

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF CHIPPENHAM ASC**  
**HELD ON 9th JANUARY, 2015, 7.00 p.m.**  
**at The Angel Hotel, Chippenham**

**Present**

**Committee members – Gary Brown, Heather Butler, Nigel Butler, Lyn Cairns, Lyn Denning, Scott Garrett, Tracy Hall, Karen Tucker, Ruth Holden (Secretary), Jane Holloway, Steve Miller, Marianna Hare, Terry Coupland, Denise Preece, Sally May, Don Smith (Chair)**

**Parents – Dave Jacomb, Philip & Helen Sheppard, Caroline Lavelle, Lindsay Gibbons, Darren Hall, Richard Holden, Steve Preece, Caroline Shorland  
Swimmer and young volunteer – Amy Hall**

**1. Apologies**

**Claire Cox, Mike Lewis, Emma Jones, Jane Tunnicliffe**

Don introduced members of the committee for the benefit of the new committee member and parents present.

**2. Minutes**

AGM held on 10th January 2014 – read and agreed with Ruth to make one amendment of Claire's surname to Cox.

**3. Matters arising**

None.

**4. Secretary's Report**

County Sprints, BAGCATS and Youths

The County distance event took place at Bath uni on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014 with four swimmers in the girls 800m race and 1 boy in the 1500m. Tegan Cairns came 6<sup>th</sup> in the 13 yr age group, Bryony Cairns, 4<sup>th</sup> in 15 yr age group, Emma Holloway 1<sup>st</sup> in 19 and over age group. Matt Hare came 5<sup>th</sup> in 16 yr age group.

Sprints were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at Milton Road with 42 swimmers representing the club and notable swims from Matthew Hardick, Andrew Hare, John Branston and James Tucker and Amy Gibbons, Tegan Cairns, Natalie Pidgeon, Amy Hall and Ella Parker for the girls

In the BAGCATS at the Link Centre in March, we had 21 swimmers competing. Matt Hardick who won 5 golds and an age group best time in the 50m breast and Andrew Hare finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall and Henry Gaunt 8<sup>th</sup>.

In the girls BAGCAT points competition Natalie Pidgeon was 8th, Puruvi Ruparel 11th and Abby Cross 14th.

The Youths were held in early March, also at the Link Centre, with 23 swimmers competing. Amy Hall was junior champion at 50m fly and also won a silver and bronze, Emma Holloway won a silver and Natalie Pidgeon a bronze. For the boys, John Branston won 3 golds, Matt Hare one gold, two silvers and a bronze and Owen Wilson one gold and Jack Cook one silver.

### Summer and Winter leagues

We are currently placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in this season's winter league with round 2 tomorrow evening in Wroughton and in last year's summer league Chippenham were placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 2. This means we will be competing in Division 1 in 2015.

### Regionals Youths and Bagcats

This year the BAGCATS were held at Millfield and Hengrove in March with Andrew Hare and Tegan Cairns being our only two representatives.

The Youth regionals were held at Plymouth Life Centre in May – a very enjoyable weekend combining some excellent swims with Nigel's birthday celebrations! Six swimmers included John Branston and Matt Hare both achieving 4 pb's and Matt competing in two finals.

At the SW Regional Sprints in July held in Gloucester, 7 swimmers represented the club achieving at least 15 pb's.

At the National County Team Championships in October, Matt Hare and Amy Hall represented Chippenham in the Wiltshire team.

The annual club championships began in October and continued until just before the Christmas break. With 120 entries, the club achieved 64 county times and it is always good to see so many of the younger swimmers taking part in their first competition.

As most of you will know, 2014 has been rather a challenge for me as Club Sec with the closure of Corsham and Bath uni pools! Being offered the use of Colerne pool has been a godsend and we have built up a very good relationship with the army. Luckily, they are happy for us to continue with them until at least the spring of 2015, even if we do sometimes have to deal with them using the pool for canoeing practice during our session!

