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NOTTINGHAM NORTHERN SWIMMING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1st April 2020 – REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON'S OVERVIEW REPORT – EMMA BELL

A big thank you to all our swimmers, their families, officials, committee members and all persons involved with Nottingham Northern Swimming Club for their continued and unwavering support over the past year.

We have continued to grow as a club, welcoming many new swimmers, especially younger members. This amazing cohort will enable the club to develop and achieve its goals.

Our strong and diverse coaching team strive to support every swimmer to achieve their full potential. As a club we pride ourselves on the atmosphere we create and the fantastic team spirit we foster. We have had many successes in galas and open meets this year and our swimmers have achieved some amazing personal bests. None of this would have been possible without the volunteers that give their time so generously to the club. We have had really successful year and I'm excited to see what this next year brings for Nottingham Northern.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – DIANE WILLIAMS

Thank you to all those involved in another busy year at Northern.

We welcome Grace Philips to our coaching team who completed her Level 1 course and we also welcome back Sally Durkin who has taken over our new J3 session.

A swimmer has suggested that we have a Northern Mascot – a Narwhal – we do have a small one to take to galas, so look out for it.

New Harvey Hadden Car park restrictions have come into force – with no charges but users must register their car. This is working well and cars can be registered at reception or on phones with Ringo. Michelle Hammond has organised the printing and supply of Northern Towels – these look great. Polo shirts, Hoodies and hats are still available to order.

We have created a new policy concerning the Care of swimmers at end of swim sessions. Responsibility of Swimmers. It is important that parents are clear where Northern's responsibility

starts and ends during a swim session. Parents are always requested to be on site during the session but on occasion, this may not be possible. In this instance, they must nominate another person to be responsible for the swimmer. Harvey Hadden: coaches/committee will be responsible for swimmer's whist on poolside and in the group changing rooms. Parents take responsibility if they use public changing rooms as soon as the session ends. Ken Martin: coaches/committee will be responsible for swimmer's whist on poolside but parents will take responsibility when the session ends. High School: coaches/committee will be responsible whist on poolside and in the group changing rooms for a total of 10 minutes after the session has ended.

I attended a Volunteer meeting and regularly attend Club Network meetings with other clubs and Nottingham City Council – which are very informative for clubs.

We were successful in achieving our Swim Mark accreditation in December 2019. All codes of conduct, which have been sent out electronically are available to view on our website, along with all our policies.

Northern still need plenty of helpers, please offer your time and experience, even if it's only for an hour a month or a couple of hours a year. If you would like to join our coaching team, take a look at the incentives; commitment can be one session per week. Visit our website which is kept up to date by Andrew Philips – thank you for all your hard work and thank you to all the committee who work incredibly hard behind the scenes.

Thank you to all our members, parents, carers for your continued support.

TREASURER'S REPORT – GILL SALSURY

During the period 01/01/19 – 31/12/19 expenditure exceeded income by £2,314.96 leaving NNSC with net assets of £50,388.19.

This is the first time the club has made an annual loss since 2010 - and is due mainly to increased pool hire costs and the significant amount of training courses the club has paid for, for coaches and volunteers.

FEES

Swimming fees in 2019 were £23 per swimmer, per month, with 3rd and subsequent family members paying half price. We did not cover the cost of pool hire and coaching expenses and therefore the committee has made the decision to increase fees to £25.00 from February 2020.

MEMBERSHIP

Swim England increased their membership fees, but NNSC have decided to keep the costs the same as last year

CAT 2 swimmers - £48.00 a year

CAT 3 volunteers - £1.50 a year

We ask for a minimum donation of £1.50 per year from CAT 3 members, but the actual cost to the club is £12.50 (2019) increasing to £13.10 in 2020.

Membership fees are divided by 12 and added to the monthly fee standing order

Cat 2 = £4.00 membership + £25.00 fees = £29.00 per month

NORTHERN OPEN MEET

Another fantastic Open Meet – and a vital part of the NNSC calendar. We made a profit of £3,175.74

TRAINING

The club paid for numerous training courses including three level 1 coaching courses, and a level 2 coaching course.

Michelle Hammond ran a timekeepers course, and many volunteers renewed their safeguarding qualification to enable them to remain active members of the club.

