



**WILTS. COUNTY
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

Founded 1907

Affiliated to the A.S.A. South West Region

President: Catherine Watkinson

1/21 The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held 28th November 2020 Via Zoom 10am start.

2/21 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

3/21 Those present:

President Catherine Watkinson, Chairman Mr. Andrew Ryczanowski, Hon. Secretary Mrs. Michele Greenan, Hon. Treasurer Mr. Geoff Pearce together with the Hon. Asst. Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Nicholls, Past Presidents, Sub-committee Secretaries and Club Delegates as recorded, numbering 38 present.

4/21 Apologies were received from Justine Lawrence, Tony Stratford, Pat Stratford Jean Pitfield and Rachel Costelo.

5/21 Minutes of the 2019 A.G.M. held on the 16th November 2019 had been received and circulated; they were accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

6/21 Matters arising None

7/21 Appointment of tellers: None required.

8/21 Chairman's Report: Andrew (Andy) Ryczanowski

I want to start by congratulating 3 of the County Swimmers for awards presenting this year. Firstly, at the Swim England National awards Kerry Rutherford was presented the Silver award in the Youth Volunteer of the year and Suzanna Hext was presented with the Silver award in the personal achievement category. Secondly, Lily Webster of Chippenham Artistic Swimming Squad was Swim England South West Region Volunteer of the Month for July 2020.

Sadly, this year we lost past County and Regional President and President of Corsham Club Julia Airlie in September. She will be much missed around the pools of the Region.

This has been a difficult year, and no one would have predicted at last year's AGM how the coming year would turn out.

We started with the year with the:

- Country Championships being held in Salisbury, Marlborough, and Swindon.
- Two rounds of the Winter League contested by 16 teams.
- One round of the County Masters event.

Then it all happens. The plans the County and Clubs had for the year were first put-on hold and then cancelled as Coronavirus pandemic struck. However, I am proud of the way

we all adapted and managed the situation and got on with planning for our sport to return. We were helped in many ways:

- Directions given by Swim England through their COVID guidelines
- Support of the Regions with various Zoom forums for Club Chairs, Coaches and latterly COVID Leads
- The County was also active in trying to ensure Clubs were okay and continuing with Management of the county by holding meetings on-line.

During this period, we also had Swim England Stronger Affiliation and push to get Coaches all registered and their qualifications verified. This has meant a lot of hard work on part of the club volunteers. Also, the County's Constitution Team was heavily involved supporting Clubs with getting their Constitutions up to date. I must admit I learned a lot in this exercise having to attend Regional Workshops to see how to construct them in line with the Swim England's 2018 template.

A lot of time and effort was put in by many people to ensure the return to pools could be achieved in a COVID compliant and safe manner. Also, I have heard numerous reports of clubs getting together to present a united front to pool operators to ensure the limited facilities available could be shared fairly among those wishing to use them.

Unfortunately, we were hit by lockdown two on 5 November which put us back on hold. I am sure we are all eager to get back as soon as possible once the restrictions are eased.

Looking at other County activities I am pleased to see diving is well represented in the county.

The year started with the County's two Diving Clubs progressing well with divers coming from all over to train. In January West Wilts Diving lost its pool when Trowbridge closed forcing them to travel far and wide to access appropriate dryland facilities, pool time and access to boards. Then, came COVID-19 and Lockdown 1. Throughout this period both clubs work together to support each other.

Coming out of lockdown and returning to the pool Highworth Phoenix found the operator changing the timing of sessions which resulted in some members leaving. This has put pressure on the club, and they wait the ending of lockdown two to see what the future holds.

For West Wilts attendance has been good and the divers remain enthusiastic but without a home pool. They have travelled over 2,190 miles to access training from January to March, which could not have accomplished this without the support of the divers, parents and committee of club who are still working hard to provide the best experience for the club.

Synchro or Artistic Swimming is also continuing through the Calne Alpha club. I would like to congratulate Lynne Squire who has passed the FINA annual exam for international judges ready for whenever competitions resume.

Masters like the rest was badly affected by the pandemic and following the first round competition in early March which saw swimmers and officials only present the week before lockdown hit and forced the rest of the programme to be cancelled.

Water Pool was planning a good year as numbers attending the County training sessions were increasing and looking forward to competitions over the summer. This is all on hold and we wait to see what happens after restrictions are again lifted.

Finally, I want to give you all a big thank you and for all the support you give to our sport during these difficult times. I also want to thank everybody who is involved with all the sub-committees without you County activities would not happen. I also want to thank all Club Chairs, Secretaries, Treasurers and Committee members as well as all the volunteers who turn up in their own time to help run this sport for all the swimmers of the County and help them to achieve what they do.

9/21 Hon. Treasurer's report - Geoff Pearce the Accounts and auditor's report had been circulated before the meeting. (see appendix 1)

Treasurer's Covering Note for 2019/20 Audited Accounts

Introduction

Clearly the effect of COVID-19 has influenced Competition and all other activities with subsequent financial implications. However, in the 2019/20 financial year the County's overall financial position has improved and the total value of the County Assets has increased from £72,360 at the end of 2018/19 to £78,792 at the end of 2019/20. This takes into account all necessary adjustments for creditors and debtors which are reflected in the Auditors report.

