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**MINUTES OF AGM HELD IN THE ROBERT GARDNER  
ROOM, EMMANUEL COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
OCTOBER 2004**

**Present:** Prof Don Broom (Senior President), Dr. Chris Burgoyne (Senior Treasurer), Rich Folsom (Junior President), Tom Close (Junior Treasurer), Julian Lee (Secretary), Viktor Stein (Men's Swimming Captain), Laura Middleton (Ladies' Swimming Captain), Carlos Candid-Ardel (Men's Water polo Captain), Andy Robertson (Men's Water polo Secretary), Helen Gardiner (Ladies' Water polo Captain), Sarah Young (Ladies' Water polo Secretary), Henry Gomersall (Computer Officer), Mike Flower (Kit Officer), Euan Spence (Alumni Liaison Officer), Sarah Turner (University Pool Officer), Quentin Mason (Tadpoles President).

**Apologies:** Jon Smyth (Water polo League Secretary), Jon Stafford (Men's Water Polo Social Secretary)

**1.0 Apologies**

- 1.1 The committee accepted the apology of the Men's Water Polo Social Secretary but was not informed of the apology of the Water polo League Secretary prior to the meeting.

**2.0 Minutes of the AGM 2003**

- 2.1 The committee agreed the minutes of last year's AGM and congratulated last year's secretary on excellent minutes.

**3.0 Matters arising**

**3.1 University Pool**

3.1.1 The Senior President has informed the Committee that there has been significant progress in building of the Cambridge University swimming pool and sports centre. It has now been accepted by the sports authority and action is imminent. The Senior President has now been elected on to the committee overseeing the building and planning of the sports complex and reports that Tony Lemons (Director of Physical Education) shares his view that the Swimming pool should be of international standard and one of the best in the country. The appeal, although still in its preliminary



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stages, is now underway and the first event was during the Alumni event in September. The plans of the sports complex are now available to view in the Cambridge University Press, which has the advantage of not belonging to any college. It is hoped that the sports facility will be able to be added to the appeal for the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University. The committee has agreed that a link should be placed on the club's website to promote the appeal. It has also been agreed that the Pool Liaison Officer will try and promote the appeal and in particular the swimming pool.

## 3.2 Varsity Match Pool 2003

3.2.1 The Junior President informs the Committee that he felt that the new Oxford pool, which was the venue for last years Varsity Match, was a success. There was no need to move seats and there were no real problems on the day. However the Alumni Officers argues that this was because we were unable to bring all the supporters we would have wished to. The lack of space for swimming down and warming up, as well of the size of the pool was discussed and it was generally thought to be a bad idea to have a 25 metre pool.

## 3.3 Varsity Games

3.3.1 The problem of whether to enter the Varsity Games this year was made easier by the fact that there will be no Varsity Games this year. However there are various people in Oxford and Cambridge trying to arrange all the Varsity Matches on one weekend like the traditional Varsity Games format. However this means that there is no sponsor paying for pool hire for the Varsity Match and as a result CUSWPC will have to pay for all the costs. The Junior President is currently looking in to sponsorship to alleviate the cost by either selling advertising space or finding a total sponsor for the entire match.

## 3.4 Varsity Match 2005

3.4.1 The Junior President informs the Committee that the preliminary date for the match will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, but this has yet to be confirmed with Oxford and Parkside Pools. The date will be confirmed when the Oxford president replies to the Junior President.

3.4.2 The Senior President suggested to the Committee that the length of the Varsity Match should be shortened as at the moment the long waiting time has a negative effect on the morale of supporters. However the



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Alumni Officers argued that the gaps are necessary for warming up and swimming down as last year's Varsity pool had limited space.

## 3.4 Newnham River Grounds

3.4.1 The Tadpoles president informed the Committee that last year's Garden Party was a huge success and he is looking to hold several more events in the future. He also added that the current tenants were extremely helpful; however we should inform them a bit earlier the next time we wish to use the grounds. The Senior Treasurer countered this as we own the grounds and they hire it off us. He also added that we should use it more during the summer term. The issue of increasing the rent to the Nudist colony was raised as £100 per annum seems very generous. The Alumni Officer added that the cost of joining the Nudist colony is quite expensive and its membership has increased greatly as it has become more family orientated. However the Senior Treasurer informed the Committee that although we own the land and no one disputes this, we can not prove this as the deeds has been lost. Several pictures of the grounds have been found by the Senior Treasurer when he was looking for the deeds in the University archive and it was agreed that these pictures should be put on the club website. It was also proposed that the grounds might be transferred to the University Sports syndicate however it shall remain ours to use. The Junior President suggested holding next year's Tadpoles Dinner there.

