

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CHIPPENHAM ASC
HELD ON 8th JANUARY, 2016, 7.00 p.m.
at The Angel Hotel, Chippenham

Present

Committee members – Tracy Hall, Dave Jacomb, Don Smith (Chair), Caroline Shorland (Secretary), Steve Miller, Mike Lewis, Philip Sheppard, Lyn Cairns, Gary Brown, Scott Garrett, Marianna Hare, Denise Preece, Lyn Denning, Nigel Butler, Caroline Lavelle, Sonia Ward, Amy Parker, Gary Barnett

Parent s & Volunteers – Darren Hall, Lynn Chappell, Andy Elliott, Helen Sheppard, Heather Butler, Chris Wrench

1. Apologies

Claire Cox, Jane Holloway, Terry Coupland

Don introduced himself for the benefit of parents. He expressed how much he enjoyed being the Chairman of the club for the past five years and thanked the Club Secretary and the Committee for their hard work over the last 12 months.

2. Minutes

AGM held on 9th January 2015 – read and agreed.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Secretary's Report

County Age Groups

These were held in March at The Link Centre, 15 swimmers qualified from either 2014 club champs or open meets.

County Youths

These were also held at the Link in late February and early March, however the 1st March date was rescheduled due to lack of water in the pool! It then took place on 14 March with the final of the 2014/15 Winter league scheduled for that night being cancelled.

27 swimmers qualified from 2014 club champs or open meets with 24 swimmers decided to swim at the 2015 Counties.

County Distance

These were held at the Five Rivers pool in Salisbury in February with swimmers qualified from the 2014 club champs. 19 Swimmers qualified with 11 swimming.

6 girls doing the 800m (Amy Gibbons, Amy Hall, Bryony Cairns, Ella Parker, Michaela Sheppard and Tegan Cairns with Amy Hall, Bryony and Tegan all securing championship medals in the respective age groups. 5 boys swam the 1500m (Andrew Hare, Ben Birkett, Harrison Jones, Luke Brown and Matthew Hare) with Andrew, Harrison, Luke and Matthew securing medals in their respective age groups.

County Sprints

These were held at Milton Road pool in Swindon on 1st February. 59 swimmers qualified with 47 deciding to swim with a total of 31 medals secured.

Regional Age Groups

Held in May at Hengrove and Millfield. For the first time Region introduced consideration times for Age Groupers. 10 swimmers qualified some with consideration times. Qualified from either counties or open meets. First time qualification for Amy Gibbons, Ella Parker, Jolie Partington, Megan Wright, Michela Sheppard, Fin Shorland, Harrison Jacomb and Joshua Dreelan. Region did not accept all consideration times so only Amy Gibbons, Ella Parker, Luke Brown, Megan Wright and Tegan Cairns swam at regionals this year.

Regional Youths

These were held in May at the Life Centre in Plymouth. Swimmers were Amy Hall, Harrison Jones, Jack Cook, Matthew Hare and James Tucker.

Regional Sprints

Held in July at Gloucester - 10 swimmers competed, all 4 x 50 m events and 100 IM with Amy Hall winning a Bronze medal being 3rd overall in her age group for the Fast Five Sprints.

National Championships

Congratulations to Jamie Edwards who competed in the S14 category, age group 16, at the National para-swimming championships at the Manchester Aquatic Centre in December, gaining a 5th in 100 m Breast, 7th in 50 Free, 100 Back and 100 Fly, 9th in 200 IM and 10th in 200 Free. With all but one of his races being PB's.

Synchro

Further congratulations goes to the age groups Synchro team for making it to the National finals after success at County and Regionals.

Summer and Winter leagues

2014/15 Winter League CASC finished 4th with no round 4 being held due to the rescheduled county competition – leaving us in Division 1

2015 Summer League – we came 4th in Division 1. We are now in Division 2 for 2016 Summer League.

We came first in the gala in the second round of the current 2015/16 Winter League with round 3 and 4 yet to take place.

Club Championships

The annual club championships commenced in June before the Summer break and continued until November with a total of 997 entries. During this time it was confirmed by the ASA that our swimmers would not gain County qualifying times from our club championships as the events are not currently Licensed Level 4 meets. In order to gain County QT's our swimmers would need to enter open meets. A time consuming task for the Open Meet Coordinator to apply for 111 swimmers into 492 swims at local meets.

This year, has again had its challenges with the continuation of pool closures in Bath until Easter and Corsham until the Autumn. We then incurred the added problem of Colerne no longer being available from the end of March. We were extremely lucky to eventually find Westonbirt School who were able to host us on Friday evenings, along with the Olympiad on Sunday evenings and St. Mary's for our Monday night swimmers. We left both Colerne and Westonbirt on excellent terms after forging good relationships with the staff there, leaving the path open to use the facilities at Westonbirt again in the future if needed. A special note of thanks goes to the coaching team, agreeing to coach on different nights, the extra travelling along with the late Friday nights at the beginning of the weekend. Many hours of work then ensued to reallocate swimmers into sessions within the alternative arrangements but our swimmers adapted well to the changes. In summary a difficult year for the club with more challenges ahead this year.

With the club now having 240 members, we continue to thrive and be a hugely successful club mainly thanks to the dedication of the coaching team, teachers, committee, young helpers and volunteers that give their time to Chippenham ASC.

We also remember those members and friends that have passed away this year that gave their time and commitment to the club for many years.

I have enjoyed my short, but busy time as Club Secretary and thank you all for your support over the last 12 months.

5. Treasurer's Report

The club accounts for 2015 is £58,338. 85% of this income relates to swimming sessions. Expenditure for the year £60,518 which is an operating loss of £2,288 which is mainly due to presentation night, trophies and club championship costs. Special note being we are paying for two club championship events in one financial year following ASA changes to County QTs. Underline profit of £2288.

6. Club membership fees

It was agreed, that there would be no increase to annual membership or monthly session fees for 2016.

Don reiterated that we are non profit making club and small incremental increases would be made if necessary due to possible increases in pool hire.

7. Election of Tellers

Not required.

8. Election of Officers

President Elect – **Don Smith, proposed by Nigel, seconded by Caroline Shorland**
Chair – Dave Jacomb – **proposed by Nigel, seconded by Caroline Shorland**
Secretary – Lynn Chappell – **proposed by Don, seconded by Caroline Shorland**
Treasurer – Gary Brown
Head Coach – Nigel Butler
Competition Secretary – Gary Barnett
Welfare Officers – Caroline Lavelle and Sonia Ward
Auditor – Richard Dutton

9. Election of Executive members

Andy Elliott, Amy Parker and Lynn Chappell will all come onto the committee.

Steve Miller and Tracey Hall have agreed to stay on for a further year, with Marianna Hare stepping down.

Thank you to Marianna for all her work on the Committee especially in relation to the organising of the club annual presentation evenings.

10. Election of delegates to Wilts AGM

The club will supply a volunteer for each of these.

11. Election of delegates to Wilts County

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12. Election of delegates to Western Regions AGM

The club will supply a volunteer for each of these.

The new Chairman thanked the exiting Chairman, Don Smith, for his time and commitment to the club over the last 5 years.