

HATFIELD SWIMMING CLUB AGM

Wednesday 22nd May 2019 @ 6.45pm

MINUTES

Present:

Craig Hunter	President
Ann Quinn	Chairwoman
Clare Yeabsley	Secretary
Mary Carrol	Treasurer
Timea Mark	Membership
Janko Goikovic	Director of Swimming / Head Coach
Graeme Riley	Meets Officer
Michael Yeabsley	Welfare Officer
Catherine O'Hara	Welfare Officer
Clare Davison	Officials
Sian Keough	Committee Member
Susan Ledger	Committee Member
Tulay Norton	Committee Member
Nicola Maddison	Committee Member

Apologies for Absence:

Glenn Jordan	IT / Data base
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Chair's Report – Ann Quinn

2018/2019 has once again been a highly successful year for Hatfield Swimming Club. As Chairperson I have been extremely proud of what the coaches and swimmers have achieved. The club has continued to offer our swimmers the very best in training facilities under the direction of our Head Coach Janko. Along with his Assistant Coaches Daniel, Pippa, Jack and Alex, they all ensure that all our swimmers benefit from their great coaching skills, support and guidance. Thanks to our hard working and dedicated coaching team, Hatfield swimmers and the club would not be as successful as we are without you. I would like to especially thank Janko who continues to ensure our swimmers have the best resources to ensure they can all achieve their potential. Janko has recently added sessions in an endless pool with video facilities. This I am sure will further improve our swimmers' techniques etc. A great opportunity for any swimmer to experience and develop further.

Summer 2018 saw our younger swimmers rocking and rolling in the Hertfordshire Peanut League, with two teams once again competing in Division One. Congratulations go once again to the Rockers who successfully defended their title to win overall and our Rollers who finish a very creditable 5th place, an excellent result for both teams and I am sure some very proud parents. This result means we will for the third-Year running have two teams in Division One, a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the coaches, swimmers, officials, and volunteers that helped our Rockers and Rollers achieve this result.

The end of the year yet again saw Hatfield reach the final round of The Arena league in a very strong position. Once again, I was proud to learn that we had regained our title of London League

Champions and secured a place in the National A Final. This final took place in Cardiff a couple of months ago where our swimmers gave it their all and finished in 4th place. This is an outstanding result as we are up against make bigger clubs and to finish 4th in the country is something everyone should be proud of. The long course training at Luton pool is paying off!!

Last year the swimmers enjoyed several overseas trips all of which take a lot of organisation. To assist Janko in making these trips as safe and enjoyable for all swimmers the club now has two very experienced Trip Co-ordinators. My thanks go to Beata and Jeanine Blight who have volunteered for this position and I am sure they will both be working hard together to ensure all future trips are highly successful for not only the swimmer but for those parents that also like to attend even if it is just for the sunshine and not the swimming training!!

I would like to thank all our coaching staff for their continued hard work and dedication, encouraging our swimmers at all levels to achieve their best. You are all a credit to the club.

Synchronised Swimming has continued to grow during the last year and under the direction of Amy and her team of assistants the swimmers have gained numerous medals and titles. Well done to all involved and let's hope the success will continue in the current season. I look forward to reading about any future achievements in the clubs Newsletters.

One other success I would like to especially mention is that of Louise Fiddes. Louise is a Disability Swimmer coached by Janko and has enjoyed a very successful season last year and recently Louise has qualified for the 2019 World Para Swimming Championships, many congratulations Louise.

Hatfield has continued to be Performance Club with our Swim Mark Performance status regained again this year. Running a performance club with a dedicated team of coaches involves a considerable amount of expense. These costs are ever increasing, more water space, new equipment etc and running our own Open meets and Club Championships are a necessity to help raise funds. My thanks go to Graeme Riley, Glenn Jordan and the rest of the team in the control room for running our Open Meets. This year the team have introduced live streaming of the action in the pool and live results, well done you are a great team. It is a highly pressurised role keeping our meets on track and I am sure myself and Craig do not help much as Referees asking for paperwork and results etc. Without these much-needed funds Janko and his team could not offer the superb training, facilities, and water time that we have available to all our swimmers.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big 'thank you' to all volunteers especially Jenny Pritchard and Heather Stott that help make our Open Meets successful, from those that run the medal table, man the entrance table to those that supply the food for coaches and officials, many thanks to each one of you. If there is anyone that would like to help at one of our open Meets, our next one is on June 29th/30th I am sure that Jenny Pritchard would be only too happy to hear from you.

Finding Officials for our Open Meets is and continues to be a struggle to fill all the roles needed to run the gala successfully. I would like to give a huge thankyou to Claire Davison for continuing in this role of finding officials, Claire has done and continues to do an amazing job in finding officials for all our Open Meets in difficult circumstances. Well done Claire. If anyone is interested in becoming an Official, and I can say it beats sitting upstairs in the balcony in a hot and humid atmosphere and we even feed you!!, then please do speak to Clare who will only be so happy to give you advice and find a course for you to attend. Thank you to those parents that have become officials over the last year or who have improved their qualification it does make Claire's job easier when having to fill all the positions needed to run one of our Open Meets.