2018/19 Creditors and Debtors

All issues regarding the creditors and debtors shown on last years audited accounts have been resolved. The value of creditors and debtors shown as part of the 2019/20 accounts are significantly less than in previous years, debtors having reduced from £4,179 at 31/08/19 to £952 at 31/08/20.

In terms of the Creditors shown as part of this year's accounts, all have been resolved. The three payments should have been paid in 2019/20 but were not made until after the end of the financial year.

Competition

We were fortunate to have had the main elements of the County Championships excluding the Sprints prior to COVID-19 affecting all subsequent competition, disciplines, and events such as the Development Camp.

Other events such as the Winter League were curtailed or in the case of the Summer League cancelled for 2019/20. The Management Committee has agreed that the Summer League fees will be refunded.

Where competitions were able to take place in 2019/20 such as the Development Gala there was a profit of £2,060 and the cost of attending the Inter County event was reduced from £2,132 in 2018/19 to £1,007 in 2019/20 due to grants received from Swim England.

Affiliation Fees

There has been an increase in total income from Affiliation Fees which is primarily attributable to the increase in the membership fee as agreed last year. The income received in 2019/20 was £12,906 compared to £10,891 in 2018/19.

The Membership fees for 2020/21 have clearly been left at the current rate and I expect will stay at £3 until we return to normal competition and all other activities; however, when this does happen, we should not allow the rate to go unreviewed as in previous years.

2020/21

The uncertainty about what competition and other activities will take place during 2020/21 clearly makes it difficult to plan for the future.

The financial impact of COVID-19 on pool providers could result in some facilities closing but will almost certainly result in increased hire fees and associated costs. The potential loss of spectator income from future events will also increase the net cost of events. We should, also be mindful that future income from Affiliation Fees may reduce if Club Membership declines due to current circumstances.

However, the county is currently well-placed to respond to this situation and perhaps the most important challenge for 2020/21 is how the County can effectively support its Members.

10/21 Hon. Competition Secretary Report: Rebecca Squire.

Due to Covid 19 there has been no competitions other than the county championships where 9 Age Group Best Times, 1 Junior Championship Best Time and 1 Championship Best Time were recorded

11/21 Presentations:

Due to Covid 19 and the small amount of activity in pool clubs had it was felt that The County awards will not be awarded this year other than the Doreen Clark Award as this award is worked on points form the county championships 2020, which were held before the Pandemic closed our sport.

Doreen Clark Development Trophy - 2020

Club	1sts 15pts	2nds 9pts	3rds 6 pts	AGBT 20pts	Total	Total. Memb.	%	Place
Tigersharks	705	297	216	80	1298	236	550.0	1st
S.Dolphin	735	225	144		1104	384	287.5	2nd
Trowbridge	165	117	42		324	258	125.6	3rd
Salisbury	30	81	84		195	172	113.4	4th
Durrington	15	36	6		57	63	90.5	5th
Warminster	30	45	60		135	185	73.00	6th
Calne A4	30	60	6		96	163	58.9	7th
Melksham	75	9	12		96	222	48.2	8th
Swindon	15	36	6		57	193	29.5	9th
Bradford	30	36	12		78	279	28.00	10th
Corsham	45	0	12		57	232	24.6	11th
Marlborough Penguins	0	9	18		27	400	6.8	12th

12/21 Election of Officers:

Catherine has kindly agreed that she will take on another year as County President and Richard Moorhouse has also agreed to hold the post of President elect until next year this will give Catherine a chance to visit clubs and events in the county without hopefully without a pandemic following her.

Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
President	Catherine Watkinson	Management team. Due to Covid19 Catherine's year will be extended until 2021 AGM.	
Chairman (4th of a 4-year term)	Andrew Ryczanowski	NA	NA
President Elect	Richard Moorhouse	Management team.	
Secretary	Michele Greenan	Andrew Ryczanowski	Maurice Cleaver
Treasurer	Geoff Pearce	Andrew Ryczanowski	Michele Greenan

Other Executive Appointments

Welfare Officer (2)	Maurice Cleaver	Michele Greenan	Andrew Ryczanowski
Independent Accountant	Sue Haydon	Dennis Yeomen	Paul Robbins
Asst. Secretaries (2)	Phyllis Nicholls	Michele Greenan	Sandra Yeoman

All nominations were put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Dennis Yeoman posted a vote and thanks to all, seconded by Paul Robbins.

County still needs a second person to take the minutes at Executive Meetings/A.G.M. Maurice has said he will stand this final year so can all clubs please ask if their welfare officer would like to work with Maurice this year taking over from Maurice next year.

13/21 Appointment and Reginal sub committees, confirmation of these nominations were brought to the Executive Zoom meeting on 4th Nov 2020.

