

LINCOLN VULCANS SWIMMING CLUB

Minutes of the Management committee meeting held on the 13th September 2018 at City of Lincoln priory Academy

Present: D. Hendel (chair), C. Hendel (secretary), M. Webster, D. Kingston, J. Burr, S. Collett, C. Burton and A. Cole

1. Apologies for absence

H. Nicholls, S. Nicholls, S. Wilson (treasurer), N. Oldham

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2018.

Minutes agreed as a true record proposed by M. Webster and seconded by C. Burton

3. Matters arising from the minutes

We agreed at the last meeting that the new fees would be implemented from the 1st September, following the meeting on reflection the increase has been delayed until the beginning of October, to take into account the reduced training programme during September.

SW still to speak to Paul Wood regarding the draft privacy policy

4. Treasurers report

Bank balances where produced by the treasurer and agreed.

CH said that the event account also holds income from the level 2 meet.

CH informed the committee that SW has made the decision to step down as treasurer following completion of this financial year; this is due to his work load and Grace taking a year out.

CH has had a discussion with Lisa Lancaster who potentially is interested in taking on the role. SW to arrange to meet with LL to go through the spreadsheet that the accounts are recorded on, she will then decide. If LL undertakes the role we can co-opt onto the committee until the AGM.

5. Correspondence

Letter received from Mr & Mrs Lambley regarding a donation that they have offered to the club. Letter of thanks have been sent to Mr & Mrs Lambley This has been a great boost to the current fundraising being undertaken to purchase blocks at City.

6. Head Coach report

Well welcome back to the new year after what I believed was a positive move forward last season.

To round up the end of season below is the write up from Nationals.

NATIONAL MEDAL SUCCESS FOR VULCANS

After an exhausting two weeks competing at Ponds Forge Sheffield at the British and English National Swimming Championships Vulcans swimmers and Coaches Paul and Adam were celebrating some outstanding performances.

The first week saw Ethan Grace-Riches (15), Oliver Nevitt (16), Lauren Woods (16) and Laura Dickinson (13) competing at the British Championships.

Ethan got the club off to a great start on Day 1 with a personal best time in the 50 Backstroke of 28.48 which qualified him for the final where he again produced another new best time of 28.41 where he finished in 10th place.

Day 2 saw Oliver Nevitt produce a great heat swim in the 200m Butterfly to move up from a ranking 20th place to finish in 17th place.

Ethan was again in action this time in the 100 Back where he again qualified for the evenings final which saw him come in 8th place.

Lauren Woods began her National campaign on Day 3 in the 200 Butterfly where a tough heat swim saw her come in 24th place.

The final day of competition at the British Championships saw both Ethan and Laura competing. Ethan had a strong swim in the 200 Back where he finished in 19th place. Although only 13 years old team mate Laura Dickinson had qualified for the 100 Butterfly event in the combined 13- & 14-years age group where a great swim saw her finish in 15th place just missing out on the final by 2/10th of a second.

The second week saw the English Championships begin where the above 4 also competed but this time joined by Elissa Gratton (17).

Day 1 saw Oliver Nevitt demolish his best time in the 400 IM by 4 seconds with a 4.54.26 which qualified him for the final where he finished a creditable 10th. In the same event Elissa Gratton started with 17th place in the 17 & over age group.

Lauren Woods began her English Championship campaign with a 14th place in the 100 Fly on Day 2. It was on this day that Laura Dickinson also began her campaign with a superb swim in the 50 Freestyle where she broke the 28 second barrier for the first time with 27.91 to qualify for the final.

In the final Laura again lowered her best time to 28.85 to win an excellent BRONZE medal.

Day 3 saw Ethan back in the water swimming in two events. First up was the 100 Freestyle where a new best time of 55.41 saw him progress to the final. He then this up with another brilliant swim in the 200 IM which saw a 3 second improvement to qualify for another final in 2.14.37.

In the finals Ethan swam a great 100 Free dropping his time to 54.80 to finish 5th. However, the best was still to come where he again repeated his great heat swim to win GOLD and become English Champion.

Elissa Gratton finished her National swims with a strong 200 Butterfly where she came 19th on Day 4. On the same day Laura qualified 9th for the 100 Free final with another new best time of 1.01.43.

Before Laura's final the longest event in the pool, the 1500m Freestyle took place with Lauren Woods going into the event ranked 5th. However, Lauren smashed her best time by 13 seconds to win the SILVER medal with 18.06.43.

Later in the evening Laura swam a superb final in the 100 Free taking another second off her pb to finish 7th.

The final day of competition saw Laura go in the 50 Fly final where yet another best time. Again in the final Laura showed great composure and racing skills to not only lower her pb to 29.11 but to round off a great Nationals with the BRONZE medal.

Coaches Paul and Adam who started with the club at the commencement of the season in September 2017 stated this was a great start to our first Nationals with the club which has also seen great improvements at Regional and County competitions. Both swimmers and parents have bought into the changes we have brought into the club and this has been reflected in these great results. We look forward to the new season and progressing even further.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

I was really pleased with the final round of the Junior League where we not only beat Grantham (at last) on the night to come 3rd but beat them by enough points to come 3rd overall.

Having looked at the other teams (and despite CADS being two clubs together) and Louth are not too far away and with the emphasis being on promoting from LTS a bit earlier than I am hoping we can bridge the gap quickly.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Meetings are now taking place with NK to develop the pathway from their LTS which will increase membership and the talent pool.

Hopefully more details next month.

We are also in the process of looking at another LTS session based at Christ.

PARENTS EDUCATION

Adam is in the process of having his meetings.

I will be doing a talk to parents of A Squad next Tuesday.

My squad will have a talk a week on Saturday.

YSN have said they will keep us as a nominated partner for this next season but unfortunately are unable to do any presentations this year.

For this reason, I will now contact the University to provide talks on Nutrition.

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to the fundraising team for their efforts thus far it is greatly appreciated

7. Fundraising Update

The table top sale wasn't as well attended as anticipated, though there were a few sellers there the viewing numbers weren't great, there were other events on in the area that day the event did manage to raise £112.50.

As the ticket sales for the race night planned on the 29th September are still not selling to make the event viable it was agreed that this event should be cancelled. CH to contact venue and Alison Webb to inform them and find out what costs are involved as we are aware that AW has paid a deposit on this.

At Sprints in November it is planned to have a craft market in the hall area upstairs. DK has been liaising with stall holders on this and has prepared a booking form for completion for those wanting to attend. We will also have a raffle at the event.

Raised from the various events so far is £2562.19, plus the donation mentioned above totals £4562.19, there is the master's donation towards blocks, Sevacare payment and £550.00 raised via the donation page once these have been processed through the bank the final amount is £7147.19, less banner costs.

8. Reports

Safety officer – nothing to report

Welfare officer – nothing to report

9. AOB

CB asked when inquiries are received via Facebook for LTS she could be copied into the responses back to them so that she can then clear from her records. CH to Bcc her into replies.

2 nominations received for the Laurie Webster award this was discussed and agreed that the award would be presented to Alex Jordan this year for her support for the coaches and swimmers poolside at events during the year.

DK asked if the club banner could be available for the presentation evening for photos.

JB mentioned that she had seen Swimzi advertising towels in club colours/logos – CH asked CB if she could look into this on costs etc. also other suppliers as Swimzi could be quite expensive. Generally felt that this would be good stocking fillers given the time of year.

CB had been in touch with Lizzie Simmonds regarding her swim clinics information received and passed to the coaches to decide on this and progress if they wish to.

AGM date will be the 29th November

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm