

Draft Minutes of AGM 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013

## Bridge of Don ASC AGM

Balgownie Community Centre

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 7pm

Thank you all for attending this AGM for Bridge of Don ASC.

Bridge of Don ASC has continued to be a strong club in the past year, building our Swim School, retaining our squad numbers and increasing our number of swimmers that train with COAST. This is down to the hard work of our coaching team, led by Kevin. BODASC have encouraged our young swimmers to progress and become Level 1 teachers/coaches, we thank them for their continued loyalty to the club. We have said farewell to two teachers/coaches, the departure of Graham Bruno and Craig Thompson (at Easter) who have both been a large part of the club for many years. They will be missed and we wish them well for the future. Beta Matches won't quite be the same without Craig's loud shouts but we are sure the swimmers will rise to every match for him.

The provision of swimming lessons is under review with Sport Aberdeen; this could have a detrimental impact on BODASC membership as historically we have benefited from a steady number of swimmers coming through our own swim school and becoming club members. Should this be replaced by council lessons, we as a club will probably find our squad numbers dramatically reducing. This will lead to a drop in future membership and therefore weaken our club as a whole. Alison Macdonald has been representing BOD swim school at meetings, pointing out potential risks that changing the choice available in Aberdeen City for lessons will have on the whole swimming pathway from the grass roots to performance swimming. BODASC will continue to be represented at these meetings and information fed back to committee and club members. Recent press coverage of the LTS waiting lists in Aberdeenshire gives an indication of what could happen if Sport Aberdeen get their way unchallenged.

It is an exciting time for Aberdeen with the Aquatics centre being well underway, we look forward to the city hosting some high level swimming competitions that our young swimmers can spectate at and be inspired and encouraged to reach their own full potential.

The club being a constituent member of COAST has agreed that we should be working closer with the city team. In the next year we will be introducing some small changes to the club kit and website. We will be working with the COAST steering committee to inform our members more clearly of the role of COAST and how this fits into long term swimming for athletes.

BODASC committee will continue working for the benefit of our members and should anyone at all have any suggestions or any spare time that they could help us in anyway please come forward. There are many ways to help in the club, parents are welcome to assist poolside and would be supported and encouraged to consider teaching and coaching courses. We also need parents to volunteer at Beta Matches and at our own club galas, at the moment it's the same people that currently do! Some new faces would be very welcome. The committee are volunteers and we need new members to keep the club progressing and changing into the future.

Finally, some of the committee are standing down this year and a huge thank you is in order, all your hard work has been appreciated by all our parents and swimmers and your fellow committee members.

Good Luck to the new committee in 2013/14 and here's to another great year for our swimmers.

## Apologies for absence

Cindy McIntosh, Allan McIntosh, Lesley Beveridge, Michael Macdonald, Heather Grant

## In attendance

Audrey Deans, Fiona Leith, Sean Dawson, Vicky Emslie, Alison Macdonald, Debby McIsaac, Nikki Perry, Louise Muirhead, Tracy Nicol, Jill Dewsbury, Colin Downie, Ruth Stewart, Nickie Scorgie, Gillian Main, Joan Paterson, Hazel Fowler, Mike Pratt, Kevin Paterson, Elaine Cruickshank, Dianne Smith

## Approval of Minutes from AGM 2012

After minor change on Page 11 to read Swim School not Swim Shop the minutes were proposed by Dianne Smith and seconded by Joan Paterson.

## Secretary Report

### **2013 Secretary's Report**

I can't believe time has passed so quickly as this has been my fourth year as club Secretary. Excluding a few hic-cups with delays in securing room/ pool lets and obtaining licences for our galas, overall the past year has gone very smoothly with no major administrative problems to deal with. In fact with many areas of this post that can now be done electronically e.g. email by iPhone, document storage and retrieval, completing and sending room/ pool application forms etc the role and its duties have become much easier to manage. The modern technological age has definitely brought benefits to our club as information can be distributed and responses submitted almost instantaneously, thus allowing quick decisions to be agreed, problems to be identified and (hopefully) resolved more rapidly than ever before.

