



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Croydon Amphibians Swimming Club Meeting

Sunday, 3rd December 2023 at 7pm

via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Lee Findell, Mike Garvin, Michael Lam, Chris Martin, Didier Sorel, Simone Kelly, Kath Malhotra, Carolyn Browne, Marie Phillips, Mariana Turner, Emma Brown, Karlene Fraser, Patryk Folinski, Paul Lewis, Alison Vyas, Durjesh Vyas, Dan Smithard, Diane Gamble, Jill Williamson, Katy Dolling, David Dolling, Liz Davey, Sophie Golledge, Andrew Phillips, Sandra Fensome, Alan Hodge.

Apologies: Mike Murray, Nick Hallam, Marianne Rooke-Allden. Liesl Chaudhury, Graeme Blair.

Welcome & approval of minutes of last AGM

Lee Findell (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the previous AGM minutes. He highlighted the approved Constitution had been signed off by London Swim England as compliant. The minutes were reviewed and approved by the group.

Chairman's address

Lee ran through highlights of his report (available on website) highlighting the end of his time as Chair and stepping down from the Committee. The appointment of a new Chair would be decided by the new incoming Committee. His main concern was a lack of volunteers for several vacant roles and a need for certain roles to be filled to ensure the club could function under Swim England rules. He specifically called for volunteers for treasurer and co-secretary. Michael Lam is prepared to continue as Treasurer for a limited time until a volunteer comes forward.

Lee thanked all the volunteers on the Committee for their hard work and commitment over the many years he had been a committee member in various roles, Press Officer, Vice Chair and Chair. He particularly thanked Nick Hallam and Graeme Blair for their support and guidance, and to Simone Kelly and Katharine Malhotra. He also acknowledged Emma Brown

for her ongoing commitment as Swim Secretary, and the unenviable task of co-ordinating pool hire, particularly over a challenging period.

Annual Reports 2022/2023 and Treasurer's Report

Reports had been made available in advance on the CASC website via Team Unify. The Treasurer, Michael Lam presented the key points from the Year End accounts highlighting that the club had made a small loss over the year of £1K. This was an improvement upon last year's accounts, where there had been a loss of £8K.

Due to the Covid pandemic there had been a need to use some of the club's reserves over the last 2 to 3 years. Fees had been increased last year and it was believed that next year the full account should show a small profit.

Lee called for a vote to approve of all reports.

Proposed: Carolyn Browne

Seconded: Emma Brown

Reports Approved

Election of Officers: The following Committee members were re-standing:

Club Secretary	Simone Kelly
Treasurer	Michael Lam (fixed term)
Membership Secretary	Didier Sorel
Welfare Officer	Mariana Turner
Swimming Secretary	Emma Brown
Trophy Secretary	Liesl Chaudhury
Vice Chair / CBSA rep	Marie Phillips
Waterpolo Secretary	Chris Martin
Masters Secretary	Marianne Rooke-Allden

It was acknowledged that a significant number of the current Committee had stepped down and whilst some volunteers had come forward and been covering roles, several posts remained vacant.

Nominations for the following roles were received:

Competition Secretary	Sophie Golledge
Joint Club-Secretary	Karlene Fraser
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator	Marie Phillips

Swimmark Coordinator	Maraina Turner
Arena League Secretaries	Katy & David Dolling
Volunteer Co-ordinators	Hollie Sime & Mel Rumpf
Press Officer / Comms	vacant
Web manager role	vacant

Proposed: Lee Findell **Seconded:** Emma Brown **Executive Committee for 23 /24 Approved**

Any Other Business

Diane Gamble highlighted there us always a need for more officials as CASC tends to supply the bulk of officials for CBSA. She is happy to speak with new joiner / parents to promote opportunities. Jill Williamson expressed interest and Simone Kelly agreed to share details to link them up. Lee thanked Diane and acknowledged how lucky the club were to have both Diane's support and Nick's work with tech for the running of the club.

Diane also queried whether there was an opportunity to revisit the opportunity for one swimming club to exist for Croydon as potentially smaller clubs might be struggling financially. Lee agreed with Diane's views and reflections and suggested this was a decision for the new committee to discuss and explore as a long-term goal.

Katharine Malhotra called for a unanimous vote of thanks by all present for the fantastic commitment and leadership Lee has offered as retiring Chair.

With no other discussion points raised, the meeting was called to a close.