

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF CHIPPENHAM ASC**  
**HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2018 , 7.00 p.m.**  
**at The Angel Hotel, Chippenham**

**Present**

**Committee Members – Dave Jacomb (Chair), Gary Barnett, Deborah Bartlett, Gary Brown, Nigel Butler, Lyn Cairns, Lynn Chappell, Lyn Denning, Scott Garrett, Michele Hall-Barnett, Tracy Hall, Jane Holloway, Caroline Lavelle, Amy Parker, Philip Sheppard, Don Smith,**

**Life Members, Parents, Volunteers & Swimmers – Heather Butler, Lindsay Gibbons, Amy Hall, Darren Hall**

**1. Apologies**

Matt Cruse, Mike Lewis, Daniel Pickup

Dave Jacomb thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**2. Minutes**

AGM held on 20th January 2017 – read and agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

None.

**4. Secretary's Report**

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It is now my duty to list, as briefly as possible in such an amazing year, the achievements of our swimmers, as a result of the huge efforts of both themselves and their coaches.

**County Age Groups at the Link Centre 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

Chippenham ASC had 10 swimmers that qualified and competed at this event, they were:

Amelie Bartlett, Katie Butcher, Isabelle Chappell, Jack Chappell, Maddy Elliott, Niamh Irwin, Louis Nicholls, Holly Parker, Peter Weston-Burt, James Wrench

Katie won silver for 50 back and bronze for both 100 and 200 back. Isabelle won bronze for 200 fly. Maddy won gold for 100 fly, and bronze for 50 fly, 200 IM, 200 Free and 400 Free.

A fantastic total of 9 Medals.

In addition to this, Regional Consideration and Qualification Times were achieved, they were:

Katie - Regional Qualifying Time 50m Backstroke, Regional Consideration Time 100m and 200m Backstroke.

Niamh - Regional Consideration Time 100m and 200m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke

#### County Sprints held at Milton Road on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Chippenham ASC had a large team of swimmers who qualified and swam. It was an amazingly successful day with Chippenham bringing home a total of 48 medals (14 golds, 19 silver and 15 bronze), over the different age groups.

Additionally, we had swimmers who placed in the Junior Championship (aged 15 and under). They won a total of 12 medals (3 gold - Junior Champions, 4 silver, 1 bronze, 3 fourth places and 1 fifth place).

For the overall championship, the fastest 5 competitors (regardless of age) swam again for a chance to win the County Championship in that stroke. Chippenham were represented in some of the 8 Championship races. The swimmers were rewarded with 1 gold medal and Championship Title, 2 bronze medals, 2 fourth places and 1 fifth place.

#### County Youths at the Link Centre, 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> February 2017

CASC took a large team of 24 swimmers to this event:

Abbie Cross, Adam Graham, Amy Gibbons, Bryony Cairns, Cameron Perkins, Ella Parker, Emma Holloway, Ethan Garrett, Finley Shorland, Flo Ellis, Harrison Jacomb, Harrison Jones, Jamie Edwards, James Tucker, Jason Hall, Joe Newman, Katharine Sheppard, Luke Brown, Maddie Lavelle, Matt Hardick, Michaela Sheppard, Natalie Pidgeon, Rachel Wrench and Tegan Cairns.

Numerous medals, championship placings, and regional times were achieved, too numerous to list today. Needless to say the team, as a whole, did incredibly well and should be proud of their achievements.

#### County Long Distance Event at Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Wiltshire Championship and Age Group Long Distance Competition was held at the Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Salisbury on Saturday 28th January 2017.



Chippenham ASC had 9 swimmers that qualified and took part at the event, they were; Katie Butcher, Flo Ellis, Rachel Wrench, Ella Parker, Amy Gibbons, Tegan Cairns, Luke Brown, Jamie Edwards and Harrison Jones.

The girls raced in the 800m Freestyle and the boys in the 1500m Freestyle. Excellent performances were delivered by the swimmers with 5 PB's over the day.

