



## Great Britain Deaf Swimming Club Annual General Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Pool Seminar Room, Loughborough University Pool, at 12 noon

Present: Peter Noden, Pauline Jordan-Caws, Karen Bodamer, Lorraine Oaten, Mr Oaten, Amanda Kenny, Jim Joyce, Rob Holdbrook, Mr Blacker, Martin Lee, Tom Baxter, Nigel Seamarks, Carnette Noden, Sarah Tappenden, Sam Chamberlain, Ray Williams, Margaret Baxter

Apologies for absence: Richard Lees, Brian Baxter, Tracey Nisted.

No agenda had been issued, nor had minutes and reports of the 2014 AGM to be agreed by members.

Reports from the committee: handed out and read out:

1. Chairman
2. Treasurer
3. Chief Coach
4. Membership Secretary: not brought to meeting but details read out and noted (this report is now attached)
5. Records Secretary
6. Welfare: issues regarding the difficulty of getting signed permissions for photographs to be used were noted.

Election of the committee: all nominations agreed with the exception of Carnette Noden, who, despite being nominated, wished to stand down. A request was made to invite Rob Holdbrook to join the committee: the Chair said he would ratify this in a committee meeting to be held later that day.

The results of the nominations for committee posts was as follows: (no post was contested)

Chair: Peter Noden

Vice-Chair: Brian Baxter

Treasurer: Nigel Seamarks

Secretary: Margaret Baxter

Welfare Officer: Amanda Kenny

Head Coach: Sam Chamberlain

Assistant Coach: Martin Lee

Membership Secretary: Lorraine Oaten

Records: Jim Joyce

Team Manager: Mel Davis

Committee members : Tom Baxter, Richard Lees, Sarah Tappenden

A question was asked about a discussion held in Largs regarding the inclusion or otherwise of swimmers on the committee. Because the requisite paperwork had not been sent to the membership of the club as required by the constitution this could not be decided upon. There was much discussion about the matter, and it was agreed that this would be reviewed, along with a complete revision and update of the Constitution, at an EGM to be held if possible on 11/12 July at the Crystal Palace training weekend.

Sponsorship: the Treasurer commented that the amount of sponsorship from Advanced Bionics had dropped to £1000, down from £1500 the previous year.

The Chairman reported that the committee would look at the club membership fees and recommend any changes for September 2015.

Brian Baxter was to be asked to contact Ashleigh Scott of the NDCS deaf-friendly swimming project to invite her to join the committee.