**W.D.S.S.C Annual General Meeting 2019**

**8:30am, 14th March 2020 at Witney Masonic hall**

**Minutes**

Apologies given:

* Kathryn Fuller
* Louise Fuller
* Sue Tan and Weiyen
* Jon Whitear
* Rebecca Green
* Fiona Barnett
* Emma Rothery
* Diana and Millie Benfield
* Sebastian, Dominika and Julia Sosnowska

Attendance:

* Steve and Mandy Fuller
* Karen Bisp
* James, Freya and Millie Parker
* Alison and Kathryn Stevenson
* Andy, Marianne and Eve Ray
* Emma Muir and Phoebe
* Bryony Eaves and Olivia
* Lucy Jones and Dara
* Nicky Turberville
* Lisa Booth and Izzy
* Sara Bolton and Amelia
* Mel Cooke and Maisie
* Fiona Johns and Emma
* Rachel and Poppy Claridge
* James, Freya and Millie Parker
* Dawn and Isabelle Simpkins
* Victoria and Eve Nelson
* Vicky and Sophie Ball
* Kristina Negyokru and Flora

Treasurer’s report: given by Alison Stevenson:

Swimmer Numbers are reducing slightly, pool hire and dry hire are slightly increasing.

Report to follow via email.

Payments out are up to date. 90% swimmers payments checked – underpayments rectified.

Direct communication is invited to clarify correct payments for sessions.

Chairs report attached;

Delivered by James Parker outgoing vice chair.

Voting in of committee members;

Chair: James Parker : Victoria Nelson proposed Emma Muir seconded

Secretary: Karen Bisp : Alison Stevenson Proposed Vicky Ball

Treasurer Alison Stevenson Karen Bisp Proposed Andy Ray seconded.

Welfare Officer: Victoria Nelson James proposed Mandy seconded

Partners liaison : Fiona Johns proposed James Mel

Swim Mark assistant coordinator ; Lucy Jones Proposed Victoria Nelson Rachel Claridge.

Swim Mark Coordinator Mandy Proposed Karen Alison

Membership secretary Vicky Ball Proposed Andy Steve

Press Officer and Social Secretary: Bryony Eaves and Emma Rothery Proposed Phoebe Muir and Eve Ray

Disability Officer Dawn Simpkins Proposed Vicky Ball nominated Mel

Workforce coordinator Sara Bolton Proposed Mel and seconded Phoebe

Uniform and Kit coordinator: Emma Muir agreed to continue for the current time – to be assisted and succeeded by Mel Cooke

Committee formed and voted in

Uniform and Kit update:

Our current Supplier has been providing poor quality uniform which is of increasingly poor service. Continued to use and since they have shoddy and poor quality – a large order required to be refunded last Nov. Emma has been sourcing a new supplier who can provide a one stop shop in order to obtain the same kit from child to adult sizes, based in UK.

Minimum of 10 items at a time – bulk orders to be made. Separate items can be ordered, the company do not require a tracksuit to be ordered together.

Trying to source t shirts, shorts, jackets, trousers and backpacks.

New prices are greatly increased from previous supplier

Logos will be stitched not transfers.

T shirts/short £15.

Trousers and jacket around £30

However, it will now be required that we change Logo to Artistic Swimming so there will be a delay in ordering new kit. Emma plans to develop an order spreadsheet so that it will be easier to consolidate everything on one place.

Storage : Rays have offered.

Feedback from conference Dec 2019.

Coaches: Email out further information from Kathryn.

Overview of land grades. – not used for qualification for anything – Grades 1-5 and can be done in club, covering several different sections. Concerns regarding manual handling. Practical seminars to be led.

Use of different gymnastic equipment. Some elements will not be safe. Therefore choose particular items.

Routine grades may hold additional value for competitions. Jan 1st 2018 – Routine grade will be applicable to the grades the swimmer held then. Will be seeking to achieve these qualifications asap. 7 swimmers completed grade 1 recently. Clubs can get together and work on routine grades in order to achieve levels.

AOB: None

Next AGM meeting Sat 13th March 2021

Chair Report 2019-2020

The Club attended 5 competitions in 2019 and 1 so far in 2020 and achieved 16 podium places -new restrictions on minimum numbers in Teams mean that in 2020 the numbers of competitions we will be able to enter is more restricted and we will have to merge age groups.

In 2019 Kata Soros and Eleanor Bisp were selected to the SE regional Squad and attended several training sessions ahead of trials that were held for a squad to compete abroad in 2020. Following trials Kata Soros was selected to continue with the Squad.

Louise Fuller was chosen as a Coach for the SE regional Squad for 2019 and 2020.

Kata Soros and Eleanor Bisp were selected as part of the Beacon training squad for 2019 competing in the Beacon Games from their National Age Group results.

We also follow with interest the progress and successes of Laura Turberville as a member of the GB Team.

Grade Day passes were at an 74% pass rate in 2019 and so far in 2020 are 88%– we currently have 7 swimmers who hold Figure Grade 5 with 4 of them at Silver level.

A squad of 5 swimmers qualified for National Age groups in 2020- 2 x12&unders, 3x 13-15 years.

We will be taking a squad of 7 swimmers aged 15+ to British Champs in April.

The Christmas Breakfast & Display was well attended, and proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

The Club passed its biennial Swim Mark full assessment and is currently awaiting approval from the National panel for the latest Health Check – Club passed the regional panel in February.

We would like to thank all outgoing Committee members with special thanks to Jon Whitear and Nicky Turberville for their continued support over several years and we wish them well for the future.

**Officials Training:**

Witney coaches attended a National Coaches forum in Loughborough, a Seminar by a Canadian National Swimmer. Kathryn was also selected to attend a course towards Level 3 coaches’ qualification.

Kathryn & Louise passed their Level 2 Judges exams.

Steve has taught several Level 1 judge courses for the other Regions and has Refereed six competitions including mentoring the Referee at British Championships, assistant Referee at Combo Cup and the National Masters Championships.

Steve has also acted as a Referee mentor to qualifying referees from the East region and has been appointed as Referee Tutor for upcoming courses.

 **Membership**

Currently we have 34 swimmers in Club. In 2019 we welcomed 10 new swimmers but unfortunately 13 swimmers left over the course of 2019.

Swimmers Age Groups are 11 in the 12& under group (only 3 in 9-10 yrs.), 13-15 years =16 swimmers, 16-18 years 7 swimmers.

All Synchronised Swimming Clubs have been instructed to change to being “Artistic” swimming Clubs to align with FINA & Swim England requirements. These changes should be made before January 2021. This will entail changes to logos, paperwork, constitutions and licences and various other official documentation. The Committee will be working hard to minimise the stress of these changes for everyone.