With Corsham pool not expecting to open until the late summer of 2015, we are likely to continue swimming at Colerne on a Thursday and the Olympiad on a Sunday for some time to come – all being well. Thankfully St Mary's came to the rescue and, once again, they have been extremely helpful in accommodating our Monday night session. I believe that Bath is also likely to be closed until late summer 2015.

Our older swimmers who took part in the young volunteers programme can now regularly be found coaching on poolside. They are a huge asset to the club and have been able to develop their coaching skills.

With the club now having around 120 swimmers, we cannot forget the hard work of all our volunteers who give up their time in a variety of roles. The dedication of Nigel and the coaching staff is clearly shown in the results that are achieved and the success of our club championships. We are also lucky to be well supported by very helpful and supportive staff at all the pools we use.

I have also enjoyed being part of the “dinner ladies” in 2014! A group of us helped to organise a very successful County dinner dance on 20th June at the Town Hall. A hugely successful evening enjoyed by all and a great way to celebrate Mike Lewis’ term of office as County President.

Our recent request for new volunteers has produced some high quality applicants. We now have Helen and Philip Sheppard managing the website and results database, Gary Barnett assisting Philip with IT, Caroline Lavelle shadowing Karen Tucker this coming year as assistant Welfare Officer, Dave Jacomb on the committee with Louise Jacomb assisting with club events and Caroline Shorland, ably assisted by Claire Cox, coming on board as my replacement. I am sure Caroline will be an excellent replacement for me and I will of course do all I can to assist her. I have thoroughly enjoyed being club secretary, but feel that the time is right for me to let someone who is more actively involved with the club to take on the role.

Steve Miller added that Ben Holloway had received an award for being Wiltshire Sports Young Volunteer of the Year.

## **5. Treasurer’s Report**

The club accounts are in profit with an income of £59,773, the vast majority of which came from swimming sessions. The expenditure is down slightly on last year as the Olympiad did not charge us when we did not use the pool on Sundays in November during the club championships. We currently have £38,000 as goodwill and assets with £41,550 in the account. This will go against training and any future expenses the club may have during the year. Gary did not feel that there was a need to increase our club membership fees for the coming year.

Don also pointed out that the club is non profit making and money made will be ploughed back into the club for training and equipment. We need more coaches to be trained and we do not know where we stand as far as Corsham re-opening and pool hire in general.

Denise asked if some money could be spent on replacing old trophies, some of which are very worn. It was suggested that an email be sent to parents asking if they have any trophies that could be recycled and used by the club.

## **6. Club membership fees**

Given the current strength of the accounts Gary recommended, and it was agreed, that there would be no increase to annual membership or monthly session fees for 2015.

**7. Election of Tellers**

Richard Holden and Darren Hall will act as Tellers, if necessary.

**8. Election of Officers**

President – Heather Butler will start her second year as President

Chair – Don Smith

Secretary – Caroline Shorland – proposed by Don, seconded by Tracy

Treasurer – Gary Brown

Head Coach – Nigel Butler

Competition Secretary – Scott Garrett – proposed by Dave Jacomb, seconded by Philip Sheppard

Welfare Officer – Karen Tucker, with assistant WO Caroline Lavelle

Auditor – Richard Dutton

**9. Election of Executive members**

Jane Holloway, Lyn Cairns, Claire Cox, and Terry Coupland – up for re-election. All agreed to stay on for another two years.

Dave Jacomb, Caroline Lavelle and Philip Sheppard will all come onto the committee.

Sally May – will stand down as Assistant Secretary after memberships are completed in Feb.

Steve Miller, Tracey Hall and Marianna Hare all agreed to stay on for a further year.

Denise thanked Ruth Holden for her time as Secretary and Stephen Miller thanked James Hare for his time as Competition Secretary.

**10. Election of delegates to Wilts AGM**

The club will supply a volunteer for each of these.

**11. Election of delegates to Wilts County**

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**12. Election of delegates to Western Regions AGM**

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