

## **Boldmere Swimming Club**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

#### **Sutton Hockey Club, Rectory Park**

***Meeting Opened: 19:38***

**Present:**

Executive Committee: Keith Munday, Karen Woodhall

Committee: Ashley Cox, Rob Cash, Michelle Dalton, Elaine Gale, Del Stanger, Natalie Andrews, Sarah Batchelor, Jenny Fowler, Des Burley, Lindsey Powell, Judy Kenyon

**1. Confirmation of register of members entitled to vote**

34 members of Boldmere SC were present and entitled to vote.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies received from: Sharon Ralph.

**3. Chair's Welcome (Keith Munday)**

Keith welcomed everyone to the AGM.

**4. Election of President**

Rob Richardson gave a resume of his year as President.

- Rob formally thanked the club's volunteers, past and present, for giving up their time for free, gifting opportunities and making the club the success it is today.

**Rob Richardson proposed Shirley Wigley as President of Boldmere Swimming Club for the year 2019/20.**

**5. Election of Life Members**

The committee awarded life membership to Rob Richardson and Rob Cash.

**6. Minutes of 2018 AGM**

Minutes of the 2018 AGM were presented and accepted as a true reflection of what took place at the meeting (proposed Des Burley, seconded Natalie Andrews).

**7. Matters Arising from Minutes**

There was one matter arising from the 2018 AGM minutes:

- Ashley Cox to incorporate integration of para swimmers into the aims and objectives of the coaching team.
  - o This was answered in the reports from Chair and Coaching Team in terms of the adoption of the Optimal Athlete Development Framework.

**8. Chair's Report (Keith Munday)**

See attached - **Chairs report\_AGM 2019**

Keith also outlined the Optimal Athlete Development Framework and outlined the committee's ambition to implement this in the coming season.

*Paul Arthur commented that he is very supportive of this and supports the 'swimmer journey' approach.*

## **9. Competitive Section Report (Ashley Cox, Director of Swimming)**

Lead Coaches gave short reports prior to Asley's presentation

See attached - **Director Swimming report\_AGM 2019 and Director Swimming presentation\_AGM 2019**

Highlights from the Lead Coach reports:

Alice Lane (Competitive Bronze):

- Alice outlined her ambitions for the squad: to increase number of swimmers competing, to improve technique and to make sure the squad enjoy their swimming.

Joey Stanger (Performance Bronze; Performance Gold)

- Joey mentioned success of the Arena and Junior Leagues teams last season and talked about the success of the social activities arranged for the squads (rock climbing, tobogganing, etc.).

Lucy Gale (Competitive Gold)

- Lucy described the challenges of coaching such a diverse squad and expressed her pride in the achievements of her squad this season.

*Gaynor Parry noted that it is extremely positive for the Squad to now have a dedicated Lead Coach.*

Ben Campbell (Masters)

- Ben described the squad successes this year and his plans to expand the Masters section

*Paul Arthur complimented Ben on the step change that he has made to the Masters Squad – attributed to Ben's energy and passion*

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Gaynor Parry: Please can social activities be run across squads to include Competitive Squads with Performance Squads (eg Competitive Gold with Performance Gold; Competitive Silver with Performance Silver etc)? This will promote the 'club atmosphere' and will help with transition of swimmers between squads.

➤ **Action: Committee to ensure that this happens in the coming season.**

## **10. Learn to Swim report (Jenny Fowler, Swimming Pathway Officer)**

See attached - **Learn to Swim report\_AGM 2019**

- Thanks to all teachers, who work brilliantly as a team to maintain the good reputation of the club and ensure that swimmers progress well along the swimming pathway.
- Jenny is continuing to recruit new teachers (training on offer) and is also looking for volunteers to get involved in running the teaching programme.

*Keith Munday commented that Learn to Swim makes up 50% of the club and thanked Jenny, Geoff and Lynn Fowler for their dedication.*

## **11. Water Polo Section Report (Rob Cash)**

See attached – **Water Polo report\_AGM 2019**

- Rob described the success of the Water Polo season and showcased the many trophies won!

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

- Ashley Cox: To what do you attribute your domination this season?

- Response: Swimmers, volunteers, parents and website (thanks to Michelle Dalton); recruitment of overseas players working locally; success attracting new players into the club; and most importantly development of younger players – water polo has developed a strong junior section where kids can be challenged and developed into strong senior players.

*Keith Munday encouraged members to go along and watch Water Polo matches on Sundays.*

**12. Treasurer's report (presented by Keith Munday on behalf of Tracy Cope)**

Report available on request (through 'contact us' on the website):

TO NOTE:

- Club reserves low in comparison to turnover. Currently reserves sit at 25% of the desired level. The committee aims to strengthen reserves to keep them in line with the operating costs of the club.
- The Club Shop has made a small surplus this year. Many thanks Lynn Fowler for continuing to run the shop.

*Des Burley commented that a lot of effort had gone into keeping pool hire costs down, but this remains a concern.*

*Keith Munday thanked Carolyn Nash for taking on fundraising for the club and encouraged members and coaches to think ahead about projects that we could make funding applications for.*

*Carolyn Nash reported that she has made grant applications to Persimmon and Swim England and is preparing an application to Sutton Municipal. Carolyn would be interested in talking to anyone (eg small businesses) who may be interested in sponsoring the club.*

**13. Report on Accounts by Independent Examiner**

Emily Evans (Independent Examiner) was unable to approve accounts prior to the AGM due to time constraints. Keith Munday proposed that the accounts would be approved subject to Emily's report and sign-off by the Chair and Secretary.

**14. Acceptance of Annual Accounts**

The 12-month annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 were accepted (proposed – Geoff Fowler; seconded – Paul Arthur).

**15. Election of independent examiner for 2018-2019**

Emily Evans will act as independent examiner for 2019-20

**16. AoB**

No questions / comments at this stage of the meeting

**17. Election of Committee:**

New Members elected were:

Post	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Finance Officer	Kristin Davidson	Keith Munday	Alice Lane
Development Officer	Elaine Gale	Michelle Dalton	Del Stanger
Pathway Officer	Stuart Tonks	Elaine Gale	Sarah Batchelor
Welfare Officer	Lisa Trotter	Natalie Andrews	Sarah Batchelor
Communications Officer	Tom Williams	Judy Kenyon	Paul Arthur
Marketing Officer	Patrick Holly	Stuart Tonks	Natalie Andrews

No other nominations were received for elected posts.

**18. Questions / AOB for the new Committee**

Paul Arthur: Some squads have two weekend sessions (Saturday and Sunday). When there is an Open Meet, both of these are missed, and it is difficult for swimmers to catch up two sessions in the following week.

- ***Action: Committee consider this when planning the session timetable for 2019/20 and to consider other options for catching up sessions (e.g. attending sessions with other squads).***

**Closing comments from the Chair:**

As a Club our challenge now is to not be complacent with our current success. We should aim higher: for our size we should aim for 2 teams in Arena league, 3 teams in Junior League and we should aim to be recognised as one of the best clubs in the UK; a club that can be cited as an exemplar by Swim England.

**Meeting closed: 21:35**