

AGM RUTHERGLEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
LIFESTYLES
RUTHERGLEN
17-6-10 7PM

In attendance

David Marshall, Neil Leslie, Jacqueline Wilkie, Lorraine Biggam, Assia MeKnache, Arlene Hood, Dorothea McInnes, Demi Gunn, Helen Harvey, Robert Gorman, Stuart Lappin, Lindsay Young, Andrea Mein, Patrick Holmes, George Christie, Gill Gowran, Stuart Livingstone, Harley Mathieson, Sarah Mc Gloin, Jim Ross, Marie- Anne Friel, Gary Mc Clymont, Alan Scott, Margaret Robertson, Helen Brown, Steven Horn,

1. INTRODUCTION BY David Marshall - CHAIRMAN

David welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. It is a requirement in the constitution to have an AGM the main purpose is to receive a copy of the accounts. Another purpose is to elect new committee members and to cover the membership fees for the coming year.

A number of parents help throughout the year and David thanked all the committee members and volunteers, the club is very grateful for their time.

David thanked the coaches for their support to the swimmers and Lindsay for heading up the coaches.

David also thanked the pool staff and management.

2. REPORT FROM HEAD COACH – Lindsay Young

Lindsay thanked David for his support. David has been here for many years and has always been positive and supportive. Lindsay also thanked the rest of the committee. Lindsay thanked his coaches for their support and covering his time at the pool when he is called away.

Lindsay then gave the coach report

This outlined the clubs achievements for the year; where there was room for improvement and his hopes for next year. The full report can be attained from Lindsay if required

3. FINANCIAL REPORT - Arlene Hood

David thanked Frank Walker for preparing and validating the accounts he also thanked Arlene for her time.

We have a deficit due to costs of:

Land training Saturday and Wednesday

Last years new fee structures started in August so we had 2 months with no income.

An example of additional expenditure is :40 weeks costs £3400 for land training on a Wednesday.

Gala fees do not cover Gala costs due to:

Coaches passes

Mini leagues are charged to the club

Relays are not charged to the swimmer

Fines for children that do not turn up for a gala or withdrawals

Pool hire we were £800 over our budget

Clyde coast ran at a lost

Gala entries will be marshalled more carefully. From now on no cheque with the entry then no entry.

Arlene then explained that Lindsay had a wish list

Additional pool hire

Morning swims etc

Over 40 weeks this cost would be £13500

The costs were carefully looked at and it was decided to cut down the extra pool time to a Friday, we may have to pay £3000 for this.

The club provides more year on year without a financial increase. This year we have looked at all costings and expendables and have set a reasonable budget.

The new proposed fee structure is per month per swimmer

Development £21

Bronze/Silver £26

West District/ Gold £28

There was a majority vote on the new fee structures and it was passed.

DD are easier to manage. This saves Arlene and Dorothea chasing parents and children. The hope is to get all swimmers on a direct debit.

4. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR COMING YEAR

An open invitation was given to everyone to join the committee or to speak up at a later date.

The position of chairman is vacated. Neil Leslie has put his name forward for chair on the proviso that he has a strong supporting vice chair.

There are always positions available on the committee for those that wish to support the club.

The committee at the moment is David Marshall – chairman

Neil Leslie vice chairman

Arlene Hood is treasurer

Dorothea McInnes is club secretary and team manager

Lorraine Biggam committee member

Robert Gorman committee member

Gale Leslie is minute secretary

Graeme Park entry secretary

We should also have swimmer representation – this is not easy due to the age of our swimmers.

Arlene proposed Neil Leslie as chairman

Demi seconded

George Christie was proposed as vice chairman by Lindsay Orr

And seconded by Gill Gowran

Lindsay proposed Stuart Lappin as vice chair

Marie Anne Friel seconded

Stuart Livingstone was proposed as assistant entry secretary

Website / press officer proposed Harley Mathieson

Andrea Mein put her name forward to support the committee

Neil hopes to avoid the scenario that David has had with the prolonged service as chairman.

Neil's first duty as Chairman was to present David Marshall with a gift in appreciation of the 10 years he has chaired the club. The club has grown over the years with David's support and guidance.

David said that recruiting Lindsay was a turning point for the club. He is a serious coach with serious ideas and is dedicated to the club.

David thanked the committee and was appreciative of their work and hopeful that the new parents can take this forward. David is look forward to hearing reports of the clubs success.

5. AOB

It is important that the dolphin system is operable by more than one person. Especially if we hope to hire it out.

The constitution will be looked at to ensure that we can co opt parents as and when we need them or if they wish to contribute.

On Tuesday night Lindsay had a parents evening he would like feed back on this. It was suggested that one evening a squad or 5 minutes per person would be a better way to move it forward.

Jacqueline Wilkie hoped that the committee meetings are more transparent. We hope to get the website active with minutes and agendas available to all.

Contacting by email was well supported by parents. This was a great move forward with communication.

Harley hopes to improve the website and communications even further.

There was a discussion about how children move through the squads. There will be the facility in the platinum squad for those swimmers that do not wish to compete. Lindsay would like older swimmers in the squad.

There is hope that we can involve the parents more in a social aspect for the club along with their children. Arlene said she hopes the committee are approachable and hope that anyone can speak to a committee member.

Harley said his own experience was that he has over the weeks got to know people. It is a difficult situation as lifestyles is an open club and it is not always obvious who a new parent is.

Meeting was closed.