Chippenham won a total of 5 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze). Also a placing in the Girls' Junior Championship, a placing in the Men's Championship and a Regional Consideration Time. The medal winners were;

- Amy Gibbons - Bronze in 14 year old age group and 7th in the Junior Championship
- Luke Brown - Silver in 16 year old age group, 8th in the Championship and a Regional Consideration Time
- Jamie Edwards - Silver in 17/18 year old age group and Gold in S14 category
- Harrison Jones - Bronze in 17/18 year age group

### Leagues

#### Winter League 2016-17

CASC competed in Division 1 and finished the 2016-17 competition in 3<sup>rd</sup> place behind Trowbridge A and Calne Alpha. They will remain in Division 1 for 2017-18 competition.

#### Summer League 2017

Chippenham finished third in Division One and would have remained in this Division – a huge achievement. However, the Divisions have now been reconfigured.

#### South West Regional Youth Competition

This event was held at Plymouth, from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017. A team of eight swimmers qualified and swam: Ethan Garrett, Harrison Jacomb, Harrison Jones, Jason Hall, Luke Brown, Michaela Sheppard, Natalie Pidgeon and Tegan Cairns.

They competed in a total of 13 races and everyone swam well, with a number of PBs in this long course event.

#### South West Regional Age Group Competition

Chippenham ASC had 8 swimmers who qualified and swam at the South West Regional Age Group Competition, held at Hengrove, Bristol on 13th/14th May and Millfield on 20th/21st May 2017. They were;

Adam Graham, Amelie Bartlett, Amy Gibbons, Ella Parker, Katie Butcher, Louis Nicholls, Niamh Irwin and Rachel Wrench.

Sadly, due to the number of entries from the South West, Chippenham ASC had 5 entries scratched from the races. The team therefore competed in a total of 25 races over the four days. Everyone swam well with a number on PB's in this long course



event. Amy Gibbons secured a place in the final of the 200m Breaststroke by finishing in 8th place in the heats. Swimming again in the final, Amy finished in 5th place, a fantastic achievement!

#### Regional Sprints (Fast 5) held in Gloucester on 2nd July

Chippenham had a strong team of 15 swimmers who qualified. The swimmers were:

Amelie Bartlett, Niamh Irwin, Katie Butcher, Rachel Wrench, Amy Gibbons, Ella Parker, Michaela Sheppard, Tegan Cairns, Natalie Pidgeon, Louis Nicholls, Harrison Jacomb, Ethan Garrett, Jason Hall, Luke Brown and Harrison Jones.

Michaela Sheppard came 3rd in the 15 year old girl's age group, a fantastic achievement.

Chippenham ASC also had a number of top 10 swimmers in their age group:

Tegan Cairns - 6th overall in age group  
Ella Parker - 7th overall in age group  
Amy Gibbons - 8th overall in age group  
Natalie Pidgeon - 9th overall in age group  
Jason Hall - 10th overall in age group  
Luke Brown - 10th overall in age group  
Harrison Jones - 10th overall in age group

#### Club Championships

Our thanks go to everyone involved in achieving Licencing for most of the events which were included in the Club Championships 2017. This produced some amazing swims from swimmers across all ages and achieved an astonishing number of County Qualifying times.

#### Masters

In 2017 the Club have 7 new Masters swimmers.

The Club experienced its most competitive year at Masters. The team attended the 3 Wiltshire Masters County Championships with 16 swimmers representing the club. They competed in 75 individual events and 7 relays, of which they placed in 62 of the events: 15 gold, 25 silver and 22 bronze. The team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in County with 117 points almost double the previous year.

In the individual Masters County Points competition with the points added together across all 3 competitions: Matthew Cruse came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the county with 18 points and Jack Cook 6<sup>th</sup> with 15 points both in the men's under 40 competition. Emma Holloway, Heather Rogers and Catherine Elmes came joint 9<sup>th</sup> in the women's under 40 competition each with 9 points.



