

Thame Swimming Club

**9th Annual General Meeting
Held in The Small Hall, Thame Leisure Centre
on Friday 29th June 2018 at 7pm**

Present – Mixture of Swimmers / Committee / Parents
Apologies – Ian Blyth

Minutes:

Welcome and Chairman's report
Update and plans for the future: Phil Evans

TSC Chairman, Phil Evans (PE) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. PE then proceeded to thank the coaches on behalf of the committee for their hard work and commitment to the club.

PE drew on the clubs key successes for the year, as follows:

- The club had taken part in 3 main fundraising events for the club, the Santa Round Table made £500, the Thame Rotary Swimathon, £861 and Club Champs bringing in £700. All 3 successful boosting the clubs income.
- A key success in TSC's year was obtaining the SwimMark accreditation for another year, PE thanked Helen Birmingham for her dedicated work on obtaining SwimMark.
- PE went on to highlight the success TSC had enjoyed by introducing the Para-Swimming Event and the Junior Development Meet. Both events played a huge part in the TSC calendar for 2018. They were both a major success for the club with the Junior Development Meet drawing in 130 swimmers from 5 different clubs. It is felt that both events should continue to be part of the TSC calendar with 2 Junior Development Meets a year if possible.
- PE went on to speak about the 1 year sponsorship deal TSC secured with Sundance Pools, this is great news for TSC and we look forward to building a long relationship with Sundance.

PE reported that TSC had presented to South Oxfordshire District Council and Thame Town Council in regards to pool time. TSC is currently seeking more pool time as the current amount is not sufficient and does impact (Please see Powerpoint presentation for full details)

Finally PE announced that due to the growing number of swimmers excelling it was felt the Squad names should be changed to fit in with the progression of the club and to identify levels swimmers are training towards. (Please see Powerpoint presentation for full details on Squad name changes)

PE would like to thank everyone who volunteers to help TSC with events but stressed the club could benefit from more volunteers, should anyone like to volunteer to help the club in anyway please do not hesitate to contact a committee member

2. Head Coach's Report: Ian Blyth given by Mark Simms

IB Reported that yet again this year the club has moved forward in its development and achievements.

TSC was represented by Marcus Birmingham and Lucy Block at the Winter Regionals with Lucy being the youngest swimmer there. Both competed well and did the club proud!

Following Winter Regionals, the club had a successful Counties, making the top 10 once again. The Spring regionals saw TSC represented in both youth and age groups. In the open age group Marcus came 6th in the 200 fly and 8th in 400IM. Jo Hewitt came 1st in the 50 back. In the U14 category, TSC were represented by Abi, Murray, George, and Lucy, all 4 having amazing swims with George coming 7th in the 800 free and Lucy who made 3 finals coming 3rd in both 100 and 200 back. Congratulations go to all on their great achievements!

Lucy has qualified for Nationals in August, swimming all 3 back strokes, 50,100 and 200 and Marcus will be off to Irish nationals. – Good Luck to them both!

IB reported that Harry Block will be taking over the Fundamental group from Lucy North, we thank Lucy for all her hard work with Fundamentals. Megan Hard has joined Group 1 as a coach but we are losing James Newton, we thank James for all his hard work. Andy Kidgell will soon be joining group 2 to help.

IB confirmed that we had secured more pool time at Berinsfield on a Friday night but we are still in need and looking for more pool time especially for our younger swimmers.

3. Appointment of 2018/19 Captains and Vice Captains.

IB thanked our current Captains, Ella and Marcus for their hard work and commitment to TSC and wished them well for their University journey.

IB announced the Club Captains for the forthcoming year – they are:

Club Captains: Harry Block
 Lizzie Humphreys

Vice Captains: Sam White
 Lucy Block

4. Treasurer's Report: Rachel Humphreys:

The Treasurer, Rachel Humphreys (RH), presented her annual report for year ended 31st March 2018.

RH explained that the TSC Accounts were still in draft format (Gala Income under investigation).

RH went on to say that that TSC is in good financial health with an increased retained profit, despite this it is felt that the club would benefit from a small increase to all membership fees of £1.00 per member from 1st September. TSC had recovered from the huge deficit it had in 2015/16 and this small increase will only aid the club in retaining its good financial position. £1.00 fee increase put to a vote, voted on unanimously.

TSC has seen an additional cost with a yearly overhead for Swim Manager (£960PA) and additional pool hire cost for groups 3, 3+ and 4 at Berinsfield (£2640PA).

RH spoke about the club being close to full capacity and the introduction of Fundamentals had greatly improved and helped the clubs financial position.

RH reported that Fundraising was slightly down but sponsorship received from Sundance has greatly helped the club and TSC would like to take this opportunity to thank Sundance for their sponsorship, partnership working with TSC and their commitment to TSC.

(please see Powerpoint Presentation for full Income and Expenditure Summary)

5. Election of Committee

Chairman, PE, thanked the following outgoing committee members, Helen Birmingham, Vice Chair/SwimMark, Michele Block, Club Secretary and Geraldine Dodds, Membership Secretary for all their hard work, dedication and commitment they have shown to TSC.

Mark Simms then asked that the new committee for 2018/19 be elected for the forthcoming year.

Unanimous vote by all those present.

Therefore the Executive Offices for 2018-19 is as follows:

Chairman	Phil Evans
Vice Chairman/Swim Mark	Anthony Livingstone

Secretary	Joanne Pillinger
Treasurer	Rachel Humphreys
Membership Secretary	Rachel Mould

The following committee member positions were also confirmed:

Officials Secretary	Emma Camp
Communications Manager	Will Hard
Head Coach	Ian Blyth
Welfare Officer & Club Kit	Natalie Philips
Webmaster	Claire Revill
Health & Safety	Officer George Day
Team Manager / Gala Secretary	Sue Hewett
Fundraising	Emma Lambourne

6. AOB/ Questions and Feedback

A point was raised in regards to the student members not being considered for club records. PE referred back to the student policy, this was met by further comment, PE suggested that the point in question was perhaps better to be put to the committee rather than raised at the AGM.

Feedback from Damian Wakefield: Damian wanted to thank the committee for the great job they do on running the club making it easier on the Coaches and allowing them to concentrate on giving swimmers the best coaching they can.

Q. Was the Development Meet a financial success?

A. PE explained that the TSC felt that the Development Meet had been a great success for the club and despite the low gala entry fees (£4.50) and spectator entry fee (£2.00) the club had made a £2100 profit. The Development meet was an enjoyable day for all and something the club wanted to continue with.

With no further questions from the floor, PE thanked everyone for coming to TSC AGM.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.