## 4.0 Accounts

4.1 It appears that the club has made a profit of £507.61 however the Junior Treasurer informed the Committee that there are several large creditors, notably Parkside (Council), Parkside (SLM), Cambridge SC and Talking Ts. These has been taken in to account for the upcoming years budget 2004-05, which explains why there seems to be lots more money in the bank account. The Junior Treasurer expects to pay these debts and has thus set money aside for them if the invoice comes. It was agreed by the Committee that we should send a letter to the various creditors asking them if we owe them any money and if so they should send an invoice to us. However the Senior Treasurer reminds the Committee that we want to maintain our good relationship with the City as they have been very good to us in the past. As for the debts, there are some quite old debts which the Junior Treasurer will try and get, however the club may have to write these debts off if we can not contact the debtors. As for Peterhouse who owe money for last years Waterpolo league and coppers' fee, the Junior



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Treasurer will contact Peterhouse bursar who will hopefully pay the outstanding debt.

## **5.0 Budget 2004-2005**

- 5.1 The Junior Treasurer proposed the budget for 2004-2005, based on the expenditure from the previous year's.
- 5.2 The Junior Treasurer informs the Committee that the major change for the upcoming year is the large increase in subs compared to last year. This is due to a large increase in the cost of hiring the Leys pool. However the Junior President pointed out that the club is slightly larger this year due to the second swimming squad so the actual increase in subs per person is not as significant as first thought. Although the budget shows a £2600 loss, this is not an actual loss as this includes the money that we owe Parkside and other money that we have now that we shouldn't really have. However apart from the two major points, there are no other changes from last year. The Senior Treasurer has urged the Committee to make sure they keep receipts and invoices for any payments and give it to the Junior Treasurer as it would make his life easier as the books need to be audited.

## **6.0 Howard Beale Club**

- 6.1 The Committee was generally pleased with the money received from the Howard Beale club for the Channel swim camp in Menorca. It was viewed as a success, as reflected in the Varsity Channel swim win over Oxford for the first time ever. However the Alumni Officer has expressed his concerns over the money going towards the Channel swim camp rather than the swimming or water polo training camps, as it has been discovered that the Howard Beale club would be unwilling to give any more money. However the Senior Treasurer believes the Howard Beale club are happier to sponsor specific things/events such as a channel swim camp rather than a general contribution or sponsorship. He also added it would not be beneficial to appear to be ungrateful for the sponsorship and you do not want to do anything which would seem to be negative about the sponsorship.

## **7.0 Officers**

- 7.1 There is still no Barracuda's captain; however the Junior President informs the Committee that there is now a coach which is far more effective than a captain. The Committee was also informed that the contact details for the Secretary was incorrect as was the spelling of the position of the Water



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polo Ladies' Secretary. Apart from the above deviations, the Committee approved the list of officers.

## 8.0 Captain's Report 2003-2004

- 8.1 The Captain's reports were received and approved. The Senior President was keen to congratulate the team and in particular the previous Committee who were very organised and contributed greatly to such a successful year.
- 8.2 The current Swimming Women's Captain informs the Committee that she has done another more substantial report which will be sent to the Committee members. The Senior Treasurer agrees that the current statement is a bit brief and not as complete as the Swimming Men's report.
- 8.3 The Senior President is particularly pleased with the Varsity Channel swim as this is the first time that Cambridge University has won the Channel Swim Varsity Match. However it is agreed by the Committee that the report is slightly misleading over whether Oxford has misinformed various publications over who won the event. It was agreed that the report should be reworded to avoid accusation. The Senior Treasurer told the Committee that if you win you should be responsible for issuing press releases to the major publications along with digital photos.
- 8.4 The Alumni Officer has asked for there to be a Channel Swim Committee member next year as financially it is not easy to arrange the Channel swim crossing. The Senior Treasurer added that it is important that we get funding as the club will not pay for the Channel swim attempt. It was accepted by the Committee that during the next club elections there will be a post for a Channel Swim Officer open.

## 9.0 AOB

- 9.1 The Senior President has informed the Committee that in the coming year there will be a social event in which all club members will be expected to attend and talk to the Alumni and previous club members. During other socials throughout the year there will be an increased alumni participation to help the appeal.
- 9.2 The Junior President has informed the Committee that the second team swimming squad has generally been a success. The Senior President added that there should be a second team squad for all the teams, which would help the club run, plus would allow people to keep training if they miss out



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of the squad one year. The Committee agreed that a second team is extremely beneficial and valuable to the club. Various names for this second team have been suggested, but it was widely agreed that the 'Seals' is a better name than the 'Guppies'. The Senior President believes the second team should have a name which people can say with pride and be proud of. The issue of whether the Seals would be allowed to be Tadpoles was raised by the Junior Treasurer, which will be considered.

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