My main duties include:

Bookings -

- Pool time for swim school lessons, squad training and swim galas
- Rooms for Technical Official courses, committee meetings and galas.
- Licences for swim galas so that our meets can be accredited by Scottish Swimming.
- Handling incoming mail and distributing to relevant committee members or coaches - sending out arising responses or correspondence and any other routine administrative club duties e.g. assisting in organising AGM.

Most notably during 2012, I assisted in organising the club's October Training week held at our own BOD pool. The purpose of the camp was "to create a fun, relaxed and enjoyable training experience for all levels of club swimmers". I believe that with the coordinated approach and commitment of our Committee members and coaching team (including Heather and Stewart), we were certainly successful in achieving our aims and delivered a first class training event that the club and its swimmers should be proud of.

I have decided not to put myself forward for the Secretary's post for 2013/14 but am willing to volunteer for an alternative position for the coming year.

Lesley Beveridge Club Secretary 2012/13

Meet Secretary Report

Meet Secretary Report 2013

Here goes.

As a club it has been a great year so far for us.  
We have attended 52 meets in total from 2012 AGM.  
These have been long & short course, Beta Leagues  
Time Trials and our own Club Champs.  
We have had medals, records broken and great PB's at these meets.  
We have had relay teams winning medals too.

Keep up the good work swimmers.  
April will see us hold our 1<sup>st</sup> Time Banded Meet.  
Which I am looking forward too.

We also had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Champs with Dyce Asc.  
This has worked out well. Long may it continue?

Also a big Thank You to All parents,  
Coaches, Judges, Timekeepers.  
Without you these meets would not be possible.  
Thank You.

I have enjoyed my 5 years as Meet Secretary.  
Time Banded Meet will be my last meet.  
Hopefully we will have a new meet secretary.

I wish you all well in the future  
Keep up the good work.

Joan Paterson Meet Secretary.

## Coach Report

### Head Coach Report 2013

It's been 3 years since I took on the role as Head Coach (which has passed really quickly). With the new 50 m pool planned for opening at the end of this year, I will be hoping to utilise this with some long course training (Save going to Stirling).

#### **Swim Camp**

This year we had our first October training camp with Heather Albin (Squads) & Stewart Haslam (JT4 & 5/A).

The camp comprised of 2 pool sessions (1 pool session JT's), Land Training, and Education, This was over 3 days and was well attended and well received by the Swimmers.

I would like to thank Sean Dawson/ Lesley Beveridge and All the coaches who attended and made it such a success.

#### **Swim School**

The Swim School goes from strength to strength with over 130 swimmers in the programme and with a long waiting list,

I would like to thank Alison Macdonald and Ruth Stewart for the smooth running of the Swim School and the Teachers & Assistants for their hard work in the pool.

This year will be a challenge as with the prospect of Sport Aberdeen in talks with the Aberdeen clubs to take over their Learn to Swim programmes. This could have a huge impact on the Club numbers in the future.

#### **Club**

Throughout the year the Club swimmers have attended many meets from Beta League matches to National competitions. Swimmers have performed great with PB's and Medals

There was also the Summer Challenge Relay which had 12 teams (JC1 - COAST) & a coach's team. It is great to see the swimmers mix and swim their hearts out for their team and to try and beat the coaches.

All the squads have worked hard throughout the year working on technique and building stamina which has all paid off with tumbling pb's. Attendance has been good on the whole, although morning sessions could be better.

I would like to thank all the swimmers for their hard work and enthusiasm, you are a great credit to the club and it makes all the hard work worthwhile.

#### **COAST**

Coast had some changes with the loss the AGP coach (still to be resolved). We have 16 in total over the 3 squads and 9 swimmers in the Coast development squad in which club swimmers train once a week with a Coast Coach.

Highlights this year was Stuart McIntosh becoming the first BOD swimmer (in my time) to break the 4.00 minute mark for 400 FRS

Caitlin Tootill breaking the Scottish Junior 50 Brs SC record

Finlay Deans breaking the North District 200 BC Record for Age 13 years

#### **DRP**

Bridge of Don had a number of swimmers attend the 3 day District regional squads,

## **Club Champs**

These were on the last weekend before Christmas. There was a great atmosphere and some hard racing, there were **8** records Stuart McIntosh all (6) 2<sup>nd</sup> year running and Caitlin Tootill (2). It was great to see all the swimmers taking part including the JT4,5,5A's another great day.

