



Dumfries Amateur Swimming Club

Committee Meeting

Meeting on Wednesday 7th July 2023 DGone

Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Martin Lumsden (ML) – President	Anna Dunlop (AD) – General Member	Anthony Ryan (AR) – Head Coach	Claire Hinton (CH) – Membership Secretary
Mark Hinton (MH) - Vice President	Mel Henry (MHen) - Secretary	Michelle Hiddleston (MichH) – WPO	Kay Gordon (KG) - Treasurer elect
		Hazel Hastings (HH) - Treasurer	

APOLOGIES

Chris Kelly (CK) - General Member	Kelly Lumsden (KL) – General Member
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PREVIOUS MINUTES	ACTION
Proposed by: CH Seconded by: MH	
PREVIOUS MINUTE ACTIONS	Change the 6th Sept to 7th
<u>Matters Arising</u> £7000 separate account- two separate accounts, £7k is a hardship fund, usually not used HH will give information to KG KG clarifying ringfenced funds with HH, all smaller amounts are open water. There were ringfenced funds for coaches and training previously.	ML to meet with coaches KG- asking that each fund labelled for what each is

Treasurers report- ML to meet with coaches to clarify how much money is coming in to the club and what is being spent. ML would like each coach to get equal finding.

No funding comes in for Ailsa.

DCI was to bring more members in and the cost of members covers Ailsa's fees.

HH suggesting ring fencing funding
Discussion whether to pay coaches for every hour...

It's as expenses so Ailsa bills the club as a contractor.

Pool Fees- ML hasn't managed to tie Sally down. ML has spoken to Nate, if they changed the sibling rule it would have to be changed for all clubs run by the council.

Sally to provide an official answer however ML thinks this is unlikely.

Highlighted that our swimmers are getting a discounted fee anyway.

AR- council streamlining costs of sports clubs across the council. Eg. Pool fees will be the same across all council pools. Currently Stranraer pay less than Dumfries.

CH- asked about second club, AR to confirm.

Club email addresses- ML chasing one for remaining.

AR asked ML to put all of the new email addresses in to one document once all live
ML and MH- Clarifying how to get the email accounts on to the phones.

ML going to send out the information on how to add the email addresses.

MH- pointed out website is out of date. ML going to email Adam to update email addresses once all up and running.

for. HH agreed to this.

ML to meet with coaches

ML and AR meeting with Stephen Milne

Unify- doing away with squad reps. ML said not a good idea. Emails can be sent through Unify, the push notification disappears after use.

Squad reps will continue at the moment.

Lynn Mann going to take on Meet Manager

ML- only two responses to the request for parents to come forward to take on roles.

Hopes that Unify can be used in the future to communicate with all squads

80% of the club have downloaded Unify so far

Card discussion- receipt and card
Stopping the practice of transferring money to individuals for purchases rather than

Prepayment card discussed rather than a bank account card

ML would prefer that money was spent directly from the club from the club account rather than sending the money to people's personal accounts

Unify has been paid this year

AGM

- Coaches report
 - Numbers a little different, a couple left, uni swimmers have moved on.
 - Dev squads same Owen 4 trialling
 - 7 trialling for juniors
 - Junior squads getting to about 20/20 AR says he would like to get that up a little but ok just now
 - JC a little down, a large group out to NP
 - Time standards- A few more to sprints and relays- these are accurate numbers due to Unify which is better- AR likes the tool
 - Scottish Swim Meet- really good, swimmers peaked at a great time 18 medals which was great
 - A few people made finals and got medals who haven't been before

- Georgia went to British Swim meet- Incredible- hardest working kid in the pool- well deserved medal
- AR hoping she can take that experience on and share with others. Use for her own development. Georgia is a good role model. Kids who are close to G are getting a lot from that and AR looking to get the younger kids to experience this.
- Louise- parents asking when they get to go to a meet with Georgia etc.
- Important for female swimmers in particular- interesting/eye opening year for female swimmers. Georgia is looked up to in the club which is great for the girls in particular as well as the boys.
- Dip and Dash, West Sprints and relays are coming up this weekend and next
- Coaches meeting- good meeting, next 28th September
- Unify- AR trying to use it to see who is here when warm weather camp is on
- Susan, Brooke Rogerson and Lewis Young to help out
- Squad rep- g
- Christine and Susan- Butterfly coaching, Found that it refreshed memory to be able to put in to practice in training
- AR- coaches seminar last week, threw in some thought for making tweaks
- Monitoring Masters swimmer sessions on a Friday- email to them to say i
- WWTC 21st sept 7.15 meeting to take place- Are the swimmers coming too? AD- are the swimmers getting food? AR- yes
- No training Friday 15th-
- Ar running the sat 16th session
- AR has an idea of how we do club champs going forward- he will think about this more
- AR to speak to Louisa after re open water
- Questions for AR- none

- Treasurers report

- Bank looking good, Warm weather been paid in full, one payment to come in for one swimmer-
- £6k in fundraising before £10k coming from Holywood Trust
- Pool Hire- for a 2 day meet- £2500k- this is staying the same
- Hire mini league- £532 dearer than hiring for whole weekend
- No pool hires outstanding
- £1200 for dip and dash, comes out 6months later £2500 advent meet
- Masters- haven't been billed, should be billed every 6 months. Club gets half the fee back. Masters only pay pool fees.
- HH to bill council for 2022 and 6 months of 2023- should bring £5k in KG delighted KG- 5 months is too long to wait for the invoice

Tony thinks Masters should be paying more- they are doing more than double juniors. AR to speak to Sally re masters fees- should this be increased?

