

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRIGHTON SWIMMING CLUB  
held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at the Old Slipper Baths North Road Brighton at 19.30  
PRESENT: The Chairman Mr. John Ottaway and members as per the attendance  
book.

A1/10 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING was read by the Hon. Secretary  
The Chairman stated that it had been decided that after this meeting the  
minutes would be circulated within 2 to 3 weeks.

A2/10 MINUTES of the Annual Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were read  
confirmed and signed as a correct record.

A3/10 MATTERS ARISING - none

A4/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Neil Tasker Flick Hague Michelle Benny  
Claire Blake Hildi Mitchel and Holly Hamilton

The Chairman gave an update on Neil Tasker's progress. He stated that Neil  
had access to a computer and would welcome emails from the membership. It  
was hoped that he may be returning home soon subject to whether he will need  
another operation.

A5/10 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Henry Law requesting the committee to produce a proposer and  
seconder for a resolution to separate the sea swimming from the main  
Brighton Swimming Club, as he believes this is a widespread view amongst  
the regular sea swimmers.

The President asked the Arch members present if this was the widespread  
opinion at the Arch to which the reply was no. The Chairman stated that  
Henry had personally signed and desecrated a club notice on the arch notice  
board quoting "could the management committee use its brain cell." The  
Chairman stated that although he personally would take criticism it was wrong  
to talk or write about the committee who give a considerable amount of their  
free time in this way and it was not acceptable. Michelle Hunt stated that  
under club laws was Henry Law bringing the club in to disrespect. The  
chairman stated that the matter would be raised at the next committee meeting  
to see if any further action should be taken. The chairman stated that if people  
felt the way forward was to form a new sea swimming club he would be happy  
to give any advice they required to move it forward

A6/10 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman gave opportunity for discussion on the Annual Report as he  
went through it page by page.

Page 3 – Peter Morris stated that to update the Club's website for the sea  
section he required information to be sent to him. The Chairman stated that  
our Webb site is done on a voluntary basis and it is for each section secretary  
of the club to keep Peter informed of any changes they wanted to be made for  
their sub section.

The Chairman stated that Paul Farrington is hoping to modernise our club archives, using a grant from the heritage lottery, which will include live interviews with older members.

The Chairman stated that he was not over impressed with this year's annual report as it was lacking in information. The period, which should have been reported on, was from March 09 – April 10 the 149<sup>th</sup> year. In particular the coaches report had no mention of names and achievements of our swimmers i.e. County Champions etc. The Chairman concluded that it is our annual reports, which are used to create our Archives and should contain more information. Peter Tuffin suggested that when the Hon Secretary sends out her requests for annual reports that it is clearly headed "this is used for our archives".

It was proposed by Deedee Pickering and seconded by Marie Edwards that the Annual Report be adopted - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### A7/10 ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Debbie Addison raised the question on the review of satellite fees and direct debit payments as they were expecting a decision in December 2009 and it was now June 2010. The Chairman confirmed that the fees as at December 09 had remained the same. Another review would take place once the Finance committee is formed after this meeting. He apologised for not informing the membership of the decision taken in December.

Fiona Southwell raised the question on bank transfers for Arch members this was the way forward as cheques were being phased out. The Treasurer confirmed he would be looking into this for the club in general and he would be more than pleased to receive ideas from the membership.

The President stated that our constitution would have to be changed.

The Chairman gave thanks to the Treasurer for a good job well done

It was proposed by Deedee Pickering and seconded by Marie Edwards that the accounts be adopted - CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### A8/10 ALTERATIONS TO LAWS - NONE

#### A9/10 INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT

It was proposed by Denise Halls & seconded by John Ottaway that Margaret Tuppen be installed as President for 2010. Agreement was unanimous and Margaret Tuppen was duly installed.

A10/10 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Gill Ashby - Brenda Deeley

The Chairman gave a brief outline on Gill and Brenda's contribution to the club for the newer members

A11/10 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were duly elected having been proposed and seconded.

CHAIRMAN	JOHN OTTAWAY
HON. TREASURER	PETER TUFFIN
HON. SECRETARY	DENISE HALLS

A12/10 ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 5 FULL MEMBERS  
AND 3 HONONARY MEMBERS

The following were duly elected having been proposed and seconded.

MANAGEMENT	HONORARY MEMBERS
Jasper Stevens	Peter Morris
Fiona Southwell	Michelle Hunt
	Steve Hardman

The Chairman stated that he was disappointed that we again will only have three management members but will be in a position to co-opt if required. John said that in the past he was against having honorary members on the committee but had found the three existing members to be of a great asset and they had made a great contribution.

A13/10 APPOINTMENT OF HON. ACCOUNTS EXAMINER

The Hon. Treasurer confirmed that Mr Edward John Heather would be appointed as the Hon. Accounts Examiner.

A14/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A parent asked what improvements had been made to avoid naming people who have been involved in a discipline matter The Chairman responded by taking full personal responsibility for the error and stated that every endeavour will be taken for this not to happen again.

*The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair at 20.20.*

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Chairman

