

# Wolverhampton Swimming Club

## Record of Meeting

### *These draft minutes of the 2005 AGM, to be approved at the 2006 AGM*

Minutes of Wolverhampton Swimming Club 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 at the Connaught Hotel, Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton.

Present:

Mrs C. Ward	Mr. J. Ward	Mr. M. K. Mitchell
Mr. D. Fereday	Mrs. J. Stevens	Mrs. H. Ward
Mrs. A. Burke	Mrs. J. Pacey	Mrs. J. Bradley
Mr. S. Cockayne	Mr. M. Sheikh	Mr. F. Forker
Mr. W. Stevens	Mrs Forker	Mrs C. Cockayne
Mr. P. Millington	Miss M Laybourne	Mrs. J. Cooling
Mr. T. Ward	Mrs J Laybourne	Miss E Cooling
Mr P Dale	Mr B Laybourne	Mr P Millington
Mrs Millington	Mrs J Cook	Mr R hodgkins
Mr S Stimpson	Mr D Cook	Mrs Edmonds

#### **1. The Presidents Address.**

The President opened the meeting .The President then gave her address.  
The salient points were:

- How well the Club is doing both in the pool and on poolside.
- Chris Fox's successes
- Kate Ward's Success
- The Club's Financial recovery
- The enthusiasm of Jane
- The Shark School's success

#### **2. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Peter Fox

#### **3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM**

The minute of the last AGM were approved as a true record of the meeting.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last AGM**

No matters were raised.

#### **5. Annual reports**

##### **a) Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was circulated and accepted by the meeting.

**b) Treasurers Report**

Treasurer's report was distributed. It was pointed out by Mrs Laybourne that the report should have been sent to Members 14 days ago. Mr Mitchell explained that due to other commitments the report was not completed on time. It was also noted that the accounts had not been audited for this year. It was felt that the Members had not had enough time to read the report and it was suggested that a further meeting be held as soon as possible to discuss the audited accounts. Copies of the accounts are to be sent out 14 days prior to this meeting. There was some confusion amongst Members regarding the agreement with Sharks School. It was felt that it might be useful to look at minutes from 11 years ago to find out what was actually agreed. Club accounts will include Sharks accounts in the future.

**c) Competition Secretaries Report**

The report was circulated and accepted by the meeting.

Mr Cook asked the President what level the committee would like the club to aim at for Galas. The President replied that it was up to Jane to put forward a list to committee for approval.

Mr Stimpson asked how Regionalisation might affect the Club. Mr Holmes explained what this term meant and explained that it was not likely to make any difference.

The President was asked why we did not have the use of Central Baths. It was suggested that the Club should lobby local Councillors and MPs and attend Councillors surgeries. It was pointed out that this was something every Member of the Club could do. It was suggested that an Action Group be formed to go to the Council. This is to be considered at the next committee meeting. It was felt that it would be beneficial to invite the person who makes decisions at the Authority to the next meeting. The President agreed to invite this person on the club's behalf. It was suggested that we look at the cost of Central Pool hire prior to this meeting.

**6. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Officers and Committee Members.**

Mr Holmes thanked the retiring officers and committee members for all their hard work over the past 12 months. He stressed that all the work done on behalf of the club is done by volunteers and that any criticism should be positive.

**7. Notices of Motion**

No Motions

**8. Election of Officers**

OFFICE	NOMINEE	PROPOSED
President	Mrs H. Ward	Executive Committee
Chairman	Mr. D. Fereday	Executive Committee
Vice Chairman	Mr. P. Foster	Executive Committee
Treasurer	Mr. M. Mitchell	Executive Committee
Secretary	Mrs. C. Cockayne	Executive Committee

Motion carried En Block

Mr Cook made a suggestion to the President that vacancies for positions on the Committee are not public knowledge and suggested that they be put on the Website. This was felt to be a good idea although each year Membership forms do have a section asking for the names of interested parties.

It was also pointed out that there is no longer a copy of the constitution on the pool notice boards. This will be rectified as soon as possible. Mrs Laybourne suggested that under age Members should be allowed a seat on the Committee. It was pointed out that an under age Member can be co-opted onto the Committee but would have no Voting rights. Martha Laybourne was proposed by Mrs Laybourne and seconded by Mrs Cook. This will be brought to the first meeting.

#### 9. Election of Members of the Management Committee

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Competition Secretary	Wayne Stevens	Executive committee	
Team Manager	Tom Simmons	Executive Committee	
Club Captain	Chris Fox	Executive Committee	
Ladies Captain	Emily Stevens & Emma Cooling	Executive Committee	
Welfare Officer	J Cook	Executive Committee	

Motion Carried En Block.

It was suggested that the Children who swim had no say in the election of Team Captain. It was felt by Members that this was a grave oversight. It was suggested that, as there are two nominations for Ladies Captain and due to the fact that Chris Fox will be out of the Country a lot this year that, the children should elect another Club Captain. It was felt that this would be an opportunity to try out a voting system. This would be open to regular team members only.

#### 10. Election of Committee

Following the resignation of Mr R Moreton and Mrs J Pacey three places on the Committee are vacant.

Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Mr. S. Cockayne	Executive Committee	
Mr P Millington	Mr P Foster	Mrs C Cockayne
Mrs A Burke	Mr P Foster	Mrs C Cockayne

Motion Carried En Block

11. Election of Trustee of Trophies

Mr. M. Fereday                      Proposed: Executive Committee

Motion Carried

12. **Election of Vice Presidents**

No Change

13. **Election of Honorary Members**

No Change

14. **Election of Life Member**

No Change

15. **Election of Honorary Auditor**

Mr. M. Sheikh                      Executive Committee

Motion Carried

16. **Vote of Thanks to the Chair.**

Tony Ward thanked the President for chairing the meeting.