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

The swimming club has budgeted £300.00 to be used by families if they are finding it difficult to pay the fees due to unavoidable circumstances. Please speak to the treasurer if this is an issue.

Due to a change of circumstances with the accountant, the accounts for 2019 have not yet been audited. This will be done as soon as possible

Appendix 1: Income and Expenditure

Appendix 2: Three Year Budget

JUNIOR OPEN MEET SECRETARY REPORT – ANDREW PHILLIPS

Many thanks to all involved for a successful open meet in June 2019.

This was our 43rd Northern Junior Open and our fourth at Harvey Hadden. This was run again as a Swim England Level 3 Licenced Meet using the 25 metre pool for a fun-packed day of 50m heats and finals in all four strokes and 100m Individual Medleys, for swimmers aged 9 to 14.

280 swimmers competed, with boys swimming in 519 events and girls in 689 events (so 57% female entries).

The number of events entered by the day was 1208 (taking into account any withdrawals). We aimed to restrict entries to 1350 to keep the length of the day manageable but we weren't quite full, although this resulted in slightly shorter sessions.

In terms of numbers of swimmers, City of Derby had the most with 74, followed by Sutton (54), Nottingham Northern (29), Ilkeston (23), Ripley (18), Worksop (15), Long Eaton (13), Falcon (10), Leander (10), Arnold (8), Portland (6), Bramcote (5), Hucknall and Linby Dolphins (4), Carlton Forum (3), Calverton and Bingham (2), and one each from Braunstone, Derby Phoenix, Kimberley, Leicester Sharks, Radford and Retford.

After 6 years of winning the event, Sutton were beaten to the top slot by City of Derby who scored 466.5 points. Sutton achieved 233 points and Ripley 116.

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Received some useful feedback from parents and coaches:

- Many thanks for a great open meet- our first time and really enjoyed it. – Tony & Ingrid West, Bramcote
- Can I say thanks for organising a super meet. It was really well run, the officials and volunteers were very helpful and my daughter really enjoyed the whole experience. I look forward to seeing you next year - Martin Knight, Carlton Forum SC
- Thank you for a great meet today. It was really well organised and it's so nice to see the kids rewarded with presentations at the end. Many thanks to you and all your volunteers – Katey Cox, Portland
- Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved in the very smooth running of the Nottingham northern.
- It was lovely to be met by so many friendly faces who took the time to natter to us. Even on a very very hot day Nottingham northern gave it 100%. We all felt very welcomed.
- The constant refreshments, lunch and the bags of sweets for the swimmers were all gratefully received
- As a small club we had a fantastic meet bagging 4th place in the club. Out of 22 swimmers that we brought we made 32 finals and two swimmers were in the top ten at the end of the meet.
- We intend to return next year and look forward to another day with you all
- Thanking you once again - Claire Cotton - Membership Secretary Ilkeston
- Thanks to everyone at Northern for a brilliant and very well organised day! – Louise Bennison
- I wasn't there yesterday due to being on holiday but heard nothing but positive feedback again from swimmers and parents so well done again on running an excellent open meet – Andy Quinn, Sutton
- Thank you for having Braunstone yesterday it was a lovely day and a very well organised meet, we both thoroughly enjoyed it – Natalie Rose, Braunstone
- Our limited number of swimmers really enjoyed it – Elaine Giannino, Open Meet Secretary, Portland
- Andrew, thank you very much for a well run event. Everything organised really well, meal tickets a great idea.... even the skittles sweets was a great idea!
- Lots of pool side water on offer too.
- The trophies are splendid and for 6 places allowed swimmers to get a great prize
- My daughter is Breanna so she is thrilled! – Helen Chamberlain, Retford
- Thank you for another fantastic day yesterday – Tracey, Ripley
- Many thanks for yesterday – an extremely well run event & some fantastic trophies ! – Jo Flewitt
- Just a quick e mail to say how good the event was yesterday. For somebody new into swimming I was very impressed with everything and how friendly everyone was – Stuart Power
- I'd like to reiterate that this was a very enjoyable event and well ran. A number of our swimmers swam for the first time in an open and they enjoyed it too. Do pass on the congratulations to all and we look forward to participating next year – Carl Stadler, Ilkeston
- For the past 3 or 4 years, Ziyenne would say the Notts Northern Junior Open is her favourite meet of the year. This year was no different. So thank you very much – Bally Shanker, Leander
- Thank you for a great day and experience – Steve Upton
- Thank you for all your help with Matthew and Sophies entries they both really enjoyed the meet, got new pb's and Sophie loves her trophy – Amanda Clark
- Please accept my thanks to you and all the team at Northern Notts who made the gala on Sunday a real pleasure to attend, not only for myself as an official but also my daughter as a swimmer and my wife as a team manager. Look forward to seeing you again in 2020 – Paul Else

