

**Grantham Swimming Club**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7 pm**

Present:

Mr T Ogle	Mr B Gibson	Ms D Waugh
Mr D Rees	Mrs K Mason	Mrs M Potter
Mrs K Warner	Mr S Djerfi	Mrs D Thompson
Mr D Potter	Mrs J Wyatt	Mrs G Conway
Mrs J Ferguson	Miss H Dowd	Mrs S Musson
Mrs S Otter		

Parent Representatives: None.

- |   | <b>ACTION</b>            |
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| 1. There were no apologies received.  |                          |
| 2. <b>Minutes of Last Meeting:</b> The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a true record.   |                          |
| 3. <b>Matters Arising:</b> Green Cupboard, parts have been ordered, will arrive shortly then the cupboard will be repaired.   | Karen M                  |
| Competitive Starts – Ongoing – list on the notice board with a lot of swimmers who need to achieve their competitive start.   | Brian/<br>Andrea         |
| Swimarathon – Ongoing.  | Karen W/<br>Vicky        |
| Members Liaison Table – This is now up and running and working well.  |                          |
| Squad Review – Still Ongoing  | Sacha/<br>Trevor<br>Dave |
| Photo Board – Ongoing, however there are some committee members who do not want their photo on this board.  |                          |
| Job Descriptions - Ongoing  | Trevor                   |
| Swimmers Questionnaire – Still Outstanding.   | Whole<br>Committee       |
| 4. <b>Parent Representation:</b> Three sets of parents have expressed concern that children are being chosen to swim in galas at very short notice. Sacha explained that he tries to contact swimmers as soon as he is aware that someone has withdrawn from a team however, if it is down to illness it is often last minute. He apologises for this but unfortunately there is not a lot that can be done about it. |                          |
| Suggestions made to help this situation were:-  |                          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a reserve list for each age group</li> <li>• Make decision sooner</li> </ul>  |                          |
| Problems with a reserve list, it could be huge as you could have at least two swimmers of each age for both boys and girls?   |                          |
| Parents could approach the liaison desk to say “my child is not on the list for the gala but we are available if required”.   |                          |
| 5. <b>Results Secretary</b> – Rachel Williams has informed the committee that she no longer has the time to continue with this position, Karen Mason stated that she would like to take over this job.  |                          |

6. **Child Welfare Officer** - As Oliver Perkins has now left GSC Emmajane has resigned her position of Child Welfare Officer. Dawn Waugh has shown an interest in taking on this position; she will talk to Emmajane to see what the position entails and will let the committee know at the next meeting of her decision.

Dawn

There is a "Safeguarding Children" meeting being held in Grantham on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-9pm, Brian is attending and there is one more place if Dawn is interested.

7. **Coaches Report:** Sacha has nothing to report this month. Restructuring squads is ongoing.

Sacha/  
Trevor

Sacha was asked if he monitored the attendance of the swimmers who qualify for the 2 hours training on a Sunday evening, he answered yes he monitors both Junior and Senior squads.

**Treasurer's Report:** The club has to make rapid changes in the short term.

ASA Registration bill is £2600 – Dave Carter of Lincolnshire Sports Partnership is trying to negotiate with the ASA on our behalf to enable us to pay this in instalments.

We have a Meres invoice for £6500 with is due on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

A meeting has been held with the Meres Leisure Centre, SKDC, Dave Carter and ourselves, unfortunately nothing was achieved. Peter Hayley from the Meres Leisure Centre would not negotiate pool fees but we will meet again in one month.

Pool fees have been increased by 25% over the last three years.

Gala costs have doubled in price.

We currently have **£1000** in outstanding fees.

Club assets have been subsidising swimming fees for the last two years.

We currently pay for 76 lanes per week; we need to reduce this by 29 lanes to reduce the cost. Sacha does not want to lose water time but understands that we need to save money.

We need to arrange an urgent parents meeting – this will be arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Main Bar, Meres Leisure Centre, 6.30pm.

The decisions that have been decided upon are as follows:-

- Land Training cancelled with immediate affect
- Sunday training to be reduced by one hour, therefore finishing at 8pm
- Thursday training to also be reduced by one hour but start at 6pm-9pm
- Tuesday training reduce lanes to 6 from 8
- Friday training again reduce to 6 from 8 lanes
- Morning training stay as it is as paying for itself at the moment
- Possibility for Life members to make a yearly contribution

To enable us to reduce the main club nights by one hour we will amalgamate the last two sessions.

The register will be altered to incorporate each sessions swimmers, this will also make it easier to check who is swimming in each session and also paying.

Mandy

9. **EGM** – This has been arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7-7.30pm and then the normal committee meeting to follow.

10. **Any Other Business:** Swimathon – we have had nine companies sponsoring this event, out of this money we will buy hats for the swimmers and ribbon for the medals. Card also needs purchasing for the certificates. Forms have started to be issued to our swimmers. Masters have been approached to see if they would like to join in on this event but have said no.

Job Descriptions: Trevor will circulate these by email and discuss at our next meeting.

Trevor

Social Time for Swimmers – a lot of the swimmers enjoy socialising together but because the only time they have is in the pool this is where a lot of the chat goes on. To alleviate this problem it has been suggested that we try to organise a time before swimming whereby they can meet away from the pool possibly in a room in the Table Tennis Centre on a Sunday evening between 5-7pm. Of course this would be supervised by parents. A meeting is to be arranged between Grantham Meres and GSC to try and organise this.

Dave/  
Trevor/  
Mandy

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Date for the next meeting is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 at 7 pm in the Meeting Room at the Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham.

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