

City of Leeds



Synchronised Swimming Club

CoL 2010 AGM Agenda

5th September 2010

- Present

Trevor Knight (TK)
Fiona Blackstone (FB)
Claire Ranson (CR)
June Nesbit (JN)
Marie Claire Richardson (MCR)
Shellie Pedley (SP)
Pauline Shaw (PS)
Mary Knapton (MK)
Ian Watson (IW)
Sue Barrington (SB)
Jeanne Annesley (JA)
Linda Dewhirst (LD)

- Apologies

Joanne Knight (JK)

- Reports

- Chair (Ian Watson)

- IW reported that it has been a successful year. 13/14 year competitive team beat Rushmoor in Scottish Nationals and in the English Nationals routine score.
- As part of the beacon status a full time coach will be starting at the club. The coach will not be responsible for running the club, but will help in training sessions.

- Secretary (Trevor Knight)

- JK and TK have taken over the role of joint secretary at the last OGM in April 2010 since the departure of Janis Jones in October 2009. This has entailed the following responsibilities,
 - Designing a new Club Website
 - Being committed to keep it updated

- TK asked for contributions and articles to put on the site
 - Creation of a news blog and RSS feed
 - Delivering the monthly newsletter
 - Taking over the club insurance
 - Competition Kit Ordering
 - This years kit was decided by a members vote which resulted in
 - 72% Green / 28% Black
 - 52% First name / 48% Last name
 - Nationals Competition Preparations to arrange that all swimmers representing the club have adequate
 - Accommodation
 - Application forms
 - Medical declaration forms
 - Competition kit
 - Music Licences
 - Music Media
 - Portsmouth BOOT Camp
 - Plans were stalled for a Joint North / South camp + competition due to the National Development Plan creation of a multi-regional training camp held in Aldershot in August.

- Head Coach (Fiona Blackstone)

- 2009-10 was a great year for the club with good success in all areas at the NAGs. The figures let the club down in regard medals attained and it something the club are now focusing on.
 - A series of early morning (7am – 9am) sessions may be arranged exclusively for those going to Scotland to improve figure scores.
- More use will be made of Shark-Eye in the run up to the Nationals and in general throughout the coming year.
- The club now has a 12 & Under team for the first time as well as a 13/14 Years Team. There are only 5 members available to form a Senior team and so the girls will be consulted regarding whether or not they wish to form a team or not. *(Since the meeting it has been decided not to create a senior team for the Scottish Nationals).*
- Heba is no longer coaching at the club. Where possible she may attend from time to time, but this is not permanent.

- Treasurer (Linda Dewhirst)

- End of Year accounts being done by FB an IW.
- Raised over £700 for the club during Swimathon.

- Public Relations/Funding (Trevor Knight)

- TK retired from the position in April when undertaking the role of joint secretary. While in the position,
 - Raised £88 gross profit on Synchro Definition t-shirts *(this is has changed since the meeting)*
 - Still have about 40 or so left so £200 worth of stock to sell
 - Applied for the “Cash for Clubs” Leeds area grant – but was rejected this time round
- About £750 raised on Swimathon

- Rachael Lee raised over £250 and so the committee awarded her with a special thank you prize
- Next Year needs to be more organised with prizes for
 - Best improvement in PB's
 - Most raised funds

- Music Registration (Joanne Knight – presented on her behalf by Trevor Knight)

- JK currently applying for Music Registration Licences for all routines in National Competitions and liaising with ASA regarding music licence registrations
- Routines Currently Licensed by CoL (*this list has been updated since the meeting – and does not include pieces registered at feeder clubs*)

- Solos

Abigail Devanny	Melissa Knapton	Megan Knight	Alice Dewhirst	Rachael Lee
Jessica Ranson	Alice Wood	Ashleigh Rowland	Georgia Swinhoe	Ruth Shaw

- Duets

Abigail & Melissa	Alice & Ashleigh	Jess & Rosie
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- Teams

13/14 Team	12 and under Team
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- Will be formatting club CD labels (possibly with Light Scribe) for use in competition

- Welfare Officer (Jeanne Annesley)

- There have been a number of reports of valuables going missing from the changing rooms at John Charles. Swimmers are asked to be very careful in minding personal belongings and need to change in the Ladies changing rooms.

- Membership (Ian Watson)

- All members are registered and upgraded to Category 2 within the ASA registration brands. This means that they are registered as a Skill Level 3 classification on joining as that is the level the swimmers are intended to achieve as a minimum.
- All coaches and officers are registered as Category 3 members.
- In total the club has 27 members.

- Elections

- Nomination for positions of Chair

IW expressed he was happy to continue as chair for 2010-11. JA seconded. No objections were raised.

- Nomination for positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Music Registration

Since April TK and JK have been acting up as joint secretary, LD acting up as Treasurer and JK acting up as music secretary. IW proposed to confirm these positions officially onto the committee for 2010-11. JA seconded. No objections were raised.

- Nomination of Public Relations/Funding Officer

As TK is retiring his role as Public Relations / Funding Officer, FB proposed Nik Swinhoe and Lesley Rowland to fill the position with immediate effect. CR seconded. No objections were raised.

- Re-election of committee posts

IW proposed to re-elect the existing committee. TK seconded. No objections were raised.

PS volunteered to join the committee. IW proposed, TK seconded. No objections were raised.

- To remove and appoint the independent examiner

TK proposed to appoint an Richard Fogden, an independent external auditor to monitor the clubs yearly annual reports. SP seconded. No objections were raised.

- AOB

- Retirement of Mary Black

JA informed those present that Mary Black in the Scottish Swimming is retiring this year and thought it would be a good idea to present her with something from the club. All agreed.

- Beacon Status

FB explained her understanding of the Beacon Status;

- Programme consists of 6 regional centres of excellence of which Leeds is one. There will be a full time head coach starting from 1st Jan 2011 appointed by the University of Leeds who are running the position. The post is being advertised internationally in October, with a view to appoint in November / December.
- Programme is aimed at 14-16 swimmers in the entire NE region and will mean 13 hours pool time, 3 hours speed swimming and 3 hours land time will be allocated.
- Means the club will split into an elite/intermediate level.
- Training will most likely be split between John Charles and the new University of Leeds pool.
- As the position is Leeds based, more pool time will be going to Leeds Kingfishers and Pudsey Pearls.
- Leeds Council will be paying for the pool time and members will pay for sessions at the front desk. The club will need to raise funds from funding measures and donations only as this now will be the only source of income.
- There will be facility to organise residential camps, based in Leeds.
- Next meeting is on 5th October.

- Photographic Consent

SP raised concerns over the photographic consent in place at the club. JA agreed to look into this and issue a form to all members to complete.

- Suggestion for coaches competition allowance

This was due to be discussed at the next OGM, and TK sounded out the idea to gather opinions of those present. In general the coaches felt this was not required and so will be dropped from the agenda.

- Creation of a monthly savings club + administrator

A number of parents had asked for this facility to be set up to assist with the competition costs which do mount up at the end of the year. In general the consensus of opinion was that it would be too difficult and time consuming to administrate. What it was felt more worthwhile would be to get the individual costing of kits, hotels etc., across to the parents sooner so that parents can budget.

- Plea for poolside volunteers

TK issued a plea for more assistance on poolside helping with shark-eye. It really is very simple to operate and frees IW to coach rather than fiddling about with the playback after every figure.

- International Competition

TK asked about the clubs commitment to International competition. IW confirmed the club are still looking to compete at international level but this needs to fit in with what the new head coach will want to do.

- Next Meeting

The next OGM will be at Sunday 17th October 2010.