



Affiliated Club



Fleetwood & District Amateur Swimming Club

Annual General Meeting 18:30Hrs, 30th November 2016

Present: Colin Jackson, Glenn Wellard, Sharon Ballantyne, Dave Woods, Dave Hamilton, Emma Parkinson, Syd Holt, Barrie Rayner, Jane Fletcher, Norman Cowburn, Elliott Myers, Charles Barber, Joanne Brown, Helen Waite, Alison Lawson, Tracey Newcombe, Chris Ball, Clare Ball

1. Apologies for absence

Gary Singleton

2. Minutes from previous AGM

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2015 AGM was proposed by Helen Waite and seconded by Barrie Rayner.

3. Matters arising from minutes

None.

4. Chairpersons Welcome and Report

See Attachment 1.

5. Treasurer Report

The treasurer provided his report and copies are available on request. A notice to this effect has been placed on the Club Noticeboard.

6. Head Coach Report

See Attachment 2.

7. Social/Fundraising Report

See Attachment 3.

8. Water Polo Report

See Attachment 4.

9. Life Saving Report

See Attachment 5.

10. Election of Committee Posts

One nomination was received for each post, thus all positions were filled by election en bloc. Proposed by Jane Fletcher and seconded by Helen Waite. See Attachment 6.

11. Resolutions received

None.

12. Election of independent examiner of accounts

In the absence of any volunteers, Glenn Wellard agreed that he would act as the independent examiner for the 2016 / 2017 Financial Year. However, the aim would be to secure an alternative independent examiner during the coming year.

13. Close of AGM

Chairperson thanked all present for their attendance and meeting closed at 19.30Hrs.

Q&A Session

- a) Need to inform YMCA of changes to the club officers.
- b) A "Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course" is going to be held 18th March 2017 at Fleetwood. Coaches / Poolside Helpers should attend this course, but, it is likely that we will need more spaces than are currently available to us. Attendance on this course is being coordinated by Ian Chappell.

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Chairpersons Report to AGM – 30 November 2016

The AGM will receive several detailed reports but a quick view of some of the highlights from my perspective would be:

Finances

After a period of perceived uncertainty, the club's finances have been relatively stable over the last 3 years or so. Under Glenn's careful stewardship our income is now closely aligned to our outgoings, and we have managed to increase pool time while absorbing the associated increase in costs without having to increase membership fees.

Glenn will give the detail, at this his last AGM as Treasurer of the club, but before he does, I'd like to record my personal thanks for all the hard work and voice of reason (and prudence!) he has brought to the administration of the club.

Swimmers and Membership

Thanks go to Norman and Dave Hamilton once again for their hard work in this area.

We remain successful in recruiting new swimmers, and have increased pool time this year – by both adding an extra half hour to some evening sessions and changing the start time of some morning sessions. We did this in order to meet the aspirations of the coaching team as well as try to address a reason given in previous years for swimmers leaving our club for other clubs in the local area.

Assuming the Head Coach feels it is worthwhile, our strategy is to endeavour to increase our pool time further still.

Coaching

As always, we rely on the huge effort put in by our dedicated coaching team - under Elliott's leadership. They deserve a huge vote of thanks for all the work they do, and time they devote, to helping our swimmers develop and improve.

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Elliott will say more in his report but I'm pretty sure most of our swimmers will have set many Personal Bests in the last 12 months - and we now have more swimmers, competing more often.

Swim Team Performance

As a reminder.... the club has a squad that competes in the following competitions:

* Micro-League of the North West: where we finished 7th in the second tier (Division B) this year – we finished 4th last year.

* North Lancs League (aka Sub League): we were promoted in 2014 from Division 3 into Division 2 and finished second in that league last year and promoted again. So after back to back promotions we found ourselves in Division 1 this year – where we finished up 7th (out of 7)

* Arena Swimming League: again we were promoted in 2014 into Division 1 – the second tier where we finished 15th – creditably avoiding relegation, despite the loss of a couple of key older swimmers. This year after two rounds we lie 14th with the final round on 10 December – so good luck to the team for next Saturday!

* We also, of course, have many many swimmers that participate in Open Meetings throughout the year – picking up lots of personal best and medals along the way. Many thanks to Alison and Ian (and others) for their hard work sorting this out for us all.

YMCA

The club continues to have a very good relationship with YMCA – Barry, in particular, works hard to make sure that remains the case. YMCA are supportive of the club which, of course, provides not insignificant income to YMCA.

