

Great Britain Deaf Swimming Club Annual General Meeting

23rd May 2013 at 12 noon at the Premier Inn Loughborough

Attendees: Peter Noden, Carnette Noden, Lillian Walkup, Angela Holmes, Martin Lee, Margaret Baxter (Secretariat), Tracey Nisted, Jane Cranford, Tom Baxter, Alexander Cranford, Amanda Kenny, Alison Saines, Brian Baxter, Julie Towns, Jim Joyce, Rob and Claire Holdbrook, Nick Saines, Andrew Roberts, Lorraine Oaten, Sarah Tappenden, Barbara French.

1. Apologies for absence: Vincent Dickson, David White.
2. Minutes of last year's AGM: agreed as a true record: proposed by Julie Towns, seconded Alison Saines.
3. Matters arising from the minutes: None
4. Chairman's report: attached
5. Head Coach's report: attached
6. Sponsorship report: attached
7. Treasurer's report:
8. Nominations for the Executive Committee:
9. Nominations had been received and were approved as follows:

Position	Name
Chairman	Peter Noden
Vice Chairman	Brian Baxter
Treasurer	Margaret Baxter
Secretary	Alison Saines
Membership Secretary	Lillian Walkup
Welfare Officer	Amanda Kenny
Fund raising/Sponsorship/	Amanda Kenny
Team Manager	<i>Vacant</i>
Committee member	Tracey Nisted
Committee member	Carnette Noden
Committee member	Jane Cranford
Committee member	Tom Baxter

(swimmers' representative)	
Committee member (swimmers' representative)	Alexander Cranford

10.

10. Change of rule 7.1 from the Constitution:

Peter Noden explained that the post of Team Director was problematic. He had looked at the description of the role and realised that it is a liaison role with UK Deaf Sport, not that of a "Second Chairman". He proposed a change so that the role should be called "UKDS Liaison Officer".

Also, with regard to the Head Coach, he had realised that although the post was a nominated one it doesn't have a vote, which he felt was crucial for a professional role. Brian Baxter proposed that the 2 changes should be accepted, and Alison Saines seconded that.

11. Forthcoming events and dates:

A discussion was had about the international short course competition which is to be held in Rochester, USA on 9th January 2014. Were we sending a team or was it up to individuals to enter? Angela Holmes suggested emailing members to gauge interest, but that the 2014 European Championships were the priority for the club. Jane Cranford asked whether the event was an open one? The answer was yes: Lillian Walkup asked about the size of the team to be taken to the European Championships: was it to be bigger than that going to the Deaflympics 2013? Angela Holmes said yes, it was. She said that the European championships were to be held in Siberia, but that we needed to know more about it.

12. Any other AGM business:

- Martin Lee talked about his ongoing project to design a lighting system that would be suitable for deaf swimmers. His role was to design hardware, and an engineer was working on the software. It was to be a portable system, for use at mainstream as well as deaf events. The final costs would depend on the costs of software, and he would bring a prototype along when available. Jim Joyce asked whether the system would need to be licenced or verified for records purposes. Margaret Baxter asked who would own these systems? Martin said that he felt the swimmers could buy their own, and the club could possibly purchase a set too. It was proposed that the

system would also, as well as acting as a starter, be capable of flashing for a false start as well as the rope being dropped.

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2012

for

GB Deaf Swimming Club (GBDSC)

GB Deaf Swimming Club

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General Information for the Year Ended 30 June 2012

From 16 June 2012:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Peter Noden (Chair)
Alison Saines (Secretary)
Mrs M Baxter (Treasurer)

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Brian Baxter (Vice Chair)
Lillian Walkup (Membership Secretary)
Amanda Kenny (Welfare Officer & Fundraising)
Angela Holmes (Head Coach)
Martin Lee (Assistant Coach)
Caroline Hurley (Technical Director)
– Resigned December 2012
Tracey Nisted
Jane Cranford
David White
Carnette Noden
Tom Baxter (Swimmers' Representative)
Alexander Cranford (Swimmers' Representative)

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Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	£	£
Income		
Membership	932	
Worlds	13,483	
Loughborough	620	
Sponsorship	2,040	
Sundry income	<u>215</u>	
		17,290
Expenditure		
ASA	176	
Worlds	14,382	
Loughborough	1,034	
Liverpool weekend	329	
Sponsorship costs	<u>2,041</u>	
		<u>17,962</u>
GROSS LOSS		(672)
Other income		
Deposit account interest		<u>8</u>
		(664)
Expenditure		
Post and stationery	14	
Travelling	42	
Accountancy	<u>144</u>	
		<u>200</u>
NET LOSS		<u><u>(864)</u></u>

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Balance Sheet 30 June 2012

	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank account		<u>7,207</u>	
		<u>7,207</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payments on account		558	
Trade creditors		877	
Accrued expenses		<u>144</u>	
		<u>1,579</u>	
			<u>5,628</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>5,628</u>
FINANCED BY			
Reserves brought forward	1		6,492
Loss in year			(864)
			<u>5,628</u>
RESERVES carried forward			<u>5,628</u>

We approve the financial statements and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information available to us for their preparation.

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Name

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Date:

GB Deaf Swimming Club

Notes to the Financial Statements 30 June 2012

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been compiled on an accruals basis which enables any surplus/(deficit) to be calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

For year ended 30 June 2012 the financial statements have been compiled from incomplete records.

