



Orpington Ojays
Swimming Club
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Annual General Meeting- Minutes

12th July 2016

In attendance: Karen Bennett, Russell Nye, Yvonne Ridley, , Mandy Baronti, Berenice Napier, Steve Birchmore, Heid Langdown, Dave Langdown, Jo Barker, Julie Strover, Nicola Donne, Fran Sellar, Helen Magee-Brown, Gina Fazzani, Lorraine Harden, Sandra Gaster, Simon Shipley, Jillian Marsch, Wendy Peel, Clare Folkes, Shauna Hancock, Kate Ridley, Samuel Gaster, Katie Napier, Gina Charleton and Sergio Catania.

Apologies received from: Sandra Miles, Steve Morris

Chair Karen Bennett welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were agreed and signed off as a correct record (proposed by Mandy Baronti, seconded by Helen Magee-Brown).

Chairperson's Report

People were asked to email Fran at fran.ojays@hotmail.com if they would like to receive a copy of the Chair's report.

The Chair announced that there would be changes to the timetable as Sergio planned for the future, there would also be an increase in fees of approximately 5%, due to the increase in costs for pool time, land training and coaches fees.

The Chair thanked coaches for their hard work throughout the year and made special mention of the hard work of the membership team getting all swimmers ASA registered. The Chair also thanked the committee members and stressed the need for people to come forward and join the Committee.

Finally, the Chair made a presentation, on behalf of the committee, to Clare who was leaving the club; Clare was thanked for all her hard work and dedication to the Club over the years.

Treasurer's Update and Auditor's Report

Russell Nye reported a good year financially for Ojays, with a surplus of £19,423. He attributed this to an increase in the number of swimmers and greater success in collecting fees. The Club has made a large surplus in 2015 and is now in a healthy financial position with the balance sheet showing a total reserve of £57,662

Russell announced that he would be standing down but that he would remain on hand to ensure that there was a successful hand over to the incoming Treasurer.

People were asked to email Russell at russell9@gmail.net if they had any questions about the accounts or would like to receive a copy of the accounts and financial report.

Karen Bennett proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record of financial affairs; this was seconded by Fran Sellar.

It was noted that the accountants would not be reappointed; new accountants were needed.

Head Coach's Update

People were asked to email Sergio@orpingtonojays.co.uk if they would like a copy of the Head Coaches report.

Election of the 2016-2017 Committee

The following were elected onto the committee:

Name	Position	Proposed by	Seconded by
Helen Magee Brown	Chairperson	Lorraine Harden	Fran Sellar
Gina Fazzani	Vice Chairperson	Yvonne Ridley	Mandy Baronti
Fran Sellar	Club Secretary	Jillian Marsch	Helen Magee-Brown
Susan Hancock	Treasurer	Mandy Baronti	Karen Bennett
Elena Herbert	Club Welfare Officers	Lorraine Harden	Linda Minter-Payne
Sandra Gaster	Marketing & Social Secretary	Helen Magee Brown	Gina Fazzani
Mandy Baronti	Pool Booking Sec	Russell Nye	Karen Bennett
Gina Fazzani	Membership Sec	Lorraine Harden	Sandra Gaster
Lorraine Harden	Gala & Open Secretary	Sandra Gaster	Fran Sellar
Berenice Napier	Trophy Secretary	Proposed as a group by Helen Magee-Brown Seconded as a group by Karen Bennett	
Sandra Gaster	Noticeboard coordinator		
Simon Shipley	Club records & database manager		
Heidi Langdown	Tadpoles coordinator		
Trish Holmes	Swim 21 Coordinator		

Chair thanked out-going members Russell Nye, Nick Harvey, Yvonne Ridley, Linda Minter and Sandra Miles for their unstinting hard work over the years and welcomed new members:

Confirmation of Life Members

None proposed

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The following issues/suggestions were raised:

Communication

- introduce a quarterly newsletter

- Invite squad reps to quarterly committee meetings
- Software that enables parents to communicate with coaches, report absences, log concerns etc
- New handbook ~ a parent from Silver squad was currently revising the previous handbook

Squad Criteria/behaviour

- Squad criteria ~ Sergio had revised the criteria for each squad which also details what he expects from swimmers; this would be circulated in due course

Squad reps

- Representatives from the lower squads were needed
- Coaches to be included in any email that is circulated regarding their squad

With no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 8.40pm

Fran Sellar