

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CHIPPENHAM ASC
HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2017, 7.00 p.m.
at The Angel Hotel, Chippenham

Present

Committee Members – Dave Jacomb (Chair), Gary Barnett, Gary Brown, Lyn Cairns, Lynn Chappell, Lyn Denning, Scott Garrett, Mike Lewis, Amy Parker, Philip Sheppard, Don Smith,

Parents & Volunteers – Tegan Cairns, Matt Cruse, Mark Graham, Darren Hall, Michele Hall-Barnett

1. Apologies

Nigel Butler, Heather Butler, Andy Elliott, Emma Jones, Caroline Lavelle

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 8th January 2016 – read and agreed.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Secretary's Report

I have just completed my first year as Club Secretary and I am happy to report that, whilst it has been very busy and a challenge for someone who knows nothing about swimming, except that I don't like it for myself, it has been very rewarding. I have received a huge amount of support from the other members of the team, not least Lyn Cairns, who has been my "emergency go-to", and I would like to personally thank her. Hopefully, my dependency will start to diminish as we go on.

County Sprints held at Milton Road on 10th July 2016

This Competition was originally scheduled for 6th March but was delayed due to boiler problems. A large team of 30 swimmers were in attendance.

Tigersharks took part this year, although for the last two years they have not. However, Chippenham had an extremely good showing, one of the best for several years.

In the Men's Backstroke, CASC achieved 5 top three places, a third in the Junior Championship and 2nd, 4th and 5th in the Championship.

The Ladies' Breaststroke produced nine top three finishes, a third in the Junior Championship and 2nd and 5th in the Championship.

The Men's Fly gave us five top three finishes, together with a third and fifth in the Championship.

The Ladies' Free produced 7 top three finishes, Michaela was Junior Champion and Amy Hall was Champion.

The Ladies' Backstroke produced eight top three finishes, three placings in the Junior Championship and two in the Championships. Ella was Junior Champion and Amy Hall Champion.

The Ladies' Fly achieved 9 top three places, three Junior Champion places and three Champion places, Tegan Cairns was Junior Champion and Amy Hall was Champion.

The Mens' Freestyle secured three top three finishes and one placing in the Championship.

County Age Groups at the Link Centre 31st January to 7th February 2016

CASC had 15 swimmers and achieved five top three finishes, with medals for Katie Butcher, Ella Parker and Maddy Elliott.

County Youths at the Link Centre 16th to 30th January 2016

CASC took a team of 15 swimmers to this event. Amy Hall, Andrew Hare, Bryony Cairns, Emma Holloway, Ethan Garrett, Harrison Jones, Jack Cook, James Edwards, James Tucker, Katharine Sheppard, Luke Brown, Matthew Hare, Michaela Sheppard, Natalie Pidgeon and Tegan Cairns.

Amy achieved two silver and two bronze medals, together with entry into five Finals, one Full Regional and two Consideration times. She also achieved four Senior Champion placings.

Andrew achieved a bronze medal in 200 Fly.

Bryony achieved one gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

Emma achieved one gold, three silver and one bronze medals.

Ethan was reserve finalist in 100 Fly.

Harrison achieved a silver and bronze, together with a regional consideration time. He was also placed in two Senior Championship events.

Jack achieved a silver medal and one final.

James Edwards achieved 7 gold, 6 silver, and a bronze, together with a regional consideration time in the para championships. He achieved an Age Group Best Time in 50 Breast and was 2nd in the Senior Championship.

Katharine achieved two gold, one silver and three bronze medals, participating in one final.

Luke was reserve finalist in four events and achieved one Regional Consideration Time.

Matthew achieved one gold, four silver and two bronze medals, together with two Regional Consideration Time. He also managed three Senior Champion placings.

Michaela Sheppard was a finalist in two events and a reserve in a third.

Natalie achieved a Regional Consideration and a reserve final placing.

Tegan achieved two Junior Champion placings and was a finalist in three events.

County Long Distance Event at Marlborough College on 9th January 2016

Chippenham had a team of eight girls competing in 800 Free and two boys competing in 1500 Free.

Amy Gibbons secured a silver, Katharine Sheppard received gold, Bryony Cairns took silver, Tegan Cairns was 8th placed Junior Champion and Harrison Jones achieved gold.

Leagues

Winter league 2015-16

CASC competed in Division 1 and finished the 2015-16 competition in 3rd place behind Trowbridge A and BOA. Will remain in division 1 for 2016-17 competition.

Summer League 2016

Chippenham finished second in Division Two, after a very hard fought competition.

Regional Youths held at the Life Centre in Plymouth on 30th April and 1st and 2nd May 2016

The swimmers were Amy Hall, Natalie Pidgeon and Tegan Cairns for the girls. George Claverley, Harrison Jones, Jack Cook, James Edwards, James Tucker, Luke Brown and Matthew Hare for the boys.

Regional Age Groups held at Hengrove on 14th 7 15th May and Millfield School on 21st & 22nd May

The Chippenham swimmers who reached Regionals were Amy Gibbons, Ella Parker, Katie Butcher, Megan Wright, Michaela Sheppard and Niamh Irwin.

Matthew Hardick also swam, under the Aquae Sulis banner and achieved a bronze medal.

