

# Hoylake Amateur Swimming Club

(Founded 1931)

Affiliated to the N.W.A.S.A., L&D.S., W.P.A., C.C.W.P & S.A., R.L.S.S



**President:** Mr E Curd

**Chair:** Mrs P Birch

**Secretary**  
Dr L Johnson

**Hon Treasurer**  
Mr C Armour

## 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday 25th November 2023; 6pm, Hoylake Social Club

Welcome to the 92<sup>nd</sup> HASC Annual General Meeting.

**Apologies** Chris Ball, President - Eric Curd, Richard Burdekin

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Attendees guided to the Hoylake ASC website to review the minutes, assured nothing untoward was known to the chair or committee. No objections in the room.

## **Matters Arising From Previous AGM**

- No actions carried over.
- Electronic version available on website to review if so required.

## **Chair's Review**

- Raffle donations have been gratefully received from swim families & committee members; The Accountancy Partnership; Wirral Awards, Upton; James Guy – GB swimmer; West Kirby Book Club.

- Hoylake ASC is 100% volunteer run, there are no paid staff, and the team have jobs, families and other commitments too. Generally, they are swimmers or swimmer parents when they started volunteering & it's important for the club that we get more of you involved as the coaches and teachers of the future. Rule changes by Swim England meant we needed more team managers to attend galas this year; a few people have signed up and have courses booked – but we need more. We have had a limited number of volunteer officials join this year – we need more. All of these roles are needed in swimming. Please consider stepping forward and adding your commitment to the team.

- Recent accolades for club volunteers include Louise – SE North West Technical Official of the Year 2023, Jon – Cheshire County Inspirational Coach Award 2023, Louise – Cheshire County Inspirational Volunteer Award 2023, Rubaidh – Cheshire County Inspirational Young Volunteer Award 2023.

- Thank you to all our volunteers, and well done to the recent award winners.

- Chairs review since last AGM (Appendix 1); the return to normality has continued, swimmers are competing, spectators are back cheering on the swimmers, and we have seen a great return to competitive swimming. It was also great to see a return to development galas this year. We had a successful club champs and awards will be presented at end of the AGM.
- Operating Challenges; to contribute to travel costs to competitions we have continued to include the 'admin' charge (25p per gala entry). Please do be aware of this when completing entry forms for galas and paying fees.
- Volunteers are always required, from officials to coaches/ teachers/ poolside/ committee members, please consider getting involved.
- Going into next year, we would like to avoid additional work for volunteers, e.g. chasing membership fees, chasing membership paperwork, following up gala fees etc. If anyone in the room hasn't sorted their fees – please can you do this as a matter of importance as whilst we will chase in the next week or so, any unpaid members after that date risk not having their ASA/ SE membership renewed until their fees are up to date –this will impact on any competition swimmers are looking to participate in.
- Similarly, we ask everyone to complete health declaration (on google forms) and confirm agreement with the policies, including the safe collection of children policy. Please do read these carefully and provide appropriate information to help us help the swimmers.
- SwimMark; successfully achieved again this year, with much thanks to Tim for organising us and submitting the paperwork. The email from Swim England (SE), as we approached the deadline for our SwimMark assessment, created some panic among families & the wider swimming community and was unnecessary. Hoylake and many other clubs have fed this back to SE but no response has been received.
- Membership numbers; maintaining the same numbers year on year. As ever we need ongoing help from volunteers & officials.
- Fundraising; we try to fundraise as much as possible to both help balance the books and to allow us to keep doing what we do without large fee increases. If your place of work is able to support with donations for raffles then please help if you can. Many businesses will support in this way if you ask.

### **Secretary's Report**

- Thanks to Tricia and the team (committee, coaches, volunteers) for all their hard work arranging the AGM and social event.
- Thanks to all our volunteers for another successful year. We are lucky to have dedicated helpers, officials, coaches and committee members.
- As Tricia said, we are always looking for more volunteers to allow us to spread the workload & continue our success. As well as poolside, there are lots of jobs behind the scenes which take up a lot of the committee's time. If anyone can volunteer to help in any capacity, please let us know.
- We have continued to streamline some of our processes with google forms for new members, some gala entries, shop orders. Reminder that when entering galas please do this via HASC and pay into HASC account as this reduces admin for the team.
- We are recruiting for new members and have ongoing trials for the club.
- Congratulations to everyone on another successful year and we look forward to more successes this season.

- Finally, thanks for everyone for sending in photos and information of their swimmers' achievements both in and out of the pool this year, see slideshow.

### **Treasurers Report**

- Review of accounts covering the financial and membership year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, with copies available on HASC website.
- Thanks to Steve Webster for independent audit of accounts. SW has agreed to continue as club auditor for next year.
- The Club continues to make efforts to return to a breakeven position, we again return a financial deficit this year (£6,041). Note: this includes a £2,000 exceptional expense (contribution to Calday Pool maintenance); underlying loss £4,041. Cash on hand on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is £32.7k.
- The year ahead: the focus for the next few weeks is 2023/24 subs collection: if you are contacted, please pay outstanding fees before Christmas.
- Academy to move to the DD payment system from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, aligning with the Main Club. Look out for communications on this, and email from GoCardless to sign up.
- Overall, anticipating a similar result in 2024, improving towards breakeven in 2025.

### **Election of Officers**

| Position             | Nominee                  | Proposed       | Seconded       |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Chair                | Patricia Birch           | Sam Maher      | Louise Johnson |
| Treasurer            | Chris Armour             | Patricia Birch | Jon Endeacott  |
| Vice Chair           | No volunteers            |                |                |
| Secretary            | Louise Johnson           | Angie Taylor   | Sam Maher      |
| Membership Secretary | Lesley Wakefield         | Rachel Beech   | Angie Taylor   |
| Committee            | Block Vote               | Robbie Ross    | Sam Maher      |
| Committee position   | To be filled             |                |                |
| Coaching reps        | Sam Maher/ Jon Endeacott | Rachel Beech   | Louise Johnson |

### **Any Other Business**

- Captains & Vice Captains announced for the forthcoming year. The retiring captains team thanked for all their work during the year.

#### **New Captains Team:**

Jasmine Rostron, Sophia Kewley – Captains

Matthew Wentworth, Eloise Lee, Helen Booth – Vice-Captains.

#### **Retiring Captains Team:**

Jasmine Woodward-Booth & Ben Johnson – Captains

Rubaidh Birch & Emma Bayley – Vice Captains

### **Meeting Close**

## **Appendix 1 – Chair’s review & report, including Treasurer’s report**



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