From the performances at the County Championships four swimmers from the Masters squad were asked to represent Wiltshire at the Inter Counties Masters competition in November; unfortunately, Peter Holden was unable to attend but Jack Cook, Catherine Elmes and Matthew Cruse competed at Millfield.

The Club had further success across the year with 12 swimmers qualifying for 106 events at the National Masters Championships. They also had 4 swimmers qualify for the World Masters Championships held in Budapest in August. Matthew Cruse qualified in nine events, Jack Cook in three events, Malcolm Cruse in four events and Shaun Cairns in two events. Shaun attended the World Championships and represented the Club in the 50m and 200m Breaststroke.

In the national Decathlon competition, a points competition including the top four swimmers point collected across a selection of ten events, both men's and women's teams finished in the Club's highest positions with the men finishing 109<sup>th</sup> and the women 199<sup>th</sup>. This placed Chippenham as the second highest ranked men's team in Wiltshire and women as the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest team.

### Synchronised Swimming

It has been a year of change for Chippenham Synchro and this section is now thriving. The Synchro section has now been run under the Club for seven months, with Emma Holloway having taken over when Janice Baker decided to leave. Since then, the number of girls in the Synchro section has been growing and is now up to 20 girls with regular enquiries. While Emma is no longer on poolside every Sunday, she is still writing the session plans, along with other administrative tasks. To allow the Synchro section to continue, the Club is extremely grateful to Lindsay Gibbons, Abbie Cross, Amy Gibbons and Beth Barnett, who have all been on poolside every week to coach the girls. Lindsay is due to complete her Synchro Coach qualification next month.

Some of the achievements this year have included:

- Three girls passed their next synchro grade (100% pass rate from the girls entered)
- Five girls entered the South West novice competition, with one girl taking the silver medal. For all other girls, this was their first experience of competition.
- One swimmer, Hattie Auld, qualified for both the Multi Regionals and the Nationals. She came 80th out of 133 swimmers at the Nationals. A huge achievement considering most other girls train numerous times per week.

The focus is now on routine work for the upcoming competitions, in addition to the skill work, so that more girls can pass their next grade level.

### Conclusion

In summary, the Club has been extremely successful this year and continues to go from strength to strength.

It has been my pleasure to contribute, in my own small way, to this success.

Dave Jacomb thanked Lynn, on behalf of those present, for her hard work over the year.

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

The Accounts were presented to the Meeting.

In summary, the Treasurer stated that it has been a difficult year for the Club, as the swimming side have been subsidising the Synchro section, whilst it became established.

However, the Treasurer confirmed that the bank account was nonetheless healthy. The Club was currently holding a small profit.

#### **6. Club Membership Fees**

It was agreed that the Annual Membership fees would increase to £45.00 for a Single Membership, and £90.00 for a Family Membership. The monthly session fees for 2018 would remain unchanged.

Dave Jacomb thanked Gary, on behalf of those present, for his hard work over the year.

#### **7. Election of Tellers**

Not required.

#### **8. Election of Officers**

Following a review of the Club Constitution, where some ambiguities were discovered, a proposal was put forward that the Election of Officers be waived for this year, whilst the correct procedures were established. This was agreed.

However, under Section 7.2.2 of the Club Constitution, it was proposed that Terry Coupland be removed from the Committee, due to his non-attendance at Committee Meetings for the previous 12 months. This was agreed.

#### **9. Election of Executive Members**

This was also waived, pending a review of the Club Constitution. Agreed by everyone present.

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

The club will supply a volunteer for each of these.

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



The club will supply a volunteer for each of these.

**12. Election of delegates to South Western Region AGM**

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**13. Any Other Business**

There was no Other Business.

The meeting closed at 19.33.

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Mark Chase, Michaela, Daniel Phipps

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