



CULTS OTTERS ASC

Minutes of AGM 8th December 2010

Item	Discussion	Action	Who/When
1. Roll Call & Apologies	<p>The meeting was originally planned for 28th Nov after the Club Championships but was postponed due to poor weather. The meeting was rescheduled for 8th Dec to replace the normal monthly committee meeting. Wintery weather on 8th Dec may have affected the attendance.</p> <p>Attendees: Neil Robertson, Wendy MacCulloch, Helen Colleran, Laura Bowie, Eduardo Prato, Hilary Gaunt, Liz Riley, Mary Rogers, Colin Oswald.</p> <p>Apologies: Ross Cameron.</p> <p>The meeting was declared quorate in spite of the poor attendance.</p> <p><i>Constitution section C6.1.4 Quora: The quorum at General Meetings shall be 2 officers of the club plus 13 members eligible to vote.</i></p>		
2. Approval of Previous Minutes	<p>No formal minutes were prepared for 2009 meeting. Copies of slides from the 2009 meeting were available.</p> <p>Approval: Proposed Hilary Gaunt; Seconded Colin Oswald.</p>		
3. Chairperson's Report	<p>NR reported on the success and growth of the club with 632 in Learn To Swim and 78 competitive swimmers in the Junior Coaching section. This is despite the difficulties with pool availability after closure of the old academy pool and delays opening the new pool. The delays reduced the number of swimmers advancing from LTS, through cubs and into the coaching squads to replace those competitive swimmers who advanced into COAST or left the club.</p>		
4. Treasurer's Report	<p>HC presented the financial status for the JC section which maintained a significant surplus. The accounts are with the auditors for approval.</p> <p>Significant effort was spent to resolve the pool hire fees for the new pool. ACC failed to apply the correct discounts for juniors and self-lifeguarding. Hire fees were reduced by almost 50% compared to the ACC estimates.</p> <p>HG advised that pool bookings for 2011/2012 would be made in March and confirmed in July 2011. ACC may insist on council life-guards being present.</p> <p>HG also advised that LTS Aqua 4 & Aqua 5 would be renamed Development Squads and would incur cheaper pool hire fees.</p> <p>HC reported on behalf of Laura Cruden & Jo Gibson that LTS made a small loss of c.£1,000 but remains with a healthy surplus of income over expenditure. This is substantially less than the loss estimated by Sonia Richardson at the November club committee meeting.</p>		
4a. Proposal to revise JC fees	<p>HC presented a proposal to modify JC training fees to relate directly to the pool hours for each squad including Cubs and</p>		



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	<p>Elites. The fees will thus relate pro-rata to training hours of each squad and to the length of each term rather than the same fee per term per squad regardless of duration. No change is proposed to the membership fee. It is considered that this will be a fairer charging system and removes previous anomalies where some squads were effectively subsidising others. The charges are set at a low level initially in order to gradually reduce the size of the surplus balance. Based on optimum squad sizes the surplus funds would be expected to decrease by £3k per year while with current (slightly reduced) squad numbers the funds could reduce by £5k per year.</p> <p>NR thanked HC for the excellent work that had been discussed and minuted at previous committee meetings. He requested that the proposal is summarised and circulated to all squads via the squad reps for comment. HC proposed to issue the proposal w/e 17th December with a return date for comments.</p> <p>HG confirmed that the club constitution allows rates to be changed at any time and did not require the AGM to approve. <i>Constitution section C7.5: The management committee can enter into contracts and/or partnerships on behalf of the club provided each proposal is fully discussed at and recorded in the minutes of a quorate committee meeting prior to the commitment being made.</i></p>	<p>Issue proposal</p> <p>Distribute to squads</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>Squad reps</p>
<p>5. Coaches Reports</p>	<p>LR (JC3), HG (JC2) and LB (JC1) reported on their respective JC squads. LB noted that JC1 now has 2 additional coaches with Claire Kennedy and Allison Allan. HG considers that a big JC1 squad is required to provide sufficient swimmers to feed through to JC2 and JC3. HG reported that JC2 tends to lose 11-12 year-old swimmers as they change from primary to secondary school. Some would like to continue non-competitive swimming but are too young for the Elite squad suggesting that a Junior Elite squad may be useful but would require more pool time and supervision. Several swimmers graduated or are bridging from JC3 to COAST. 2 swimmers left JC3.</p> <p>HG expressed concern regarding poolside support for Elite particularly at the Grammar where there is often not the required 2 people. HG noted that lanes are available at Cults on Monday where poolside support could be available. NR proposed that the club should review how the squad is run in order to make more of it, possibly catering for younger swimmers.</p> <p>LR reported that Liz Kemp is now vice chairman of COAST. LR expects to meet her at COAST meets and coaches meetings and will seek more advice from Liz on developing links between clubs and COAST and with coaches via mentoring. The COAST Competitive Development squad (= JC4) has not been created yet.</p>	<p>Review Elite</p>	<p>NR/GC</p>
<p>6. Learn To Swim Report</p>	<p>NTR</p>		



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7. Election of Officers.	No election was required. Most officers are parent volunteers.		
8. Election of Management Committee Members	No election was required. Most committee members volunteered to continue in their current capacity. NR noted that a Vice chair is vacant but considers that the position is not required. Jill Smith has resigned as COAST rep and the position remains Vacant. Kirsty Dalgarno has advised that she expects to resign as STO in Q2 2011.	Contact potential COAST rep replacement	NR
9. Appointment of Auditors	NTR		
10 Other relevant business	<p>E.Prato offered an initial £1,000 sponsorship with £200 for the next gala and £800 for his company logo on subsidised tracksuits and dri-shirts for competitive swimmers and polo shirts for coaches and teachers. EP offered to review once the initial funding is exhausted with potential for further sponsorship to follow. Members attending thanked EP for the generous offer.</p> <p>EP also suggested the use of eNews as a new way to promote club business on-line and communicate rapidly with club members, swimmers and parents in general or as single squads or LTS sections. EP advised that the service has strict anti-spam rules and that participants must consent to receive email content and can un-subscribe. The service allows editors to see who has seen material and allows on-line voting on proposals or approval of minutes. It can mirror the existing website, avoids log-on and would give the impression of a well-run club. HG suggested that this would be particularly useful for LTS and for issuing information to JC squads. Content is already available for LTS from S.Richardson and for JC squads from HC. NR requested a summary of the proposal with examples in order to formally propose to members and parents.</p>	<p>Samples to be prepared</p> <p>Prepare summary with examples</p>	<p>L.Skinner</p> <p>EP by late Dec.</p>

NEXT Monthly MEETING: Wed 12th Jan 2011.

Venue: To Be Confirmed early January. Provisionally: 46 Woodlands Avenue, Cults, Aberdeen, AB15 9DE.