



Soundwell Swimming Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom
Date: 20th June 2024

Present: Jon, Sarah, Matt Chubb, Emma Dodd, Laura Larder, Claire Kerslake, Louise Phillips, Corinne Moore, Russ Smith, Helen Mills, Marie Trott.

Apologies: None

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Updates and news – Sarah Taylor
2. Treasurer Update – Matt Chubb
3. Welfare Update
4. Head Coach Update – Jon Wills
5. LTS Update – Emma Dodd
6. Camp Update
7. Disputes and Complaints
8. AGM date and vacant committee roles

Key Discussion Points from 28.3.2024

Ref	Key Discussions
1.	Sarah opened by thanking everyone who attended. <u>National:</u> Sarah attended the Swim England Roadshow hosted by the new CEO Andy Salmon. It was a useful session, working in groups to look at the role of Swim England, and where it should be in 5 years' time. There was an opportunity to feedback about the challenges facing swimming clubs, especially smaller clubs, and the need for Swim England to look at impact assessments on smaller clubs on how changes to their policies and procedures can adversely impact those clubs. Swim England are also consulting on the experience of Clubs of their SwimMark process. Sarah has completed a response on behalf of the club. The impact of SwimMark requirements on clubs was raised as part of the Listening Report, particularly on the volunteer workforce. <u>Regional:</u> There were no regional matters to report on this month.

	<u>County</u> There were no County matters to report on. We are hoping to receive a grant later in the year from the Gloucester ASA. This is based on a flat amount, plus an uplift based on the number of Club Compete members we have. We've provided that information to the County Secretary and look forward to receiving some funding in due course. <u>Club</u> Our sponsorship arrangement with Howden is working extremely well. We were grateful for James Miles attending the Club Champs, handing out merchandise and running a prize draw. As a result of the Howden referral scheme, we have raised £150 for the club already, because of policies taken out by parents. This is an ongoing initiative, and we hope to generate more funds in this way over the next few months. In addition, Howden have agreed to sponsor our Level 3 Meet in December, and I'll be speaking with them over the Summer about what form that will take. Our Club BBQ and Awards afternoon is taking place on 6th July. We are hoping for a good turnout of swimmers and families to celebrate the end of our season. Raffle tickets will go on sale at the beginning of July, and we've had some amazing donations of prizes. Please could you remember to sign-up using the Google form to help with catering numbers – there is no charge for food, although our camp swimmers will be having a cake sale to raise funds.
2.	<u>Treasurer update</u> Matt updated the meeting on the actual money received over the past month, compared with the cashflow forecast. Squad numbers are slightly down compared to last month but remain good at 88%. We are hoping to see some of our remaining places filled as Ashley comes the end of his pathway at Longwell Green. We have had good kit sales this month, including the towels and tops for new squad members. We have also received sponsorship money from Howdens. Club Champs went very well and brought more funds into the club than predicted. Sarah purchased new medals this year for the competition which were well received by swimmers. We have enough medals left for next year's Club Champs.
3.	<u>Welfare Update</u> There were no welfare matters to update this month.
4.	<u>Head Coach Update</u> Training Jon advised we have finished the endurance base for training and are now working into the quality phase in the lead up to nationals. The open water sessions were a success and there was a great turn out where swimmers were able to gain experience training/racing against new swimmers. The location was also very good and much cleaner than previous lakes used.

	Our new coach David has settled in well. He assisted last Friday evening training to get a feel for the squad and ran Wednesday's session. Competition <u>Soundwell Club Champs</u> Another great championship, with lots of younger swimmers getting a taste of competitive swimming. We will potentially look at running this meet on our own next year. A massive thank you to all of the organisers, officials, TMs and support staff. <u>Junior arena round one</u> Soundwell used the times from our club champs for submitted times. We look forward to getting back into the gala format for the last round.
5.	<u>LTS update:</u> - Lessons are running well as we approach the end of the season. We have marked Drowning Prevention Week with different activities to suit each level. - The first skills and knowledge sharing session took place between coaches and LTS teachers at the beginning of June. This went really well, focusing on communication and front crawl, and more sessions will go ahead in the future.
6.	<u>Camp update:</u> Thanks to everyone's support of the cake sale at Club Champs. All remaining sealed shop bought cakes will be offered at the club shop and taken to the BBQ. No other activity on camp for the moment.
7.	Disputes and complaints: None
8.	AOB: None
	OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OUR AGM ON THURSDAY 11th JULY AT 7.30PM ON ZOOM