**Maidenhead Marlins**

**Annual General Meeting – 21 June 2018**

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| **Present:Apologies:** | Martyn Howley – ChairmanMel Phillips - TreasurerBob El-Hawary – Vice-Chairman (Minute Taker)Duncan McCreadie – MastersPaul Lloyd – Head Coach+ Club Members (as per attendance sheet)Helen Steel – Fundraising & SponsorshipDiana Kennedy – GalasShurti Goyal - Welfare |  |

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| **1** | **Chair’s Report:** |
|  | **.1** | **Summary**In the last years we have lost committee members Suki Callis, Geoff Mornard, Neil Sammes and Helen Ridlinton. Many thanks for their efforts over the past years and Suki’s continued help behind the scenes.We also lost our welfare officer, Helena Wood, but I am pleased to announce that Shruti Goyal has agreed to take over that position.We have welcomed some new committee members, Helen Steel and Diana Kennedy who have been a massive help, also thanks to Bob who has covered the secretary role, as well as working on fundraising with Helen and Karen Bacon.We have invested in a new website this year which hopefully you all like. This was a major undertaking by the club and involved much more work than any of us anticipated at the outset. Thanks to Grant Bergman, Jorje Mateos Cantero, Claire Ireland, Ann Cork, Mel Phillips and Mat Phillips for all their efforts.In 18 months’ time, we will be moving to a new pool. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to grow the club and we are working hard to ensure that we are prepared. We have continued to hold successful galas this year. Galas are crucial to the finances of the club and take a lot of time and effort to hold. By far and away the most stressful job of the 1st year was trying to get the scoreboard working. We finally achieved this at our last level 4 meet so thanks again to Grant, Jorge and Diana. There are many people who help with galas too many to mention them all, special thanks to Anne Cork and John Allen who continue to give their time to referee our galas. We are very lucky to have them.In October last year preparations began for our swim camp to Lanzarote so we are really entering new territory. The aim is to make this a regular trip so that everyone can participate and create a lifelong memory. Thanks to Julia, Marga and Alex for helping with this.All in all a lot to look forward too but also work still to be done. On the to do list for next term is a hosting a two-day open meet in September, a comprehensive school gala and masters gala in November and land training.Please, don’t forget your tickets for the BBQ on 8th July. There are some great prizes in the raffle including a penthouse stay in London so please see either Jayne Bell or Chris Ashford. |
| **2** | **Head Coach’s Report:** |
|  | **.1** | **2017/ 2018** **Season**This has been a season to be remembered as one of the most successful seasons in the History of Maidenhead Swimming Club* Arena League team competed in the Premier league for the first time ever
* Tom Dean Crowned British Champion In 400 & 200 Medley
* Tom Dean selection for Great Britain at European Senior & Junior Championships.
* Joel Lange selected for England Talent programme
* Successful Regional Championships with more swims by a higher number of individual swimmers resulting in a record number of finalists and medal winners than ever before
* Increased participation in Open Meet competitions across the board

The Junior Squads are showing a much-improved attendance which has led to a noticeable improvement in training performance. The commitment to hard work and application of skills has been a pleasing feature consistently applied throughout the season. This bodes well for the future development of the swimmers.**New Pool** There has been a huge amount of work completed to prepare for the new Pool at Braywick. This represents an excellent opportunity for the club to grow and continue to flourish. The new pool capacity will be significantly greater than the Magnet Pool. The club are negotiating with the Local Authority to secure an increased amount of water time to deliver a balanced training programme. We have been able to secure a club Office / Competition space which will enable competitions to be managed more efficiently than the current set up allows. This will enable us to develop our competition programme for internal and external galas. We are looking forward to putting together an inspirational competition programme to serve the needs of our swimmers.Maidenhead Swimming Club can look forward to a period of sustained success as we move forward into the new facility. Thank you to the whole Coaching Team, Committee and all volunteers who have worked so hard to put the club in this fantastic position. |
| **3** | **Treasurer’s Report:** |
|  | .1 | **Audited Accounts:**Profit and Loss Account* + We have made a net profit this year of £2,674 down 3% against a budgeted net profit of £2,764.