- Membership report
Roundabout same as July, waiting to hear about alex, reuben and ? Timea stopping swimming but possibly changing to second club
Second club swimmers- should pay half of their membership fees

A lot of movement between squads CH sent out fee structure to all.
HH has the fee list to check off those who have paid.

Kay didn't get email- try junk

One payment, not staggered. Due end Sept.

HH will print spreadsheet to give to Kay.

Mirren has moved to Dumfries as first club

YDS trialling with Owen, Genga not going to join, to send info to 2 who are joining, 2 may join Daniel may join from Annan and may want to do

5/7- joining

Oleksandra- yes?

Eva Stewart- sick, will come next week

7 offered for September 4 confirmed attending

Possibly another 9 swimmers by the end of the month. 140 for the end of the month? Not a big dip this year.

- Fundraising
 - Warm Weather fundraising ML really impressed by effort here
 - As long as there is some effort, the value doesn't have to be a high value
 - Lynne Mann and Alison have volunteered to fundraise

HH- fun night with race night for kids

ML- monthly numbers draw possibility? Gamblers licence- £20 a year?

- Selling tickets to that outwith club if we have the license
- Looking for someone to organise/run this.
- ML- people who are keen to help
- Cash for Kids- closes 11th Sept. Only issue- morally other clubs have huge overheads who maybe need it more than us? Not sure if it is something we should do?
- Entry needs in within the next 4 days? Discussion on if this is something worthwhile- Committee decision that this is not something for the club this year.
- There are other grant applications we can apply for that are more appropriate.

- Diamond Anniversary

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As discussed before- Awards night that the Awards night next year to be a ball, possibility of Easterbrooke Hall or Hetland Hall. - Not a money maker, make this affordable - ML would like to do something special/nice for it. Would like to involve swimmers in the decision. - Hiddleston- send out a google form to get ideas from kids. - Live band? - Anna/Louisa to get the venue, MHen to sort the band/disco/dj - First week of Sept 2024 - MH- weddings etc, need to book ASAP - Logo- next year logo should have bespoke tshirt and cap with this logo - Fundraise for these tshirts - ML- should we send out the logos to club? Committee yes for general feedback - Microsoft/google form- Louisa to send to all squads - • Media/School • AD raised with St Joes- not being inclusive about swimmers. Anna had a convo with Bern- Not seeing anything in the paper for swimming this is where she picks up a lot of info. • Could we have a form that goes to all schools etc. Louisa volunteered to send this form with info to all schools/media/paper to liase with Lindsay hannay • Team Managers- need to do a report as they are at each meet. • Communication/Wider Achievement Award • Swimmer of the Month- to be kept to the younger squads one trophy for both squads, coaches choice • Young Leaders 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AR- We need 2 (possibly can send 4) HH there is space. Georgia, Rhuari, Rhys, Heather? Possibly? Deadline coming up AR will sort it. • Trophies/Awards night/Trophy Cabinet • This year award night has been sorted- trophies staying 24 trophies for girls and 21 for boys. These to be streamlined and matched for both. To be discussed after this awards night. • Trophies staying in the club all the time. Names go on the trophy and they take a medal away. • Club of the year activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Missed for this year, look at this if we want to do it next year. Scottish Club of the year for next year. - Georgia- Multi use room to be made available for homework club tues and thurs monitored by Georgia - Second hand stuff- Kelly • Dip and Dash- in hand, tombola, ribbons, medals sorted, 7 teams coming (ask martin which ones) 160 athletes, afternoon session bringing forward. <p>Michelle sorting podium. Michelle- looking for a list of volunteers? List available on Just go- link to go to michelle. Michelle dealing with PVGs Louisa going to provide martin with Food prices from Dip n Dash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member photos • AOB 	
MEMBERSHIP REPORT	ACTION
<p>See attached report for full detail. In brief: 6 trialers for August, possibly for Owen</p>	
COACHES REPORT	

