

Haverfordwest Seals Swimming Club
Committee Meeting
Tuesday 26th September 2017

Start time: 19:08

1. **Welcome, Attendance and Apologies**

Attending: LG, AK, Ger B, GB, JW, CW, ML

Apologies: DW, JT, SH

1. **Minutes of previous meeting.**

- a. Minutes still in draft form. To be revisited at next meeting.
- b. Matters arising from minutes. Brief discussion regarding restarting the club newsletter.

3. **Reports**

a. **Membership Sec.** 96 members currently

b. **Treasurer.** See attached details provided by JW.

Fuel cost paid out for coaches to Loughborough for training. £7.50 paid for web domain hosting. This is the final payment for web hosting. £9600 closing balance. £400 pool hire to go out for club champs Sunday.

LT and SB awarded £100 each for nationals. £4K to go out total. £2.8 to come back in. Discussion about the blocks - we are currently looking to fundraise for one and we are hoping other clubs will also contribute.

ML to ask Jack about Lidl.

AK will approach Valero.

Could Swim Wales help?

JW is always looking for funds and applying.

Blocks would cost £1259 each.

b. Fixtures.

Entering a busy time in the fixtures calendar.

Forthcoming galas include

- Club Champs – now closed
- County Champs – now closed
- Neath – now closed. Entries confirmed as accepted. This meet is also being targeted by county. PCS swimmers are being entered by County.
- Sub regional galas – closes 20th October

Tudor Shield gala has been cancelled.

Colours Gala postponed until the new year – limited availability this side of Christmas.

A number of new swimmers have been encouraged to enter galas. No opportunity run through the required procedures for submitting entries and guidance.

Re circulation of “Help us to help you” to be forwarded to all parents new and old as a reminder. **Please could they be reminded of this?**

Setting up new swimmers on Team Manager has been an additional burden for the fixtures team at an already busy time. In the future it would be appreciated if new swimmers could be registered well in advance of gala closing dates.

A number of parents have been disappointed to have missed closing dates despite notification of closing dates being posted well in advance.

Numerous parents have changed their entries once submitted to the fixtures team increasing the workload – not very helpful

Please could they be reminded of this?

d. **Team manager.** Coaches meeting postponed due to county selection. Some movements between squads. Always assessing numbers and checking whether swimmers' loads are appropriate. We will look at after next selection.

Loughborough went very well. Hollie enjoyed this and helped in the summer, as did BM, LT, DK and J T. The committee thanks each of them for their generous contribution to the club.

4. **Seating update** in spectator area. 2nd June email reply . Damage caused/misuse previously. "It's on the wish list". Spectators are advised to use the upper chairs for now. The seats will not be replaced "at this time". The club now needs to respond with this update. **JT to communicate from club account.**

5. **Chlorine levels in pool.** Swimmers and parents have noticed bleached swimming trunks and hair! PH levels are up in the pool (too much chlorine). It's within the allowed range though. People have complained about having a dry mouth. That's due to the ventilation apparently. Club to monitor and FOI request to be raised with county council to enquirer about the PH levels for last 2 months and other relevant data. Safety of swimmers is paramount. **GB to draft request.**

6. **Job roles.** Still awaiting a few job descriptions from committee members.

7. **New swimmers.** Follow a procedure e.g. Give welcome pack etc. We want new swimmers and parents to be able to put names to faces in terms of our volunteers.

8. **Recruitment.** Another coach or two to alleviate pressure on regulars would be helpful. GB is stepping in frequently to cover which is unfair on him. **GB to contact squad parents.**

9. **Secretary position.** JoT away so this is to be added to next agenda.

10. **Coaching during HT.** As little as 3 swimmers for some 2 hour sessions. Suggestion to combine sessions/squads. Look at for next Easter or even Feb half-term. Shared sessions is perhaps the best way. This can be **discussed at next coaches meeting.**

11. **Juniors/masters.** New group of 5 swimmers is going very well on Monday and Thursday. There is also a 6am session (til 7:30 or 8am) if of any use. It may also be possible to get 6-8pm on Thursday to extend the session because the club previously used these lanes and gave them back due to previously lower numbers.

Idea to advertise masters. **ML to encourage further members.**

A previous member may like to join but he will have to be on the club direct debit too even though he is only back for a year.

12. **Inter district gala.** Due to Pembroke's absence we will enter 2 teams. E.g. A team V Milford and a team V Tenby. White and Navy teams of equal strength. We would like to

ensure relays for all and mix up our swimmers. For 9 and under, there are not enough individual swims which presents a problem. Proposed for a Monday, training night.

13. **Xmas party. 9th December.** Rugby club booked. Tickets to go on sale. £5. Coaches and committee to go free. DW to get santa. Graham Elliot to DJ. GB to sort out food. Laid back evening as usual.

14. **Tudor Shield cancelled.** We would like to see this running. Club to make it clear we don't want to lose it. **Communicate with Paul Haley.**

15. **Trophies to be back to ML by end of October.**

Jo T to send request from club account. ML at the pool on Monday and Thursday evenings.

14. AOB

a. Club champs date clash issue. Performance Nat and National are doing Swansea aquatics 18th 19th Nov, so our performance swimmers cannot take part in 200 br and 400 free. **To be investigated further.**

b. Club newsletter. We'd like to get these out via WB. We'd also love to have WB registered for galas.

c. Presentation evening. Ribbons again for long dist champs. **ML and GB to organise as usual.**

d. Coaches for Neath. It would be useful to have a standard warm up drill. PCC have standard ones.

Finish: 20:23