The main components of this year’s profits are detailed below:**Income*** + Membership income was on budget, and up £2.7k from last financial year.
	+ Stroke development income was marginally down from last financial year, and also down 2.3% against budget.
	+ Albeit considerably lower than last year, when we received in excess of £25k, the main contributor to the overall profit this financial year has once again been the amount of fundraising and donations that have been received.
	+ This has totalled £8.8k this year and is up 47% against the budget.

The main components of the fundraising have been:* + Louis Baylis Charitable Trust who provided a grant of £2,000 for the 2nd year in a row (thanks to Bob and Helen for their work on getting this approved)
	+ Anonymous donation of £1,500
	+ Gift Aid uplift through our relationship with Podium Partners of £1.3k
	+ £1300 raised at the Summer BBQ
	+ £600 raised at the Annual Awards evening
	+ £1000 from South East Swimming for being a part of the Thames Valley Network
	+ £500 from Easy Fundraising. Please do all try and register for this as we receive a contribution every time you purchase an item online via the Easy Fundraising website.
	+ This year’s Swimarathon monies were not received until after the Financial Year but amounted to £1.2k
	+ Additionally, the regular starts and turns courses run by our own coaches, at no cost to them, have added just shy of £2k to the overall net profit.
	+ Although our Open Meet had a disappointing return, thanks to all our Meet organisers and volunteers, the Marlins Internal meets held in May, June and September raised an impressive £3k, and our hosting of the 3rd round of the MKJL raised an additional £1k.

**Expenditure*** Looking at our two main costs this year we were 3% above budget for combined coaching and stroke development costs (including meet attendance), but on budget for pool hire costs.
* ASA fees and all other costs of note have also been pretty much on budget, apart from ‘Courses’ due to the provision of training courses for some of our volunteer coaches, and coaches’ conference attended by Paul.
* We have this year also introduced an additional annual cost, previously unbudgeted; an annual fee of £1.2k for the new website hosted by TeamUnify.

**Balance Sheet*** Cash
	+ The bank balances as at 31st March were £39,440 (+£200 cash) an increase of £10,602 from last year end.
	+ There has once again been a huge amount of effort this year in recovering unpaid debt and putting in place measures to keep this under control going forward.
	+ Debtors as at 31st Mar 2018 are £300 (down from £805 last year).
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| **4** | **Re-election of the Committee:** |
|  | **.1** | * Several committee members have stood down in the past year as follows:
	+ Marketing & Communications – Helen Ridinton
	+ Funding & Sponsorship – Geoff Mornard
	+ Welfare – Helena Wood
* The committee are actively looking to fill outstanding positions and welcome any interest to apply from the membership for the open roles of **Secretary** and **Marketing/Communications.**
* The Executive Committee was dissolved and re-elected as follows:
	+ Chair – Martyn Howley
	+ Vice Chair – Bob El-Hawary
	+ Treasurer – Mel Phillips
	+ Galas – Diana Kennedy
	+ Funding & Sponsorship– Helen Steel
	+ Masters – Duncan McCreadie
	+ Welfare – Shruti Goyal
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| **5** | **Any Other Business/ Q&A:** |
|  | **.1** | **Proposals to be discussed at the AGM*** No proposals or requests from members for items to be discussed at the AGM were received by the Secretary prior to the deadline.
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|  | **.2** | **Questions raised on the night** * The following questions / comments were received on the night:
	1. Masters success and achievements should not be overlooked as this squad is one of the largest income drivers for the club. The appointment of Luke Withers as our Masters coach was positively acknowledged addressing the only action from last year’s AGM and there was a request for him to present a report at next year’s AGM.
	2. Master’s Galas on Nov 10th and County championships o nSept 19th are being organised and are key events in the Masters calendar at the Magnet this year.
	3. Stand space at the planned new pool in Braywick was queried and it still being planned and negotiated. It is expected that there will be marginally less space for spectators than at the Magnet however there will be more space on deck for swimmers and our ability to accommodate more clubs and better/larger changing rooms.
	4. The importance of volunteers in the club was also discussed and it was acknowledged that the club is open to volunteer requests and without volunteers the club would not be able to operate. Thanks and appreciation was given to all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the year to help the club.
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