

York City Baths Club
59th Annual General Meeting
Friday 27th February 2009, 7.00pm start
Mount Function Room

Minutes

Attendance: 30 members signed in the register to attend the meeting.

Introduction: The chairman John Suddes formally introduced himself to the meeting and introduced the Honorary Secretary, Paula Hodgson and Honorary Treasurer, Rachel Carty. The Chairman confirmed that he had been asked to chair the meeting on behalf of the President Adam Baxter.

1. Apologies: Pauline & Kevin Clarkson, Karen Davidson, Anthea Mitchell, Alison Perry, Lucy Stotten & Beccy Suddes.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 29th February 2008 were accepted as a true and accurate representation.

Proposed by: Anna Nicholson

Seconded by: Anne Brennan

Signed by: John Suddes

2. Matters arising;

Mr Clarkson - (referred to Point 3 of the mins regarding the old York & District Swimming Club) – Enquired as to whether we had arranged any swimming events over the last year with other clubs in York?

Chairman – In September 2008, YCBC and NE SC held a gala which the council laid on to celebrate 100yrs centenary, York Council hold Aquatics Forum to which YCBC attends. At the moment there is no appetite for clubs in York to join together.

Mr Clarkson – Confirmed that it was the York and District Swimming Association, not swimming club, as mentioned in the 2007 mins. to which there was YCBC, Fire Brigade, and Police, who would get together once a year at Yearsley to compete. Currently there is over £2000 in a fund which is held in a Lloyds account to which Adam Baxter and Alan Clarkson are joint signatories and this money should be used soon to hold such an event.

Chairman – confirmed that this will be raised at our Exec. Meeting.

Reports

3. Acting Chair -

Mrs Burns – (refereed to) ‘Purchase of more Pool Time’ what is YCBC intending doing about pool time as Top Squad in particular has lost 1.5 hrs Thurs morn and 0.5 hrs Saturday morning and raised the implication that if we were going for Swim 21, the training section may not have enough pool time. 2010 would be too late.

Chairman – Pool time is an issue, we are hoping to resurrect some extra pool time – how at present – honestly we don’t know. If it affects are chances of obtaining Swim 21 for the Development/training section, we will address the issue when it arises.

4. Chairman’s Report – There were no matters raised on the report.

The report was accepted.

5. Honorary Secretary's Report – There were no matters raised on the report.

The report was accepted.

6. Honorary Treasurers Report -

Mr Thompson - Coaching costs – explain differences compared with last year.

Chairman – There has been a reduction year on year by not having two Service Providers throughout the year. Our Service Providers are not paid a lot. The Exec. Comm. will continue to review the fees paid to our Service Providers on an ongoing basis. We did during the year appoint a Service Provider on a temporary basis for the period end of June to end of Nov 2008.

Mr Clarkson - observed the term Service Provider warning on how we define 'Service Provider' in job advertisement and contracts to which the meeting duly noted.

Chairman – Agreed and confirmed that the Club benefits from up-to-date knowledge of Contract for Service Provisions.

Mrs Burns – Why are the subscriptions low compared with last year?

Honorary Treasurer – acknowledged the difference and this was due to the Teaching fees not being split from the teaching subscriptions which are included in their quarterly teaching fees. The membership subscriptions are basically the training sections.

Mrs Johnston – The protected fund – if the club is in a bad position, why have we not used the protected fund to bail us out?

Honorary Treasurer – The protected fund lost £3000 this year.

Mr Clarkson – went on to say that the money is invested on a long term basis; this money was originated from the selling of the City Arms. The money is to be used as a Capital Project. This money is not be fritted away. The potential use of the protected fund is a means of preserving the club and not for the general expenditure account.

Honorary Treasurer – Proposed a vote of Thanks to the Independent Examiner, Mr Clarkson that he had gone through the accounts of the club and he was happy that they were an accurate representation and had concluded the work prior to the AGM.

The report was accepted.

15. Honorary Treasurer – Asked formally if he would be willing to be our Independent Examiner for the operations of the day to day accounts of the club for the forth coming year.

Independent Examiner – Alan Clarkson addressed the meeting and said that he had thought long and hard regarding his decision, he can see the club changing, he was impressed by our website the information which is now on it and that there were reports there for tonight's meeting as it should be. He accepted the appointment.

7. Teaching Section Report – There were no matters raised on the report.

The report was accepted.

8. Coaches Report – There were no matters raised on the report.

The report was accepted.

9. Masters Report

Mr Brown, the Masters Secretary, thanked Mr Lister for compiling the report but he felt that he had not given it justice. Mr Brown went on to say that Mrs Lister, had competed in the National Medals for Masters to which Mrs Lister should be congratulated. Mr Brown was also pleased that Masters were allowed to train at Yearsley on a Saturday morning and he felt that this was a very positive move.

The report was accepted.

10. Water polo Report – There were no matters raised on the report.
The report was accepted

11. Biathlon Report – There were on matters raised on the report.
The report was accepted.

12. Social/Fundraising

Mr Clarkson – Commented specifically to life members with a view to inform them regarding the clubs activities he said that this would produce potential stimulation with interest.

Mrs Johnston – raised the possibility with donations of raising 25p/£1. (Tax relief). Mr Lister indicated a discussion after the AGM as the Exec. Comm. was actively pursuing this status.

13. Proposal to increase Membership

It was proposed that membership should be increased from £35 to £40 wef 01.03.09.

For: 27 against; 0

14. Proposal to increase Social Membership

Honorary Treasurer explained that as the ASA has put its fees up so much that the club has to pay the difference in membership.

It was proposed that the Social membership should be increased from £5 to £7.50 wef 01.03.09.

For: 27 against: 0

Mrs Nicholson enquired if our voluntary teachers were to pay the membership.

Honorary Treasurer confirmed that the Club pays for the Teachers membership to the ASA. It was important to ensure that all Voluntary Teachers and poolside helpers were covered by insurance.

Mrs Brennan – Would it not be a good idea to make all parents/guardians to be social members to generate more income and also when it comes for re election of the Executive Committee the Honorary Treasurer would be aware that they were current members.

Chairman – We will take this into consideration at our next meeting.

Mr Brown – We hire Edmund Wilson's pool, on the balcony there are parents, if anything happened would they be covered under the insurance scheme if they paid the Social Membership.

Chairman – We will discuss this at our Exec. Meeting. and to look at our Insurance Policy.

16. Election of President and Committee Members;

As there were no voting required the election went through on block.

For: 29 against: 0

17. Appointments of Club Captains;

As the chairman notified the meeting of the names of the club captains nominated by the Service Providers. The meeting overwhelmed their support to these appointments all by one.

Vice Captains

The Honorary secretary hand not received notification from the Service Provider as to whether she had been able to discuss with the Parents and swimmers of the proposed

candidates. The chairman said that once we have that information, we would put it as an appendix if everyone was in favour.

For; 27 against: 0

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Any other business;

St Peters School Pool

Mr Clarkson – what is YCBC current standing?

Chairman – We have been having discussions with James Burdess working with them, however, we are keeping our options open, as there is also the new University pool to consider.

Galas

Mrs Johnston – Our January gala is a B grade, could we not open up to an A grade.

Meet Promoter, Mrs Brennan – if we hold our gala as an A Grade, then we have to apply for a different license which would mean that the club would require fully qualified time keepers and officials in all positions. YCBC do not have that resource.

Closure:

The chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and to have a safe journey home.

Meeting Closed: 7.45pm