

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 27th September 2019 at 6.30pm at Clissold Leisure Centre Café, Clissold Leisure Centre

Procedure: The procedure for the AGM is detailed in the Club Constitution which can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.hackneyaquaticsclub.org/constitution>.

Attendees: Chris Ogden, Katie Clough, Ruth Girardet, Claudia Lipsey, Stephen Roberts, Zoe Burgess, Jen Dickson, Heather de Silva, Sylvie Lachmann, Simon Porter, Elena Buchberger, Claire Butler Brown, Mona Marzouk, Sinisa Rodic, Elizabeth Crawford, Jerome Lessard, Val White, Karen Higgs Smith, Marjorie Aissani

Apologies: Richard Hall, Johanna Kaschke, Minna Harrison, Jo Phillimore, Frauke Westgate

1. Approval of Minutes

Following introductions of the Committee, the AGM approved the 2018 Minutes as a true recording of that meeting.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report which is attached. The Chair gave particular thanks to Committee members, volunteers who were present/ not present at the meeting and coaches. The Chair paid tribute to Sakina Syed and Nicola Taggart, both of whom are stepping down from the Committee. The Chair congratulated Rick Hall on the birth of his son and thanked the entire coaching team, and in particular Dylan Cross and Astrid Wharton for their hard work at the beginning of the season.

The membership secretary gave a brief overview of the entire club consultation which took place during June 2019, and the results of which can be found on the website.

3. Head Coach's Report

The Chair then summarised the key points of the Head Coaches' report (also attached), and in particular highlighted our significant success in team competitions, including promotion in the Arena League (again!), success at the M11 and the continuing growing numbers of Regional Medallists and National qualifiers. The report also made special mention of two new projects: our Para Swimming squad which was started in spring 2019, and our Open Water swimming sessions which were met with much demand. The Head Coach gave particular thanks to Astrid Wharton for stepping in at the end of last season and covering a wide range of squads after Richard Beard left.

4. The Accounts

Please see the accounts and Treasurer's reports attached to these minutes. The Treasurer highlighted in particular the way in which we had been able to build up some reserves (though still far short of the recommended three months of cashflow) and the significant number of swimmers who have been supported through our Access Fund and generous individual donations. The Accounts have been independently checked by club member Jo Phillimore. The members unanimously approved the accounts.

6. Committee Positions

The Membership Secretary introduced the committee positions and commented that a record number of members had been willing to join the Committee, making the new proposed committee the strongest it had been in several years.

The following were voted onto the new committee by the meeting:

		Proposed by	Seconded by

Chair	Chris Ogden	RG	CL
Club Secretary	<i>vacant</i>		
Treasurer	Claudia Lipsey / Jo Phillimore	CO	KC
Welfare	Katie Clough	CL	RG
Membership Secretary	Ruth Girardet	CO	CL
Swim21 Co-Ordinator	Claire Butler Brown	CO	RG
Workforce	<i>vacant</i>		
Competitions Secretary	Stephen Roberts	RG	CO
Sponsorship Officer	Elena Buchberger		
Masters Rep	Bridget Atherton	CK	RG

The following positions remain vacant: Club Secretary, Workforce. The Chair made it clear that the Committee may have to fulfil dual roles or appoint members that come forward in the course of the season to fulfil these duties, as the Committee cannot function without a Club Secretary.

7. Any Other Business

There was a Question and Answer session with the Chair and members of the Committee, at which the following were discussed:

- Landtraining for Age squads - when will it start properly and what will be the specific elements of the training
- Changes in pool time - is the Committee trying to find another 30 minutes for the County Dev squad which has had one of its sessions cancelled at short notice
- Support for parents around competitions - what can we do to support parents more around competition entries, particularly those

new to the sport

The following actions were agreed

- The Head Coach and coaching team will explain the full land training programme once this has been finalised for October
- The Committee continues to engage with GLL and the Council to optimise pool time
- The Competition Secretary & Chair will make themselves available on regular Fridays for informal Q&A sessions on competing. We will also try to identify experienced parents in each squad who can help explain and answer questions on an ad-hoc basis.

The meeting was closed at 8pm.