted to know more about the rules of swimming and technique to help to understand why their children are disqualified from a race etc then we could consider taster training sessions on judging etc that might also make them more interested in taking this further.