In the last year we have continued to have regular meetings with YMCA – at least quarterly. I think this has been a big help in enabling us to share our goals/strategies (eg. in terms of agreeing changes to the times we can use the pool, swimmer transitions between YMCA and the swimming club).

Fundraising

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Thanks to Jo who took this role on at the beginning of the year. As I said last year, as the club finances have improved we were able to take the decision that the proceeds of the fundraising activities could be ring-fenced and used for the benefit of swimmers (ie. fun stuff - rather than subsumed into the overall pot of club funds). Jo has been managing that through a sub-committee – and will say a few words about that in a bit.

Committee

So finally thanks to the committee members for continuing to make the time to be available to help the club run smoothly – and special thanks to Dave Woods for keeping us moving forward.

Subject to approval at the AGM we will fill all the roles with willing volunteers – as last year, there will be some transitions but I am sure we will all help and support each other for the good of the Club. As always everyone, and all contributions, are always welcome.

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Head Coaches Report to AGM – 30 November 2016

Overall it has been a mixed year.

After a reduction in membership from 2014-15 it has levelled out (Although in terms of 'competitive swimmers' (Cat 2) the number has increased from a low of 43 in 2011 to the mid-80's in the last 3 years.)

In terms of level 3 and internal club competition we have again seen an increase in terms of number of entry and we have maintained a similar level of performance.

1. 17 more swimmers in this year's champs.
2. In 100 IM 11 swimmers under 1-40 both years. In 200 IM increased from 15 to 16 getting under 3 minutes

However in terms of getting swimmers to compete at a higher level we have achieved mixed results not making the gains I wanted:

The numbers qualifying is probably roughly the same as last year however a few of the older swimmers have elected not to compete.

Well done's must go to:

Amelia Woods, Bailey Crowley for qualifying for Lancashire's and Lily Pearson, Kate Lucas and Joe Chappell for the Regionals for the first time.

In terms of performance special mention must go to Finlay finishing the Lancashire's with a clutch of podium finishes and a fantastic bronze at the Regionals in the 1500m Freestyle.

In this bracket I need to mention the performances of Chris Holme (and myself)

At the recent ASA Masters at Sheffield (the equivalent of Nationals for older people). Chris returned with Silver and Bronze in the 200m and 100m Backstroke and I came away with a Bronze at the 800m Freestyle (Thus both qualifying for the World Champs in Hungary next year.)

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(I am hoping) that having 'older'/experienced swimmers in the pool can only have a positive impact on training standards/ethos.

In terms of League position the Micro has probably dropped 1 or 2 positions based upon last year, whilst the Arena League is likely to finish 3 -5 positions above last year. (The Sub League is difficult to compare due to a re-organisation in league and expect another re organisation next year.)

In terms of the Competition Squad I am quite disappointed with the attendance overall. This was something I commented upon last year and it has actually dropped off since then. In terms of expectations, I am looking for swimmers to aim for achieving Lancashire, Regional times and above. For that to happen I need some of the swimmers to step up to the mark and aim for 8 or more sessions a week like we had swimmers doing in the past. At the moment hardly any swimmers are even attending the more achievable lower limit of five sessions a week!

The one silver lining (hopefully) is the take-up and consistent attendance of a lot of the younger swimmers (aged 8-10) of the offer of the 2 hour training session on a Saturday. In the next year if this continues we will need to be offering this premium pool time to these younger swimmers if we are to achieve as we did in the past.

Finally I would like to thank the Team Managers (Barrie, Gary and Ian) and all other helpers, the Club Captains Shona and Luke, Competition Secretary (Alison) and the Committee.

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Social / Fundraising Report to AGM – 30 November 2016

It has been an intensive learning curve of a year in my role on the committee, after taking on the position from Mrs Sturzaker with no hand over and unfortunately no agenda or records from previous years to work from.

This I have rectified, as I have created a manual covering the different sections of the social and fundraising role, that will be kept in the office on poolside, that in the event of myself being absent from duty that I can nominate another who will be able to use the manual as guide and have everything they need to do so.

I have secured fundraising opportunities again for another year with ASDA bag packing, and we are fortunate enough to have yet again been awarded 2 bag packs, one at Easter and the other being Christmas, 2 of the most busiest times of the year in food retail. Our last bag pack exceeded £700 and as always the money is spent on the swimmers on a social event. Not only is it an opportunity to raise money but also the profile of the club in the local area.