Regional Sprints (Fast 5) held in Gloucester on 3rd July

All those who swam at either Regional Age Groups or Youths are eligible to swim at the 25m Regional Sprint Event. Swimmers for Chippenham this year were Amy Hall, Tegan Cairns, Harrison Jones, James Edwards, James Tucker Luke Brown and Matthew Hare for the Youths. Amy Gibbons, Katie Butcher, Megan Wright, Michaela Sheppard, Niamh Irwin and Rachel Wrench for the Age Groups.

Nationals

Jamie Edwards attended two National Competitions.

At the Summer Para-Swimming Championships held in Sheffield in August, he qualified for all the races which were available to him in his classification, S14, which was eight in total and reached seven finals.

He achieved two silver and one bronze medal.

At the Winter Para-Swimming Championships held in Manchester during December, he also qualified for all available races. This resulted in two bronze medals.

Jamie is hoping to attend the British Para-Swimming International Meet at Sheffield in April 2017.

Matthew Hardick also attended the Nationals Event in August.

Club Championships

Our thanks go to everyone involved in achieving Licencing for most of the events which were included in the Club Championships 2016. This produced some amazing swims from swimmers across all ages and achieved a large number of County Qualifying times.

Synchronised Swimming

Chippenham Synchro have had another successful year. They participated in the Walsall Trophy, an Open competition held in Cheltenham, where they came third. They won the Senior Team section and came second in the Junior Team section. They also medalled in all but one of the duet sections.

In June they attended a competition in Reading, competing with Clubs from all over the country and came a very creditable 4th.

At the County Championships, Chippenham dominated and won four of the five duet categories and five from six of the figure categories.

The rest of the summer and early Autumn were taken up with Skills, if girls achieve certain levels for their age groups they swim in the competitive strand at National Age Groups. Chippenham, had the largest number of girls in their history, qualifying for National Age Groups. These were Jess Smith, Lani Attiwell, and Evie Garrett in the 13/15 section. Abbie Cooper, Katie Shepperdson, Elise Lambern and Amelie Bartlett in the 12 and under section.

In the Regional Championships, the 12 and under team gave the swim of their lives to take Gold in Plymouth, beating Bristol Central.

The 12 and under team competed in the recreational strand of the NAGs in December and came 12th out of 25 teams in a very strong age group competition.

Three swimmers, Abbie, Katie and Elise have been invited to attend Beacon Club training at Bristol during 2017, as a result of competing in their first competitive figure event.

Jess Smith has been training, for the second year, in the England Talent Squad.

Huge changes are currently taking place in Synchronised Swimming, the skills, competition structure and talent pathway are all changing. Our Head Synchro Coach, Janice Baker was lucky enough to travel with the Maltese team as Judge in Vienna and Budapest which has helped her to understand what is being achieved in other countries.

The group also had a visit from a dual Olympic Medallist from Japan, Saho Harada.

Other Matters

Tegan Cairns is pursuing the Young Volunteers scheme in the forthcoming year.

As ever, the swimmers owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who make the swimming club possible and ensure that we achieve such a wonderful level of success across all levels of events.

I would particularly like to thank the officials, as they were inadvertently missed from the Thank You list at the Club Presentation Night this year. However, all volunteers, from the Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, poolside helpers, young volunteers, team managers and parents should feel very proud of their collective achievements in supporting these young swimmers in their chosen sport.

I am hugely excited for the year ahead and have no doubt that the list of successes will only continue to grow.

During the year, we have migrated to a new kit supplier and I would like to thank those people who have contributed to ensuring a smooth transition. The new kit certainly looks very good on poolside and those involved can be very pleased with the results of their negotiations.

5. Treasurer's Report

The un-audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2016 were circulated at the meeting.

The Accounts Balance Sheet is in a much better state than 2015, with an Operating Profit of £1,524, against an Operating Loss in 2015 of £2,288.00.

Membership has reduced from 238 members (Category One 81, Category Two 90, Category Three 67) to 208 members (Category One 70, Category Two 75, Category Three 63). Although the membership has reduced, in percentage terms 35% swim three or more sessions a week in 2016, compared with 29% in 2015, and 22% swim four or more sessions a week, compared with 15% in 2015.

Pool fees, like for like, have increased by 5%. However, the overall cost has additionally increased due to the extra lanes from one to three on a Monday evening at Bath University, which is one of the reasons for the increase of sessions.

The overall cost of putting on the Club Championships/Presentation Evening against the income, has gone from 37% in 2015 to 47% in 2016. A 10% increase on the year.

Taking the above into consideration, it is important to ensure the membership does not reduce any further, to ensure we can keep an Operating Profit year on year.

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 – Don Smith
Chair – Dave Jacomb
Secretary – Lynn Chappell
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

Michele Hall-Barnett was appointed Executive Member, with responsibility for the Swim 21 Compliance.

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.

13. Any Other Business

Matt Cruse wished to update those present on the subject of Masters Swimming:

The Chippenham Masters team had a very successful year in 2016. Matthew Cruse and Jack Cook represented the Club at the European Masters Swimming Championships in May, with Jack finishing 40th in the 30-34 year old age group.

A team of 9 Masters swimmers also competed at the County Masters Championships which were held across 3 evenings during the year. The team won 25 individual and 2 relay medals including 14 golds. The team finished the Championships in 7th position with the Men's team 6th out of 14 teams which is a great achievement for the small but growing squad.

The meeting closed at 19.27.