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Cambridge University Swimming and Water Polo Club

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MINUTES OF AGM HELD IN ROOM C2, ST.CATHARINE'S COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2003.

Present: Prof Don Broom (Senior President), Dr. Chris Burgoyne (Senior Treasurer), Gemma Hindson (Junior President), Henry Gomersall (Junior Treasurer), Sarah Turner (Secretary), Laura Middleton (Kit Officer), Cat Dobson (Alumni Liaison Officer), Viktor Stein (Computer Officer), Euan Spence (Men's Swimming Captain), Katy Stokes (Ladies Swimming Captain), Rich Folsom (Men's Waterpolo Captain), Hattie Temple (Waterpolo League Secretary), John Hardbottle (Men's Channel Swim Captain), Anthony Huszar (Tadpoles President), Alex Starling (CUSWPC Member).

Apologies: Lennard Lee (University Pool Officer), Nicola Wilkinson (Ladies Waterpolo Captain), Dom Banham-Hall (Men's Waterpolo Secretary), Alix Freeman (Ladies Waterpolo Secretary).

1.0 Apologies

1.1 The Committee accepted the apologies of the University Pool Officer, Ladies Water Polo Captain, Men's Water Polo Secretary and the Ladies Water Polo Secretary.

2.0 Minutes of the AGM 2002

2.1 The Committee agreed the minutes of last year's AGM.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 University Pool

3.1.1 The Senior President informed the Committee that the situation has not changed significantly over the past year. The money still needs to be raised but all the plans and applications have gone through successfully. It has been decided by the Committee set up to oversee the project, that the best way to raise money is to link the appeal to the 800th year anniversary which happens in four or five years time. The plan is to get the new pool and associated sports complex built in time for the anniversary. The Senior President informed the Committee that this sounded like a sensible strategy, a view that is also shared by Tony Lemons (Director of Physical Education). The view of the new University Vice Chancellor is being sought. The appeal is not yet launched, but will be shortly, and the Senior President told the Committee that now we are in contact with past members, through the Howard Beale Club, we are in a better position to make an appeal.

3.2. Varsity Match Pool and Date 2004.

3.2.1 This year's Varsity Match has been proposed to take place in Oxford's new 25-metre pool. There has been some speculation, in the club, of the lack of spectator capacity at Oxford's new pool. Alex Starling informed the Committee that he has second hand evidence suggesting that although that the capacity is inferior to that of Parkside's, it is still in the order of hundred's. The Senior President suggested that we should not have the Varsity Match in an arena where there is no seating, and the exact amount of seating available at their new pool needs to be established. The Junior President has contacted her opposite half at Oxford but he has failed to respond. This matter has to be confirmed and quickly as alternative arrangements and bookings need to be made if Oxford's pool is unsatisfactory. The Senior President offered to email his opposite number at Oxford to confirm spectator capacity. The Committee feels that we need a capacity of at least 200 to make the event viable.

3.1.2 The date of the Varsity Match is still in discussion but February 14th is the preferred date at this time. This date will be confirmed when Oxford reply to the Junior President.

3.2. The Varsity Games

3.2.1 The Senior President raised the issue with the Committee as to whether the club still wanted to be associated with the Varsity Games. There is some benefit with the association as publicity is greatly increased, which tends to boost spectator numbers when the match is held in Cambridge. Tony Lemons has been in contact with the club, as he would like to know whether we would again like to be part of the Varsity Games this year. The Alumni Liaison Officer (last years Varsity Games President) informed the Committee that the Varsity Games made a loss last year, as procuring sponsorship in the current economic climate had proven difficult. Oxford had been less than forthcoming in producing sponsorship-raised capital, although they claim to have a potential link for this year. No one wants to be on the Varsity Games Committee this year and as a result Tony Lemons has taken over this responsibility. He feels that team members should help pay for the events they participate in. The Sport's Syndicate refuses to pay any money towards the Varsity Games. It was drawn to the Committee's attention that the Varsity Game's funding is mostly spent on the pool hire for the Water Polo and Swimming matches and other sports in the Varsity Games feel they are subsidising us. This year it is Oxford's decision as to whether we will be part of the Varsity Games, as the matches will be held in Oxford. The Alumni Liaison Officer suggests that we pull out of the Varsity Games, as funding the event ourselves would be possible through sponsorship and charging for entry and programmes. Alex Starling informed the Committee that it would cost roughly £1,500 to pay for the Varsity match and this is not an unfeasible amount of money to raise for our club. The outcome of this discussion is the need to obtain Oxford's opinion and to inform Tony Lemons of our decision as soon as possible.