## **Future**

This will hold some challenges (Swim School),

My plan is to introduce a Masters squad to the club set up, with the Associates no longer in operation I find it hard to take, watching our older swimmers leaving as they have nowhere to go. A Master squad will be for 15 years and over and hopefully training 2 sessions (1 to start with) a week (finer details to be ironed out) this would be open to all Bridge of Don Swimmers (Past and Present) Starting date to be confirmed.

Finally I would like to thank the lead coaches, coaches, teachers, Assistants and Committee for making this year's hard work smooth & enjoyable.

The Meet Secretary for arranging all the Meets & Time Trials that we attend.

Sean Dawson for all his hard work and sending emails (loads to all my 3 email accounts ) for arranging the coaches meetings, Meet cover and keeping the teachers and coaches up to date with information.

Finally if reappointed again as Head Coach at the first committee meeting after the AGM. My plan for my final year as Head Coach is to be more in the back ground working on the Swim School problem and the Master squad.

Kevin

Congratulations to Caitlin Tootill for being selected by Scottish Swimming to attend the Stroke Camp in Stirling in April for Breaststroke. Announced by North District today 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

## **Financial Report**

Mike advised that the accounts were with Eleanore Murison for audit and would be presented to the committee as soon as possible. Mike also highlighted that the cost of the clubs honorarium payments were increasing year on year with the loss of volunteers. A Budget for the forthcoming year 2013/14 was presented at the AGM.

## **Membership Fees**

It was proposed that membership fees remain at £35 per year for a swimmer and £5 per year for an adult member.

## **Proposed changes to Constitution**

None

## **Proposed changes to Bye-Laws**

None

## Election of Management Committee members

Positions	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	<i>Audrey Deans</i>	<i>Alison Macdonald</i>	<i>Colin Downie</i>
Vice President	<i>Lesley Beveridge</i>	<i>Colin Downie</i>	<i>Audrey Deans</i>
Treasurer	<i>Mike Pratt</i>	<i>Elaine Cruickshank</i>	<i>Ruth Stewart</i>
Secretary	<i>Debby McIsaac</i>	<i>Colin Downie</i>	<i>Sean Dawson</i>
Assistant Secretary	<i>Fiona Leith</i>	<i>Mike Pratt</i>	<i>Lesley Beveridge</i>
STO Convenor	<i>Sean Dawson</i>	<i>Michael Macdonald</i>	<i>Lesley Beveridge</i>
Social Convenor	<i>Ruth Paterson and Stevie Brands</i>	<i>Joan Paterson</i>	<i>Alison Macdonald</i>
Child Protection Officer	<i>Elaine Cruickshank</i>	<i>Jill Dewsbury</i>	<i>Ruth Stewart</i>
Swim School Coordinator	<i>Ruth Stewart</i>	<i>Elaine Cruickshank</i>	<i>Jill Dewsbury</i>
Coach Coordinator	<i>Gillian Main</i>	<i>Elaine Cruickshank</i>	<i>Jill Dewsbury</i>
Membership Secretary (6 month handover period)	<i>Hazel Fowler Victoria Emslie</i>	<i>Alison Macdonald</i>	<i>Colin Downie</i>
Meet Secretary	<i>Colin Downie</i>	<i>Audrey Deans</i>	<i>Sean Dawson</i>
News Letter Editor	<i>Nikki Perry</i>	<i>Gillian Main</i>	<i>Fiona Leith</i>
Equipment Convenor	<i>Vacant</i>	-	-
Assistant Meet Secretary	<i>Jill Dewsbury and Tracy Nicol</i>	<i>Ruth Stewart</i>	<i>Fiona Leith</i>

## Approved Management Committee appointing Auditors/Independent Examiners of the Club's Accounts

It was agreed that the MC would appoint an auditor or independent examiner for the accounts.

## Life Membership

Graham Bruno and Kevin Paterson were both awarded Life Membership of BODASC and a paperweight was presented to Kevin. It was noted that Graham should have been awarded his at Club Championships in December 2012.

## Other relevant business

North District Delegates : Audrey Deans, Dianne Smith and Sean Dawson

COAST representative: Kevin Paterson