



## **YEovil DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB**



### **Minutes of YDSC Annual General Meeting 2020**

Date: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October @ 6.30pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Present: President: Sharon Card (SC), Chair: John Dixon (JD), Secretary: Judi Swan (JS), Treasurer: John Kinder (JK), Welfare: Sonia Floyd (SF), Competitions: Mike Frost (MF), Head Coach: Ian Angell (IA), Water Polo: Hannah Taylor (HT), Website & PR: Ashley Tomkins (AT), Social Secretary: Daniela Tomkins (DT), Swim Mark: Vacant. Other Members: Lee Paine, Michelle Harries.

Apologies: Membership: Alan Stallard (AS), COVID-19 Lead: Kate Williams (KW)

### **Introduction from our President**

SC opened the meeting by thanking all who attended committee, coaches and parents in these times we find ourselves in.

What a year! A huge thank you to IA and his team of coach's and the committee for all the hard work they have put in during the year. IA and JD have both kept up to date with all the updates and guidelines over the past few months and the committee have met regularly, often weekly to make sure the best for our swimmers.

As we cannot tell what will unfold in the coming months, I ask that we all work together and that any parents, who are able, please join us with whatever time you have to help us continue to go forward in these uncertain times.

### **Review & Sign Off of 2019 Minutes and Matters Arising**

One recorded action from the 2019 minutes: Constitution, held over to reflect the incorporation of Water Polo and to update with the latest Swim England guidelines.

This is subject to a member vote later during this AGM.

There being no matters arising, the 2019 minutes were signed by JS on behalf of the Chair (JD) due to the current situation.



## **Chair's Report**

JD reiterated our Presidents words of thanks and said what a privilege it had been to have been able to chair the committee for another year.

JD reflected on a successful year for our swimmers, from the Junior League, Arena League, our own Christmas meet through to Counties. Counties 2020 was a most successful year for YDSC with many swimmers qualifying with some getting regional times. JD reflected on a sense of pride in YDSC and their fantastic achievements pre lockdown.

Although the swim year was cut short, all credit goes out to our swimmers and the coaching team, who all worked hard up to March 2020 and are now again in our current constraints.

JD talked about our meets and others we attend, thanking our own officials from the club, our coaches and team managers, who all work extremely hard supporting us swimmers in and out of the pool. We have a loud and proud club!

JD thanked IA and his coaching team, HT and her Water Polo team for all their hard work. The secretary for her support and connection between the committee, coach's and parents, especially during the last few months. AT and his team for the work they have put into the new website. To both KW and IA for their hard work in liaising with pools to get all the risk assessments done for each provider. A general thank you to all the coach's and committee for their effort to get our swimmers back in the pool safely.

JD also took a moment to remind us that in the current situation we all have a collective responsibility to follow the rules and guidance in place

Lastly, a thank you to our outgoing committee members Emma, Lee and Vicky.

## **Head Coach Report**

IA began with saying 'what a year' it had been, though in itself seems a massive understatement. With world events having a direct impact on all of us and as for YDSC, everything has been far from normal.

Beginning the season with much vigour, Ian said we had some great results in both Junior and Arena League as well other competitions cumulating in a record number of swimmers gaining qualifying times for the County Championships.



Coach Paul was selected to become one of Somerset ASA county pathway coach and enjoyed a very different experience working online with a range of pathway swimmers. We also had a record number of Yeovil swimmers that were selected to participate on the program. This is the recognition that we as a club are moving in the right direction with excellent coaching and swimmers achieving superb results.

IA thanked his coaching team for all the hard work they have put in over the last 14 months both at the pool and from home. During lockdown Maxine Balch decided to step away from coaching for YDSC and wished her well with her continued work with Heron club.

Since June our sessions/squads have changed beyond all recognition but not the dedication required of our lead coaches and our support coaches. Without them the club and swimmers would be all the poorer. They supported our work over Spring and Summer both by helping and joining in for our virtual land training sessions.

Land training formed a massive part of our lockdown training - allowing squads time to talk and chat up virtually as well as getting levels of fitness raised. Reminding swimmers of pre pool warm up. This work has not stopped - we continue with our land training sessions on a regular basis every week.

Unfortunately, our development plan was put on hold, but that doesn't mean we have forgotten about it - just that our priorities have changed over the last 7 months.

IA said that both the Club Captain and Junior Club Captain would retain their roles for the rest of the 2010/21 season due to them being unable to complete their duties for the full 12 months and hopes that they will both continue to commit to their own high levels of training but also encourage their team mates as well.

COVID-19 also saw his own Senior coaching course disrupted - he has now completed all of the academics but waiting for that last practical session to be signed off. Although this is unlikely to happen until competition recommence.

IA also noted that many of the committee/volunteers and coaching staff also took the opportunity to update their own skills by completing many of the online courses and updates that Swim England and IOS offered online.



## **Water Polo Report**

HT thanked the committee for their support, especially over the past few months.

They had a good membership prior to lockdown and that post lockdown numbers were increasing. At present there are 17 seniors and 17 juniors. They play in bubbles, concentrating on drills and fitness but try to keep creative.

They have built great links with other local teams in Somerset and Dorset, though competitive matches haven't returned yet.

HT reports that they have one Level 2 and two Level 1 coach's as well as four DBS volunteers/helpers.

## **Constitution**

The constitution has been updated with the latest Swim England guidance and reflects the incorporation of Spartan's Water Polo.

This was updated by AS and JS, regional had signed this off and with the committee agreeing to the constitution Wednesday 7th<sup>th</sup> October.

As of this AGM (31<sup>st</sup> October 2020), the members have also agreed to the constitution and will now be submitted as the constitution of YDSC to Swim Mark.

## **Officer/Other Committee Roles**

Officer/Other Committee Roles for the next year as follows:

All officers/members were re-elected except for the newly assigned roles for competitions, membership and PR/Web. The committee express they're thanks to the new members of the committee and to volunteering their time to the roles.

President - SC  
Chair – JD  
Secretary \_ JS  
Treasurer – JK  
Welfare – SF  
Competitions – MF  
Membership – AS  
PR/Website – AT  
Social Secretary \_ DT



COVID-19 Lead – KW  
 Head Coach - IA  
 Water Polo – HT  
 L Paine  
 M Harries



Swim Mark - Vacant

**Any other business**

SC asked if anyone had any other business to add but all were happy.

SC pointed out that as we met for AGM, new lockdown rules were being announced, YSDC needs to work together to be able to move forward with flexibility. It was agreed to wait for Swim England’s guidance on going forward.

Lastly, SC wanted to wish our Head Coach, IA and his partner the best wishes for their forth coming wedding from all at YSDC #Pink Army Family

Meeting closed at 19.30pm

Minutes prepared by J Swan and signed as a true record (for copy on file)  
 On Behalf of the Chair

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J Dixon  
 Chairman

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Date