Thanks to:

- All the Officials
- Clare Soar our club president for organising the trophies
- The teenagers who acted as runners on the day
- All the volunteers from the club who helped on the day, shouting swimmers, dealing with cancellations, selling raffle tickets, entry tickets and programmes, feeding and watering the officials, and helping with our huge group of swimmers.

And thanks to all the swimmers from Nottingham Northern for their participation.

This year's Northern Open will be on Sunday 28th June 2020 at Harvey Hadden.

The club also held our fifth licenced Club Championships during the autumn of 2019, and in May and December 2019 held licenced Time Trials events.

HEAD COACHES REPORT & GALA REPORT - IAN FAHY

This has been my second full year as Head Coach, and I can't believe where the time has gone. Having said that, I'm delighted at the progress that has been achieved within the club; from the bottom end in our Teaching groups, right the way up to our Seniors. This is the result of many hours of hard work and dedication from the teachers and coaches, who are committed to helping our swimmers achieve their full potential. May I express my sincere thanks to them all.

The executive committee has again been very supportive of initiatives to improve the program we offer to our swimmers and as well as continuing with regular 50 metre training sessions, our swimmers also benefit from occasional water polo sessions. May I again thank all members of the committee for their ongoing support.

In respect of teachers, coaches and officials, we have again up-skilled existing members of the teams and have recruited new members. I know that this will continue, and my thanks again to the committee for providing the training budget to facilitate this.

This year saw our 'home grown' swimmers Kim Davadoorj secure a place in Nova on the B1 squad, Bailey Price secure a place on the Development squad, with Development squad places also having been offered to Ben Pridmore and Jack Marshall. Darcie Taylor, also in the Development squad, has recently joined the Club from Retford. I'm confident that there will be opportunities for more of our swimmers to trial with Nova this year.

Following a coaches/teachers meeting in December, January saw the introduction of our new Junior 3 (J3) squad, which had been designed to act as the interface between the Teaching groups (T2 and T1) and the existing Junior squads (J2 and J1). Whilst it's still early days, this seems to be going well, and our swimmers are certainly benefiting from this.

We have some great swimmers in the making and I look forward to seeing more of our swimmers achieving more great results.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT – Debbie Blagg

Changes for 2019

All new swimmers are registered as a category 2 swimmer.

Any new members joining the club between Oct-Dec will now only have to pay half of the annual membership fee.

The annual membership fee is made up of ASA, Region and County membership fees. These fees are included into the swimmers monthly standing order payments.

Number of Club Members

March 2019 – 143

March 2020 - 111

Category 1 – 35 members

Category 1 – 6 members

Category 2 – 70 members

Category 2 – 82 members

Category 3 – 38 members

Category 3 – 23 members

The Renewal Membership list has been updated and submitted. All members are registered onto the ASA online membership system promptly ensuring they are registered for the correct category. For swimmers who wish to enter Open Meets, must be registered as a Category 2 member before they enter.

Medical List

The Disabilities/Medical information is kept up to date, and a copy given to the Head Coach each time it is amended.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT – ALISON NURSE

- All going well with the DBS. Those requiring DBS must become a member first.
- All procedures are in place.
- Any issues have been sorted.
- Changing rooms checked regular, thanks to Emma Bell.
- Email has been sent to parents/carers about tuning up late to a session – they need to be on time to undertake the warm-up and not to disrupt the session.
- Coronavirus has been discussed and we are following Swim England advice and signposting people to follow guidelines issued by the Government and NHS. Risk Assessment has been carried out and as at the time of writing, no additional precautions to be taken. The Northern Open will go ahead but will be reassessed nearer the time of 28th June.
- If any concerns, please approach me or any of the committee.