Subcommittee members appointments

Finance Committee			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Committee members (4)	Andrew Brown Andrea Christmas Tony Stratford	Andrew Ryczanowski Swindon ASC Michele Greenan	Paul Boniface Sandra Yeoman

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Emergency Committee			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Committee members (2)	Paul Robbins Dennis Yeoman	Michele Greenan Wroughton	Sandra Yeoman

Competition Development & Performance Planning			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Sandra Yeoman	Wroughton	
Specialists	Paul Robbins		
Sub Committee members (4)	Richard Smith Sarah Bailey	Marlborough Swindon ASC	

Education and Development			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Andrea Christmas	Swindon ASC	
One rep from each network (4)	Pauline Livesey	Andrea Christmas	Michele Greenan
Sub Committee members (2)			
Officials Panel			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	David Jones	Wroughton	
Specialists	Sandra Yeoman		
Sub Committee members (4)	Andrew Brown Gary French Tony Stratford	Andrew Ryczanowski Sandra Yeoman Wroughton	Paul Boniface David Jones
Officials Organiser	Richard Moorhouse	Officials Panel	
Officials Organiser Masters	Rachel Moorhouse	Officials Panel	

Masters			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Andy Harris	Sandra Yeoman	Michele Greenan
Specialists	Rob Hart		
Sub Committee members (4)	Konrad Adams Mathew Cruse	Andy Harris Andy Harris	Michele Greenan Konrad Adams

Artistic Swimming			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Clair Murphy	Calne Alpha	
Specialists	Lynne Squire		
Sub Committee members (4)	Lynne Eddy Mrs J Giddings	Calne Alpha Calne Alpha	

Water Polo			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Helen Martin Hicks		
Specialists	Andy Hicks		
Sub Committee members (4)	Andy Strong Chris Selby		

Open Water			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Justine Lawrence	Tigersharks	
Specialists			
Sub Committee members (4)	Alyson Everett	Justine Lawrence	Michele Greenan

Diving			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Mel Sweetman	Oscar Lippiatt	Richard Burbridge
Specialists	Irene Aldridge		
Sub Committee members (4)	Oscar Lippiatt Emily Martin Richard Burbridge Taz Hollingun	Mel Sweetman Mel Sweetman Josh Adam Irene Aldridge	Irene Aldridge Irene Aldridge Oscar Lippiatt Emily Martin

Moonraker Leagues			
Position	Nominee	Voted By	
Secretary Summer	D. Lee	Moonraker committee	
Secretary Winter	R. Hart	Moonraker committee	

Competitions			
Position	Nominee	Voted By	
Secretary Competition	Rebecca Smith	Moonraker committee	

Coaches Committee			
Position	Nominee	Voted By	
Secretary	Lesley Leffers	Coaches committee	

Swim Strategy			
Position	Nominee	Proposed By	Seconded By
Secretary	Lisa Osman	Tigersharks	
Specialist	Paul Robbins	David Jones	Sandra Yeoman
Committee members (every technical sub-committee secretary)			

SWR delegate			
Position	Nominee		
SWR board member (four 4 years 2020)	Diane Lee	Michele Greenan	Sandra Yeoman
Open Water	Alyson Everett		
Water polo			
Coaches committee	Richard Smith		
Para Swimming	Richard Smith		
Swimming Committee	Sandra Yeoman		
Artistic Swimming	Clair Murphy		

14/21 Proposed Executive dates for 2021

Wednesday January 2021,
 Tuesday April 2021
 Wednesday 27th Oct 2021,

15/21 Date of 2021 A.G.M. - Saturday 13th November 2021

Venue: TBC

16/21 Nomination date for Wilts. A.S.A. - 10th October 2021

17/21 Meeting closed at 10.36am



WILTS. COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2020 10.00am.
Via Zoom

NAME	CLUB, OFFICER, PAST PRESIDENT
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Name Attendees:

Amanda Gulliver Tigersharks ASC
Andrea Christmas PP Swindon ASC
Andy Brown Royal Wotton Bassett
Andy Harris
Andy Hicks Water polo
Andy Ryczanowski Chair
Catherine Watkinson President
Clair Murphy Wilts ASA Artistic swimming
Claire Balecke Melksham
Dave Jones PP Officials Panel secretary
Jane Jones Wroughton
Debbie Tibbert Devizes
Dennis Yeoman PP Emergency committee
Diane Lee PP Summer league Secretary
Geoff Pearce Treasurer
Helen Martin-Hicks Water polo secretary
Irene Aldridge Highworth ASC
Karen Heal Marlborough Penguins
Kerri Hargreaves Warminster and district ASC
Lesley Leffers Coaches Secretary
Lisa Osman Events Secretary
Louise Moorhouse Swindon ASC
Maurice Cleaver PP Welfare
Michele Greenan PP Secretary
Nick Owen Tigersharks
Paul Robbins PP Emergency Committee SWR Board delegate
Pauline Livesey PP
Phyllis Nicholls Ass Secretary

Rachel Moorhouse Master officials Secretary Royal Wootton Bassett
Rebecca Smith Competition Secretary
Richard Burbidge Highworth Phoenix Diving Club
Richard Moorhouse President elect
Rob Hart Winter PP league Secretary
Sandra Yeoman PP DPP Secretary
Sarah Norman Durrington Otters
Sharon Graves Durrington Otters
Vicky Clayton Melksham ASC
Vivienne Southan Trowbridge ASC