

Lordsfield Swimming Club
Annual General Meeting
Wed 21 April 2001 (Online)

1. Introductions (Trustees and Management Committee)

Lauren welcomed attendees to the AGM.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from: Deb Heath, Sarah Mason, Lynn Wake, Paul Wake, Martin Baker.

3. Chair of Trustees Report (Janice Stott)

Janice took the meeting through a high level summary of the Report which can be found in full at [lovertonswim](#). Janice started by setting out the maintenance work that had been completed over the year. This included work to: the changing block, the office shed, the new equipment shed, the entrance path, the plant room, maintenance of the paths, along with installation of CCTV as a result of break ins over the year. Work ongoing included updating the covers and slab work. Janice thanked all the individuals who had done so much work on the pool: Darren Whitford, Richard Thrussel, Colin Fowles, Jeff & Sheila Wells, Nick & Phylis Bowden, Will Oram, Alan Bond and in particular Jeff & Sheila Wells and Dave Lancaster who have worked through the year. Thomas Fowles's had volunteered as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award helped by his sister. The pool was keen to support other DoE volunteers going forward. Janice thanked Kent and Debra Rolfe for a very generous donation to cover the costs of the CCTV and installation, and Dennis and Marian Rowles very kindly paid for the cladding.

Janice also thanked Sheila for her work on claiming back a substantial amount of gift aid, and finally thanked all the Committee Members and all volunteers who support the Club. The Club is always keen to welcome more volunteers.

4. Finance Report (Nicky Williams and Anne Hogan)

Nicky started with 2019: income of £14k made up of membership, season tickets, challenges and other sources. The operating shortfall had been approximately £14K. Nicky noted that the 2019 accounts also showed the cost of the groundwork for the new access which was then recouped in 2020 through Section 106 funds. The costs of splitting the utilities were also incurred in 2019. Small training costs had been brought across from the previous year. Other notable costs included CCTV. The meeting was also shown the financial summary for 2020.

Anne took the meeting through grants and donations. Grants received included Parish Council, Section 106 and in 2020, a Covid Support grant from the Council. Gift Aid was received in 2020. The Trust was extremely grateful for donations in both 2019 and 2020 from groups, local businesses, individuals, and lots of fund-raising activities – Anne thanked all donors on behalf of the club. In 2019 the lambing event organised by Mindy and pop up shop had also raised over £3K and £5.5K respectively.

Nicky took the meeting through the reconciliation. This showed funds available of £58K in the bank. Nicky explained that the Trust needed to maintain a reserve of £20K, leaving available funds of £38K. While this sounded a lot, Nicky noted that there was considerable expenditure planned – this included costly capital items such as the pool liner and pump. The Trust is also expecting to receive various utility bills in the near future which were expected to be around £1K.

Nicky noted that all the finance figures are included in full in the Trustees Report.

5. Management Committee update & Trustees (Janella Thow)

On the Management Committee, Janella noted that no one was leaving the committee. In terms of role changes, Lauren was moving from Chair of the Management Committee to lead on fund raising and PR and Nicola was becoming Chair alongside her role as lead on operations. Alan Tombe nominated himself to become a member. Janella took an action to follow up with Alan. Janella suggested that any prospective Management Committee members could shadow existing members. Lauren noted that Helen Forsey and Louise Clark had expressed an interest in this.

6. Update on current situation & this season (Lauren McCann)

Lauren echoed Janice's thanks to all those involved in keeping the pool maintained and ready to open when we are able to do so. Lauren, in particular, thanked Janice Stott, Dave Lancaster, and Jeff and Sheila Wells, along with all the volunteers and members who have been manning Janet's maintenance rota.

Clearly the ability of the club to open was about whether the pool could be operated safely within the covid laws, rules and guidance. Lauren noted that the Management Committee was ploughing through the guidance from Swim England. The ambition was to open in the summer holidays if at all possible, and then potentially for cold water swimming in an extended season if possible. The Management Committee would be looking at all options including for example bubbles and lane swimming.

The Committee was also looking at the need to refresh the training of many volunteers. Amy was looking at this – in itself complicated by current restrictions

on training group size and so on. Within that context, the Committee wanted to support year 6 swimming if it possibly could. Grace Terry, a new volunteer and a swimming teacher, offered to help with any work on the guidance.

Janice thanked Lauren for her service as Chair, and all the work she had done for the pool as Chair of the Management Committee. Janice welcomed Nicola as the new Chair.

Janet added her thanks to everyone involved in the maintenance effort, noting the huge commitment of volunteers to keeping the pool up and running and how quickly the maintenance rota slots filled up. Janet noted that she has also been contacted by several people who have newly moved to the village offering, to help including an offer from DC Autos around sponsorship.

Mindy noted that goodwill in the community to support the club remains really strong. She suggested that annual membership could be opened early to give people an opportunity to support the pool in this way ahead of any opening this year, and to help safeguard its future.

Tania noted that Basingstoke and Deane had recently been in touch about the possibility of a new leisure grant.

Janice asked that any volunteers who have changed contact details to please update Janet, who also asked that people check their spam settings to stop emails from the club being filtered out of inboxes.

7. Q&A to Committee

There were no additional questions from the meeting.

Lordsfield Swimming Club would like to thank Jolie for taking the minutes for the AGM.