

MINUTES OF SANDBACH SHARKS AFC COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING /PRESENTATION

Held at the
Victoria Club, Holmes Chapel.
Friday 8th July 2011

The meeting was chaired by Chairman John Bottomley.

INTRODUCTION.

John Bottomley

Welcome all to the Sandbach Sharks AGM and Presentation.

Thanks to everyone for coming.

As you hopefully have your dinner at your table, you can eat when you like.

There will be a presentation to Sharkies first followed by the AGM where we will vote in the new committee.

There will then be a short break, followed by the presentations to celebrate achievements at the club champs and over the whole year – both swimmers and all of the volunteers who ensure that the club runs efficiently.

AGM

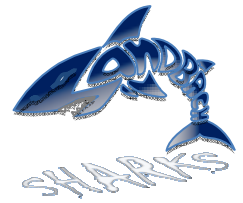
The meeting agendas, accounts, nominations on are all on the tables.

1. **Apologies** Simon Geary
2. **Minutes of last AGM – approval**

Mark Davies (club member) pointed out (via email) that according to our constitution, all members should receive the agenda, nominations and accounts at least 14 days before the AGM. This will be followed for next years AGM, and the committee apologised for the oversight.

3. **Treasurers Report**

Richard Slater presented the treasurers report. . RS explained difference in accounts from 2009-10 and 2010-11. Over that time, there has been a loss for 2011 £2180.55. Fees have been increased to help keep club in sound financial state. Reasons for losses include closure of MMU facility, costs for use of boy's school and lifeguards. It was hoped that some funds would be available from Cheshire East to help Sharkies.



4. Chairman - Review of year

It was a tough start to year with the closing of the MMU pool.

This presented us with many challenges including lack of pool time, and a 25% increase in pool hire costs.

Accordingly, the committee were forced to increase costs, which was not an ideal situation, but other local clubs are suffering similar problems.

We still want more pool time including mornings, but we will either have to up costs or recruit more swimmers

Coaching Staff

We have a dedicated teaching and coaching staff lead by Carolyn

Carolyn spends many hours at the pools, pestering you all to volunteer as coaches and poolside helpers. In the absence of a volunteer, she is also acting as Team Manager, helping husband Terry with individual gala entries.

Matt, who used to coach on Friday evenings, moved to Didsbury. Dave Goddard is still with us and other coaches are Sarah Goddard (level 1), Helen Wilson (level 2), David Trussler and Simon Geary. We also have a newly qualified teacher Sam Peart and Sister Sarah (level 1) helping, Juliet Richards (*Level 1*) and Robert Hainsworth (level 1) Sharkies coaches Audrey Waddilove (Swim NW AWARD), JohnTohill (*level 1*), Grace Henderson, Phil Davey and Lauren. Rosie Walsh is also helping whilst she is unable to swim because of injury.

It's great to see youngsters getting qualifications and helping.

Anthony Jevons is living away much of the time, and spends less time poolside but thanks for many years help.

I hope I haven't missed anyone but a huge thanks to all of you – without your volunteering, there would be no club.

It's good to see younger swimmers helping on poolside – we hope to run a poolside helpers course in the autumn.

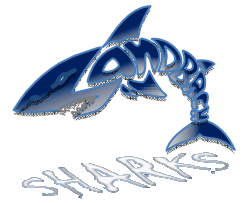
We still need volunteers at all levels so we can move onwards and upwards- willing helpers on pool side to take or update qualifications and get involved on a regular basis.

Officials – Phil Walsh and Richard Slater achieved their Judge level 2 qualification, Dave Trussler has his Judge level 1 and is working to Judge 2 and Andy Williams has his timekeepers and is working towards Judge Level 1.

There was a timekeeper's course earlier this year, and we now have several qualified timekeepers. Certificates were awarded to Claire Briscall, Sam and Sarah Peart, Carolyn Cowburn, Helen Wilson, Rosie Walsh, Heather Bottomley, Chris Siddons and Alex Joines.

Our qualified lifeguards are Matt Joines, Emma Hardwick, James Bottomley, Richard Wardle, Rob Hawkins, Amy Peistman and Emily Jevons

Thanks must go to Geoff Hardwick and George Hood who still help regularly as officials at the club despite their children having moved on.



Club Captains

- Thanks to Grace Henderson who has left the club and had to pass over her – Emily Jevons stood in as captain.

This year competition was close, with all swimmers voting for – Sam and Sarah Peart
Thanks must go to all of the nominees.

Summer Swimming

The times will be publicised soon

- The last Sunday training session will be 24th July.
- From then on, training will be Tuesday 7-9 and Friday 5.30 – 9
- Normal training will start again on Tuesday 6 Sep

Venues

The ambition is to run some early morning swims

The Sunday sessions at the girl's school have been cancelled for the time being as we were unable to get sufficient coach cover.

5. There then followed a **revue of the year** from Carolyn.

6. Committee

Standing down this year are John Bottomley as Chairman, and Phil Walsh as secretary.

Standing for re-election is Simon Geary, Richard Slater, Noelle Trussler, Jo Bell, Penny Johnson, Sue Peart, Terry Cowburn, Chris Siddons, Kathy Tudor, Zoe Hilson and Heather Bottomley

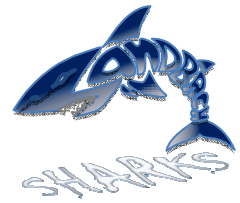
Thanks to the commitment of all swimmers / volunteers who run club.

However, all positions are not filled and we still need more volunteers. Jobs need doing – not big individually, but if another committee member has to do additional duties, their workload increases significantly. Roles can be shared, as the secretary position is this year.

An important position still not filled is that of Team Manager / Gala Manager - would you have a rugby club without a fixture sec?

All of the committee were elected unanimously.

Thanks to Andy Williams for taking on the chairman's role and Simon Thompson and Steve Harrison for taking on the secretary role.



7. Presentation

Thanks to all people involved tonight – especially Penny Johnson who has organised the trophies.

The Club Champs went very smoothly thanks to a huge effort from volunteers.

Next year, we hope to run it as a licensed meet again whereby the times achieved will count towards open galas.

All to receive a certificate / taking part trophy (not arrived, but will be given out at the pools later).

The medals were then presented, with prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Trophies.

The new club captains help present them.

Club records, some have been broken this year, some long standing – well done to all who broken a record. If you are unsure, check the times on the web-site and look at the records policy.

Penny has details of recent records - see her later. There will be a charge of £1 per certificate.

Trophies

- Fosket boys and girls – no pain no gain –senior squads
 - Boys – **Sam Peart**. Girls – **Alisha Meakin**
- Henderson – commitment
 - **Tom Tudor**
- Wadilove – swordfish girls – most improved (whole club)
 - **Jessica Riley**
- Hesketh – Swordfish boys – most improved
 - **Ralph Pickup**
- Bottomley – Tiger sharks/Juniors most dedicated
 - **Charlotte Keeble**
- Joines – Tiger sharks/juniors most dedicated (whole club)
 - **Joshua Wilson**
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Photographs were taken of all of the trophy winners, new club captains and all swimmers.

CLOSE at 9:30