

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF CHIPPENHAM ASC**  
**HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011, 7.00 p.m.**  
**AT CHIPPENHAM RUGBY CLUB**

**Present :-**

**Committee members – James Hare, Jehane Dewar, Terry Coupland, Sally May, Karen Tucker, Steve Miller, Lynn Denning, Ruth Powell, Tracey Crow, Mike Lewis, Ivor Martin, Ruth Holden (Minutes), Nigel Butler, Denise Preece, Julia Chard, Don Smith (chair)**

**Parents :-**

**Richard Holden, Phil Bailey, Lyn Cairns**

**1. Apologies :-**

**Jane Tunnicliffe, Claire Randerson**

**2. Minutes of AGM held on 08/01/2010 – read and agreed.**

**3. Matters arising :-**

None.

**4. Secretary's Report**

**Club Championships**

Successful club champs at the end of 2010 with a record number of swimmers entering this year. A big advantage again being that results could be printed off immediately after the race and displayed for swimmers to see and then published on the website very soon after. Thanks to Denise and James for their hard work with this.

**Moonraker League**

- Summer League

Chippenham finished second to retain their position in Division 2.

- Winter League

Chippenham finished 5<sup>th</sup>, retaining their position in Division 1.

Great performance by 12 and under squad of Matthew Hare, George Claverley, Owen Wilson, James Tucker and Sam Miller who came first in all four of their races. The girls squad of Charlotte Myers, Charity Moore, Katie Smith and Chelsea Chard won the U15 breaststroke relay.

## **Counties**

- Sprints

31 swimmers qualified for the County sprints held at Milton Road pool, the club took home 15 gold medals, 9 silvers and 9 bronze medals. Jack Crow first in the backstroke and third in the fly.

- Long Distance

At the Counties 800m Long Distance Event Kalynn Branston and Evie Preece achieved first and second place in their age group held at Bath University.

- BAGCAT Championships

112 county swims were swam by 20 swimmers, the club won 14 medals – John Branston winning 6 golds and 1 silver and Tom Tennant two golds.

Matthew Hare received two regional qualifying times.

John Branston received 7 regional qualifying times.

Thomas Tennant received 1 regional qualifying times.

- Youths

55 county youth swims were swam by 13 youth swimmers and 2 age group swimmers, the club achieved 19 medals. Charlotte Myers achieving a gold in the 50m breaststroke and Jack Crow with 2 silvers and four bronze.

## **Regionals**

- ASA South West Region Relays

4 boys in the 11/12 year age group formed a relay team and entered the 200m Free and 200m IM events, they qualified for the final in both events taking the silver in the freestyle and GOLD in the IM

- Age Groups

3 swimmers competed in the regional age groups at Millfield School, 10 races were swam with John Branston finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200m Fly and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100m Fly final, Thomas Tennant finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200m Breaststroke final.

- Youths

7 swimmers competed in the regional championships at Millfield School, 20 races were swam with Jack Crow reaching the finals of the 200m fly where he finished fourth.

## **National Youth Championships**

At the beginning of August Jack Crow competed in the Nationals held in Sheffield.

Jack qualified for the 100 & 200 Back National events - in 200 back overall 33 in 17/18 age group & 100 back 41 in 17/18 age group.

## **Coaches and Officials**

Steve Miller, Jane Tunnicliffe, Charlotte Oatley and Evangeline Preece all passed their Level-1 Teaching course.

Nigel received confirmation that he has passed his Level -2 Coaching course.

**Judge 1** Darren May, Terry Coupland and I all did the initial training with Julia

Nigel has now got his Level 2 coaching qualification, Heather has renewed her teaching licence.

James has created a database for qualifications and renewal dates, as part of the requirements for Swim 21.

### **Awards**

The club has recently received a grant from Sport England to replace the shallow end starting blocks at Corsham pool and purchase a starting system, we hope to place an order for these shortly.

### **Website**

Special thanks must go to Neil and James for their work in updating the club website this year.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

Jehane distributed the club accounts for the past year and reported that this year the club had made a loss with the amount taken in subscriptions having fallen and fewer younger swimmers coming through. Jehane is currently checking that all swimmers are paying the correct amount of monthly subs as there are a number of discrepancies in this area.

The fall in numbers at the earlier session on a Tuesday was discussed with possible ways to alter session times etc.

It was noted that the club needed to do more advertising and this is being addressed. It is hoped that the 2012 Olympics will draw more swimmers to the club.

## **6. Proposal to increase club membership fees**

In light of the above, and not being able to cover all club expenses with current income, it was proposed and agreed by all present that the annual membership fee be increased to £36 for an individual and £72 for a family membership. We must also pay national, regional and county fees from this. We currently pay a fee of up to £20 per person (for the top swimmers) to the ASA. We also have to cover the rising cost of pool hire with an increase of 5% this year.

A discussion took place regarding synchro membership. Synchro swimmers pay annual membership fees to the club and their monthly subscriptions are paid to DC Leisure not to the club.

## **7. Election of Tellers**

Not applicable

## **8. Election of Officers**

President – Denise Preece

Chair – Don Smith (TC proposed and JC seconded)

Secretary – Ruth Holden (TC proposed and DP seconded)

Treasurer – Jehane Dewar (LD proposed and RP seconded)

Head Coach – Nigel Butler (ML proposed and ID seconded)

Competition Secretary – Tracey Crow (DS proposed and KT seconded)

Welfare Officer – Karen Tucker

Auditor – Richard Dutton

Resignations – Jane Tunnicliffe. Jane is now coaching for the club on a Thursday evening. The Committee thanked Jane for all her hard work.

## **9. Election of Executive members**

The following members who were due for re-election this year agreed to stand for a further two years.

Marianna Hare

Jane Holloway (as synchro rep.)

Ruth Powell

Currently there are two vacancies on the Committee. Lyn Cairns and Phil Bailey (parents present at AGM) agreed to fill these vacancies.

## **10. Election of delegates to Wilts AGM**

Tracey Crow.

## **11. Election of delegates to Wilts County**

Tracey Crow to share this with other Committee members.

## **12. Election of delegates to Western Regions AGM**

Paul Dudley will again be asked to represent the club.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.