We have also raised money throughout the year from door takings at galas, with micro league taking more money than the sub league, this is down to the younger micro swimmers having more parental support than the other ones. Takings have also taken a slight dip as we can no longer hold as many spectators since the café has moved and health and safety regulations. The money raised from the door goes back into the club, not social side.

This year at the Club Championships I decided to run a raffle as we do not charge on the door and this money has gone towards the presentation evening. I now have 2 mums that assist me with the door and has allowed me to sell products from the shop as I have an extra pair of hands.

I organised a social event to Ascent Trampoline Park for 58 children and this was a huge success and I intend to take the children back here next year.

We also funded the coach for a trip to Fell Foot Park and this is a possible outing for the summer.

I have asked several parents with children who attend other groups such as scouts for ideas on activities in the local area and I'm looking at canoeing as an activity for the club to run and hopefully another outing to the Pleasure Beach,

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as I have to take into account the age range of our swimmers and that some of the parents like to participate.

The shop has become quite busy and has increased in turnover and although this is run as a service we do make a very slight profit, which yet again goes back into the club.

Elliott suggested bringing in a motivational reward and we have brought in 'Swimmer of the Month' and 'Swimmer of the Meet' and this has been received well by the young people, it is a simple but effective reward and the children do deserve that.

I'm feeling more confident for the next year in my role and my aim is to increase the social events for the young people.

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Water Polo Report to AGM – 30 November 2016

Fleetwood have had another good season. As of the 29.11.16, they are second in the league but Kendal still has games to play. The results for the Fleetwood games are as follows:

Fleetwood (9 - 10) Kendal

Fleetwood (16 - 4) Blackpool

Fleetwood (10 - 6) Preston

Fleetwood (4 - 5) Lancaster

Lancaster (14 – 7) Fleetwood

Preston (8 – 8) Fleetwood

Blackpool (8 – 11) Fleetwood

Kendal (12 – 7) Fleetwood

They have also played friendlies against Salford, Bury, Warrington and Blackpool and won them all!

Fleetwood hosted a tournament again this year and, although several teams failed to turn up it was still an enjoyable event with a few of our juniors getting some game time. Fleetwood finished second to Radcliffe who were the winners on the day.

At present we have 14 juniors who continue to train on Tuesday evenings and several of them periodically train with the seniors on a Thursday evening as well. One previous junior has moved up to the senior's altogether.

The seniors invite the young ones to train with them and continue to encourage and support them.

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Many thanks to all the coaches who take the time to train our junior players and well done to all who have represented Fleetwood Swimming Cub in the North Lancs League.

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Life Saving Report to AGM – 30 November 2016

Lifesaving

A **Survive and Save Course** was held at Rossall between January and Easter.

Attendance was disappointing but those who started the course completed the course successfully.

Some of the junior members are now approaching the age when they are able to participate in the Survive and Save Programme (12+)

Coastal Open Water meetings

Four were planned for 2016 at Fleetwood. One was cancelled due to inclement conditions

The event was rescheduled but again cancelled for similar reasons

Inland Open Water meetings

Four Meetings were held at Debdale (Manchester)

Salford Quays

The second year of this event held in May was organized by Greater Manchester Police involving the Fire and Rescue Services, RNLI, and other interested community groups. The emphasis was on drowning Prevention and included simulated rescues.

The RLSS UK was represented by the RLSS Regional Drowning Prevention Coordinator and representatives from the RLSS Manchester Branch. Most Groups had stalls /marquees on the quayside.

The event was better attended than last year's which clashed with another event held locally

86% of drownings occur in inland and coastal waters of the UK

Schools

Three Water Safety visits to local schools as part of the **International Drowning Prevention weeks** prior to the summer recess

A Water Safety Awareness Day was provided By FLSC) for a local school prior to the summer recess

Vocational

Four National Pool Lifeguards qualifications were taken at Rossall during 2016

For club members engaged in the teaching and leisure services sector, in service training provision is available on a monthly basis

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Fleetwood Committee Members 2016 – 2017

Position	Name
Chair	Colin Jackson
Treasurer	Sharon Ballantyne
Secretary	Dave Woods
Membership Officer	Dave Hamilton
Competition Secretary	Alison Lawson
Swim 21 Secretary	Barrie Rayner
Media / Press Officer	Gary Singleton
Fleetwood Liaison / Workforce Co-ordinator	Angela Crowley
Poulton Liaison Secretary	Norman Cowburn
Social / Fundraising Officer	Jo Brown
Water Polo Secretary	Helen Waite
Life Saving	Syd Holt