The opening reserves are represented as follows:

At 30 June 2011

Cash at bank	10,112.48
Prepaid expenses	5,639.60
Monies held on behalf of swimmers	(9,260.57)
Reserves c/forward	<u>6,491.51</u>

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT for the year ended 30 June 2012

I report on the financial statements of the Club (GBDSC) for the year ended 30 June 2012 as set out on pages 2 to 4.

This report is made solely to the Club as a body. I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Club as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Club and Examiner

The Club is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements
- to state where particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the Club concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

- a) there has been a failure by the Club:
 - to keep suitable accounting records in the current and prior period
 - to prepare financial statements in the prior period which accord with the accounting records and the Constitution of the Club
- b) - in my opinion, attention should be drawn to the notes to these financial statements concerning the opening reserves in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

However,

- c) - in my opinion, the balance sheet at 30 June 2012 reflects the current position of the finances of the Club and every effort is being made to keep proper accounting records going forward.

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Constitution GBDSC

Rule 7.1 Delete (*In addition the GB Deaf Swimming Director and club coach will be officers of the club, the latter without voting powers*) replace with **The Club Coach will be an Officer of the Club with full voting powers.**

7.2 delete (*other than the GB Deaf swimming Director and Club Coach*)

7.3 Delete altogether

Replace with **The Club Coach and UK Deaf Sport Liaison Officer shall be appointed following the AGM by the Executive Committee.**

7.4 delete line 4 (*or Technical Director*)

Job Descriptions GBDSC

Delete *Technical Director and job description.*
replace with

UK Deaf Sport Liaison Officer

Reports to Executive Committee

Main Duties

Receive all correspondence, emails etc from UK deaf sport and advise Executive Committee and Membership as appropriate.

This role will normally be allocated to an Officer of the Club.

Chairman's Report

AGM 2013

I am very pleased to report that 2013 was the first complete year for some time that the club had a fully active committee. This was important with the forthcoming Deaflympics to organise and of course the future of the club to secure.

Can I, as Chairman, and on behalf of the Club, sincerely thank every member of our committee for all the time they have spent on club activities and for their support and advice when needed.

My special thanks go to Alison Saines, our secretary, who has brought a very professional, skilful and enthusiastic approach to job. Margaret Baxter, our treasurer, who has taken on the onerous job of putting our financial house in order and has achieved remarkable results in just one year, and Lilian Walkup, our membership secretary, whose tireless and mostly thankless work ensures that all members, new members and those seeking just information about the club are dealt with efficiently and courteously.

It is important that the club build strong and stable foundations but it is also vital that the club move forward and seek ways to improve Deaf Swimming in Great Britain. With this in mind I hope to have further meetings with representatives of UK Deaf Sport. UK Deaf Sport is actively looking to reorganise its service to deaf athletes and I hope that this will in the future be of benefit to our organisation.

Peter Noden

Chairman GB deaf Swimming Club.



Sponsorship Report from Cochlear

On Friday 10th May 2013 I had a long chat with Brian Walshe from Cochlear UK.

Overall, the general feeling is they are very pleased with the relationship we are forming between Great Britain Deaf Swimming Club and Cochlear UK.

He was extremely pleased with the feedback from the swimmers who took part in the Water Proof accessory trial.

He has asked if we could set up a small group to go to his office occasionally for a general chat and we feedback on Cochlear implants. I have nominated Tom Baxter and Polly Saines as they both live within an hours drive of Cochlear UK offices. However, if anyone else is willing to attend please let me know, as the first meeting is set up for July 2013.

The next sponsorship payment is due 1st July 2013. At this stage they can not commit to any further sponsorship after this date, as the company has made a reduction in the amount of sponsorship they do. However, he did point out that he could not commit either way at this stage and for me to speak to him in October 2013 regarding this.

Alison Saines

May 2013

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Coach report 2013

It has been a quiet year, for the GB Deaf swimmers, due to no major international Deaf events taking place.

There was a good turnout at Liverpool Training Camp last December with 19 swimmers attending. Thanks to Tracey Nisted and the committee members, for organising this.

On 17/18th November, nine Deaf Swimmers competed at Luton Town Inaugural Long Course Meet 2012, where they gained a valuable experience and competed at a higher level, which all disabled swimmers were able to compete in a full swimming programme in a LC pool, which they lack experience of. It's a good opportunity for the coaching team to assess the swimmers' performance. There were 24pbs out of 39 events by swimmers, with Caira Tappenden gaining five British 11u records. Had several enquiries from other coaches on Deaf swimming, and certainly it raised Deaf Swimming profile. The officials totally respected Deaf Swimmers, especially at the start. Even the organiser placed the GBDS Team next to the fire exit door!

17 Deaf swimmers competed in the DSE in November 2012, this is the highest number we have ever seen. There were 25 Deaf records, including 3 British Records, by Jack McComish (2) and Lucy Walkup.

In March 2013, Junior DSE event was held, where 13 Deaf swimmers competed in 89 events, and achieved 67 PBs between them. Danielle broke 5 British records and Lucy Walkup broke her own record in 100m Breaststroke event.

Only 5 Deaf swimmers competed at British International Disability Swimming Championship in April 2013, as the organisation stated S15 weren't allowed to be in the finals, which caused several swimmers refusing to enter, due to discrimination. Though after the first day morning heats, Deaf swimmers found out they are in the finals! It was such a shambles!

Last summer, it was announced by ICDS that Deaflympic confirmed to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in July 2013. Ten GB Deaf swimmers have been selected, though I am really gutted that 3 medal potential swimmers are unable to compete, which will put GB in the medal position lower than expectation, as we need to keep GB on the map.

Thanks to the committee members who are heavily involved in GB Deaf swimming.

Angela Holmes