The club shop has continued to be major success during 2018. Jane Farrow, along with the help of Clare Davison, Tulay Norton have increased the variety of stock, coped with our sponsors Swimzi and Speedo and continued to make payments easier for parents by the card payment. The shop is a major source of income for the club, funds which have been used to ensure we have enough water space to accommodate all our swimmers. The club shop can now be seen at The Swim Centre but also at all our Open Meets. A big thank you to you all.

If anyone is interested in providing help to sell stock or take orders at The Sports Village, please come, and speak to myself or Jane. Swimmers and Parents do not always find the time to attend the shop at The Swim Centre and so we need someone to help Jane with running our Club Shop over here at The University.

Getting up to date information out to parents continues to be our priority. With the help of the club desk at The Swim Centre and our website along with Newsletters, emails etc I hope that everyone is kept well informed as to what is going on within the club. My thanks go to Timea, Clare, Janko and Glenn for ensuring this happens. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Glenn and Timea additionally for keeping the club membership up to date, enrolling all new swimmers, and registering them with the ASA. This is not always an easy task so a big thank you to you both.

Catherine O'Hara together with Michael Yeabsley continue to do a fantastic job as Welfare officers for the club, ensuring our swimmers are well cared for. This is a particularly important role within the club, it is imperative that all our swimmers have someone who they can contact when they have concerns feel vulnerable and need protecting. The club has also identified the need for an Inclusion Officer, and I am pleased to announce that Poornima Kirloskar-Saini has volunteered to assist the club in this important role. It is essential that anyone who comes in constant contact with the swimmers is DBS checked. Please speak to Catherine or Mike to find out if you need to be checked. Thank you to you all in ensuring our swimmers are in a safe environment.

The role of Club Secretary was taken on by Claire Yeabsley last year and Claire has been doing an amazing job. Thank you, Claire, for your continued support not only to me but the club also even when you have had difficult personal circumstances to deal with. Claire has always been available to offer advice or meet and discuss things so many thanks Claire.

Now I have to say a Goodbye. I would like to thank Mary Carroll for her continued support as Club Treasurer. Mary has given much of her free time balancing the books of the club and with Janko and Daniel demanding more water time, new equipment, and coaching staff, it is a challenging task. Mary has ensured that the club is financially secure, produced accounts for us to view in committee meetings, ensured all bills and coaches are paid and finally has supported me in many ways even when I have badgered her to purchase more equipment or employ a new coach. Many thanks Mary, the club would not be in the secure place it is financially without your brilliant work. Mary will not be standing as Treasurer for the forthcoming year, that position has now been filled by Graeme Riley. Graeme will be continuing the hard work in keeping the club financially sound. Many thanks Mary enjoy your time now with your family.

Mary I would like to present you with this bunch of flowers from me as a thank you for your hard work over the years and your continued support to me and the club.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to our President Craig Hunter, it is great to see Craig here tonight and I cannot wait to hear what he is going to say!! Craig continues to support me and the club throughout the year either by Refereeing at our Open Meets or on the end of an email offering me guidance. It is a great honour for Hatfield Swimming Club to have Craig as our President

and I am extremely grateful that he continues to give so much of his time and expert advice to the club. Thank you, Craig.

On a more personal note I would like to say how touched I was at our Presentation evening/Christmas party last December to be presented with a wonderful bouquet of flowers and to hear such kind word said about me. I have been involved with Hatfield Swimming Club for nearly 20 years now from when my son and daughter first started swimming for the club, to becoming an official to help the club to now being Chairperson. I am extremely proud and honoured to be associated with such a fantastic club and work alongside an amazing coaching team, committee members, volunteers, parents, and swimmers.

I would like to finally express my sincere thanks to all my Committee Members, to our President Craig Hunter and, I would like to record the thanks of the club to the Trustees of Better Leisure at Hatfield Swim Centre and Hertfordshire Sports Village for their continuing support.

I am sure I may have missed someone and if so, please accept my apologies, thank you all for coming tonight and for your support for Hatfield Swimming Club, long may it continue.

Head Coach Report – Janko Gojkovic

Report attached

Treasurers Report- Mary Carrol

Treasurers Report AGM 2019

During 2018 the reserves decreased by £2k to £89k.

The decrease in reserves was a planned reduction to the club's investment in additional pool time, paid coaches and backstroke ledges during 2018.

The club relies on income from the open meets which run 4 times a year successfully managed by a growing team of volunteers.

Also the shop, managed by Jane, Louise and Clare is another very welcome income stream for the club.

The club have been advised that pool hire costs will be increased this year, the club will meet some of the expenses from reserves, however to ensure the club maintains its strong financial position, the squad fees which have not increased for over three years, will be increased by the new treasurer to meet some of the increase.

Due to ever increasing demands from work and family commitments, I have stepped down as club treasurer and wish Graeme well as the new club Treasurer.

Thank you to all the members for supporting the club in 2018.

Mary

2018 Accounts Attached

Presidents Report

Craig thanked Mary for all her hard work and for ensuring that Hatfield Swimming Club were in the best possible position financially.

Craig went on to thank everyone for coming and all the volunteers that help run the club.

Craig finished by saying how good it was to see so many people standing on the committee and wished them and the club well for the forth coming year.

Craig then read out the new committee members.

Committee Members / Officer voted in

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