3.3 *Minute 3.2 AGM 2002 refers*

Tim Westlake has now been presented with the tankard. This took place at last years Varsity Match.

3.4 *Minute 4.3 AGM 2002 refers*

The Howard Beale Club is now an official organisation but the London dinner event did not take place.

3.5 Minute 8.2 AGM 2002 refers

The club now has to Channel Swim Captains. These positions are voted for at the same time as all other Committee positions.

4.0 Howard Beale Club

4.1 The Senior President informed the Committee of the large turnout of Howard Beale Club members at last year's Tadpoles' Dinner and of the successful event held at Emmanuel College preceding the dinner.

5.0 Accounts 2002-2003

5.1 The Committee would like to thank the Senior Treasurer, 2003-2004 Junior Treasurer and Alex Starling for getting on top of last year's accounts. It appears that the club made a small profit. Alex Starling pointed out to the Committee that last years budget accounted for the Water polo team making it into BUSA final, which unfortunately did not happen this year. This may help to explain the profit. The number of outstanding debts owed to the club is disappointing and presents a difficult challenge for this year's Junior Treasurer. There are a couple of debts that are in question, namely Cat Dobson's and Geraint Thomas', these issues will be sorted out between the Junior Treasurer and the individual, the Senior Treasurer may be called in to act if necessary. There is also the issue of the last Junior Treasurer's unauthorised reduced membership fee. Hopefully this outstanding debt can be resolved between 2002-2003 Junior Treasurer and the 2003-2004 Junior Treasurer to the satisfaction of the Committee. It was also pointed out to the Committee that the club has paid the Channel Swim Pilot's fee. The finances of the Channel Swim and CUSWPC are two completely separate funds and the club will need to be paid the £500 sum back at some point this year. However, the general financial situation of the club is satisfactory.

6.0 Budget 2003-2004

6.1 The Junior Treasurer proposed the budget for 2003-2004, based on the expenditure from the previous year's accounts.

6.2 The Junior President informed the Committee that Parkside Pools has been taken over by a private company. Because of this fact pool hire costs are scheduled to increase next year. To account for this an extra £2,000 has been budgeted. The Senior President suggested that the Junior President makes herself known to the new management, possibly inviting them to this years' Varsity Match and Tadpoles' Dinner.

7.0 Officers 2003-2004

7.1 The Committee was informed that, as of yet, no Barracuda's Captain had been appointed. The Alumni Liaison Officer's College has changed from Christ's to Queens College and it was pointed out by the Men's Swimming Captain that

'Newhall' College is spelt as two words. Apart from the above deviations, the Committee approved the list of Officers.

8.0 Captains' Reports 2002-2003

8.1 The Captain's reports were received and approved

8.2 The Committee discussed the size of the club, which appears to be increasing. However, the Ladies Swimming Captain pointed out that although the intake of freshers had been larger than in previous years, the club had actually been losing more members than it had been recruiting, and now, certainly in swimming, a full capacity had been reached. This capacity is restrained by lane space for the swimmers and pool space for the water polo players. The Committee was informed by the Men's swimming Captain that Oxford have twice as much pool time as the swimmers currently have available to them in Cambridge.

9.0 AOB

9.1 The existence of next years the Channel Swim Match was brought to the attention of the Committee. A rough date of the second tide in July has been set and it was agreed that as soon as a more definite date was agreed that this should be posted on the website. The Channel Swim Captains informed the Committee that a pilot had been booked and a training camp organised with help from the Howard Beale President, David Skidmore. The Channel Swim Captains reminded the Committee that a figure of around £5,000 would make funding the swim comfortable, but at least £2,500 is needed. Sponsorship is currently being sought by the Channel Swim Captains with help from Macmillan Nurses, as the match will be swum for charity, helping raise media interest and further sponsorship.

9.2 The Senior President brought to the attention of the Committee the existence of the Newnham Bathing Sheds which are owned by CUSWPC and rented out to the Newnham Nudist Society at £100 per annum. It was suggested by the Senior President that the club resumes it's tradition of holding socials at this venue and more use is taken of the site. Notice needs to be given to the Nudist Society a few days prior to any event and the Senior Treasurer has contacts if needed and also the key. Another key is supposed to be in the possession of the Junior President, but this seems to have gone astray. This will be looked onto by the current Junior President and a copy will be procured if one cannot be found.

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