<p>See attached report. In brief: National dates have been decided for next 4 years and AR will distribute these when available. Club calendar is being discussed at the next coaches meeting.</p>		
TREASURERS REPORT		
<p>See attached report. Questions for HH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the opening balance include ring fenced funds and other account? <p>Accounts will be more detailed moving forward. There will be cards registered to the club account for President and Treasurer. KG proposing to do budget projections. AR proposed looking at the membership fees and slowing increasing these over the next few years. The fees will remain the same for the current year. CH enquired about a potential reduction in pool fees for 2nd/3rd family members, ML to speak with Sally Fingland about this</p>		<p>ML to speak with Sally re: pool fees</p>
FUNDRAISING		
<p>As the bank accounts are not sustainable in the current climate, fundraising is vitally required. At the present time, sponsorship has not been covering the costs outlaid by the club. It is also crucial that funds are spread evenly across the club. Any ideas welcome!</p>		
MEETS		
<p>Dates are as previous for DASC home meets. Potential for Friday night distance events for the Advent meet, possibly to start this year if agreed by Sally.</p>		
COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
<p>1st Wednesday of the month to continue for the next year. STO Convenor to be a non-executive role on the Committee – all members present in agreement. Louisa Edwards to be notified.</p>		
CLUB EMAIL ADDRESSES		

As we have a domain, Adam (Web designer) can give all emails for the club and can manage the system, including forgotten passwords. All present in agreement to move ahead.		ML to discuss with Adam.
TEAM UNIFY / ACTIVE		
Looking to roll out Team Unify towards the end of July; likely to be a bigger update at the next meeting. No longer using Active system. Possibility of no longer requiring Squad Reps due to broadcast messages, AD identified that younger squads may still require an additional point of contact to Christine or she may get overwhelmed with support requests. Scottish Swimming disapprove of WhatsApp groups for communication		
60TH ANNIVERSARY OF DASC		
ML proposed new mech for the swimmers with a special logo. ML approached Christine to discuss with Russell Milligan (Graphic Designer) re: supporting with this. Discussion of a more formal awards night and for SOY and MIS to be moved from the AGM to the awards night. An organising committee will be required for this. ML to speak to Woodlands Hotel about numbers		ML to speak to Woodlands hotel
AOB		
CH enquired about 50m pool time for training next season; AR looking into this and potentially will approach Stirling.		

Meeting brought to close by ML.

Next meeting date Thursday 5th October 2023 @ 6.30pm at DGOne

DUMFRIES AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As at 4th July 2023

Squads

Masters	29
National	12
National Potential	15
Junior Competition	22
Senior Development	7
Youth Development	8
Junior Development	25
Junior Foundation	16
Total Number of Swimmers	134

2nd Club (*) - Sophie Dodd, Finlay Hastings, Ava Simpson, Jacob Armon, Charlie Hutchinson,
Mirren Gibb,

Life Members - Allister Campbell, Abbie Houston, Sam Johnston, Chris Lowther, Fraser
Lowther, Shannon McClelland, David McGregor, Ailsa Nelson, Christine Proudfoot, Eve
White

New Swimmers

Chloe Hiddleston, Nia Goirienna-Hughes, Katie Brolls, Ophelia Forrest and Will Caven joined
Junior Foundation.

Waiting to see if Rufus is joining.

Transfers

Amber, Ali, Ava, Finlay and Lauren are trialling with National Squad on a Thursday.

Yassin H, Struan H, Iona K, Milli K, Reuben Mc, Nathan Z are trialling with National Potential - hybrid timetable from 5th June.

Teyah, Olivia and Eve now trialling with National Potential on a Saturday morning.

Louis Barr, Moaz Elzagheir, Roman Jewett, Eilidh MacIntyre and Nada Samar trialling on Saturday mornings with Junior Competition.

Leavers

Aimee Harkness left Masters

Trial Swimmers

August Triallers:

Oleksandra Tsybulko

Benjamin Gibson

Duncan McIver

Ganga Nadh

Eva Stewart

Jackson Downing

DASC Monthly coaches report

July 2023

1. Numbers

Competitive groups

Squad	This month	Last month (January)
Junior Foundation	16	15
Junior Development	25	14
Junior Competitive	22	23
National Potential	15	16
National Performance	12	12
Total	90	80

Fitness groups

Youth Development	8	9
Senior Development	7	7
Masters	29	29
Total	44	45

Club total: **134 swimmers**

2. Time standards

Standard	Number qualified
WD S+R	40
WD SC Champs	28

Scottish SC Champs	7
WD LC Champs	28
SNAGs	22(24)
British Championships	0
SNOCs	12
Scottish SM	16
British SM	1

3. Competition reports

- CCML final.
- Kendal Mint Gala.
- SNOCs.
- Sunderland Summer Splash.

4. Upcoming competitions July:

- Scottish Summer Meet
- British Summer Meet
- SE Open Water Nationals
- West District Open Water Champs

5. AOB:

- Upcoming coaches' meeting Thursday 6th July. Three objectives:

-Team Unify demo

-July session schedule

-2023-2024 Competition Calendar

- First in person meeting with Stephen Milne (RDSM) took place Wednesday 21st June. SwiMark+ will be rebranding to AquaMark, the club will attend a governance session in August.
- DASC is taking part in a development programme which should help strengthen the already strong relationship between the local swimming lessons and the club.
- New timetables have started, attendance is being monitored across all sessions. Club structure updated.
- End of season break Friday 28th July to Sunday 13th August

