

**MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BOROUGH OF KIRKLEES SWIMMING CLUB HELD ON
TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2008 AT 7.00pm AT THE GALPHARM
STADIUM WITH JULIAN HOLDSWORTH IN THE CHAIR**

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Joanne Hinchliffe, Dawn Canham, Maggie Reidy, Phil Mcgrath – joined the meeting part way.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes passed as a true record – proposed Martin Mosey/seconded Julian Holdsworth.

MATTERS ARISING

It should be noted that this year the club hasn't had a problem with volunteers coming forward to help run the club. Batley now have new volunteers that have come forward to take over from Janice with regards to gala entries etc. The number of people attending tonight AGM is very encouraging. Many people have also come forward to volunteer to attend several time timekeepers courses.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to discuss.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Julian Holdsworth

If my sums are correct and we did have an AGM in the first year of the forming of The Borough of Kirklees Swimming Club then welcome and thank you all for attending the 27th AGM.

At the last AGM we had the club's 25th anniversary to mention; this year we haven't had any particular event to celebrate, other than the ever increasing fantastic results the club and individuals are attaining from the many different swimming meets we attend around the country and abroad.

The club is made up of groups from the different swimming disciplines, age group and senior competitive swimmers, syncro, special needs and masters. Some of the disciplines will have new swimmers joining and these new swimmers (with support) will go towards maintaining the high standards the club has achieved over the last 26 years.

On the whole a swimming club can only be run with the help of volunteers, likewise a gala. I would like to thank all those people who help out and are involved with the club and with the running of the club, these include: - the coaching staff (both here and at Batley), the committee members, the officials and referees who help out at the galas, the squad reps, all those parents that help organising the meets that BOK attend, in the whole everybody who helps towards this being a very popular and successful club.

On a final note; I'm sure that the majority of us lead quite a hectic life and sometimes offering your services to help out is another one of those thankless tasks however, it is very important to the club's future that we keep getting as many parents and helpers involved with the activities the club is likely to undertake and without volunteers a lot of what we do cannot take place.

HON TREASURERS REPORT: Shirley Beaver

Income this year of £39,679.74 and expenditure of £40,826.60 means that this year we had a loss of £1,146.86 although this would have been £2,296.86 if the sponsorship for the 2009 Open Meet had not been included in this year's income.

A high proportion of our expenditure is in various subsidies such as entries for Yorkshires, North Easterns and National events at £2,795.25, accommodation and transport at £959.76 and for the training camps at £2,567.33. The committee consider that this money is well spent but it also means that the money raised by the Finance committee £3,451.30 this year along with the money from the Open Meet and the swim shop is vital for the continuation of these subsidies, particularly as the interest from our Bank and Building society accounts is likely to be less in the coming year. I hope that everyone will give their support to Madeline and her band of helpers. I would also like to thank Julian and his many helpers for organising the Open Meet and Dawn for running the swim shop which made a profit of £1,230.00 this year.

Shirley explained that on the reverse of the income and expenditure figures she had summarised the figures to show the subsidy each child had received from the club depending on which camp they had attended.

CHIEF COACH'S REPORT: Martin Mosey

Please see attached report. The report also includes a report on behalf of BoK Synchro Swimming Squad.

Two Borough of Kirklees swimmers were selected to represent GB in the World Downs Championships held in Portugal in November, 2008, Joanne Kempley and Kelly Robinson. Joanne had the swims of her life to take silver, a fourth and two fifth places.

FINANCE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Madeline informed the meeting that a raffle was held at the summer Tiger Sharks gala. The sweet shop and the 100 club continue to bring funds into the club.

The autumn annual raffle has seen sales of tickets up by £350 this year. Madeline would like to thank all the squad reps for all their help regarding the ticket distribution and their prompt return given the time constraints involved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman:	Julian Holdsworth
Hon Treasurer:	Shirley Beever
Hon Secretary:	Lynda Flanagan
Finance Secretary:	Madeline Blackford
Membership/Registration Secretary	Joanne Hinchliffe
Squad Rep:	Judith Buck
Batley Rep:	Bryan Regan
Auditors	Weawill & Sudworth

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2009

The Executive Committee proposed that due to the substantial increases in the ASA fees this year that there should be no increase in the club membership fees.

The proposal was agreed by the members present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sue Cornish wanted the meeting to be aware of the excellent support she received at the recent English Schools galas at the Huddersfield Sports Centre, many thanks. Sue also made the meeting aware that there will be more English Schools galas at the Huddersfield Sports Centre in 2009 and continued support for these from the club would be greatly appreciated.
2. Phillip Morrison wanted to bring to the attention of the meeting that he had recently attended an officials meeting and that from 2010 all officials at open meets will need to be licensed at a cost of £10.00 per individual. The role of officials at galas is voluntary and the consensus of the meeting was that many people wouldn't be willing to pay the £10.00 for a licence and this would mean a shortage of officials and maybe not enough to run open meets. A £10.00 licence will last for 5 years. The new licence fee will be on top of the fees that officials currently have to pay.

Philip urged all officials to write individual letters of complaint regarding the proposed £10.00 licence fee.

Action: Phil Morrison to liaise with Phil McGrath with the details of the licence.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm