

**RINGWOOD SEALS SWIMMING CLUB A.G.M**  
**8 March 2008**

**Venue:** Sandy Balls Holiday Park

**Host:** Chairman – Carole Ralph

**Agenda:**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Approval of 2007 AGM minutes.
- 3 Chairman's report
- 4 Treasurer's report
- 5 Fees and Subscriptions 2007/2008
- 6 Director of Swimming report
- 7 Election of the new committee
- 8 Presentation of awards.
- 9 Any other business
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**Minutes of meeting:**

Welcome: Carole Ralph, welcomed everyone and thanked those present for attending the meeting. She presented the 2007 minutes & treasury report.

A.G.M Minutes 2007: were approved by Annette Sherry and seconded by Martin Geldart

**Chairman's report**

We all like to think of this Club as a family and as a family we have seen some extremely low and tragic times during the last year. One of these being the severe illness suffered by our Chairman Paul Spacagna who which forced his early retirement from the position. At that time the Committee voted me on as acting chairman, which is why I am here and not him. Bad times continued to follow with the sad loss of James Salisbury, one of our long standing swimmers and now the current illness of Anne's husband Jim. However as with all families we strive to support each other and look ahead with optimism.

On the Upside I am pleased to say that our application for Swim 21 accreditation has been accepted by the regional authority and we are just waiting for National confirmation. For those of you who do not know SWIM 21 – What is it? Swim 21 Accreditation is a 'Quality mark'. It recognises nationally and regionally the clubs that are committed to providing safe, effective and quality services for the benefit of their members.

Swim 21 is the ASA's Club Development model - a planning tool, based on the principles of Long Term Athlete Development, enabling clubs to help athletes, teachers, coaches and administrators to achieve their full potential. It focuses particularly on the needs of athletes - striving to provide them with the best possible support and environment.

What does it mean for us?

- Enhanced access to various sources of funding.
- It can be used as a negotiation tool with Local Authorities, in terms of seeking additional water time or a reduction in its cost.
- Recognition by Sport England that your club is safe, effective and child friendly.
- Will allow us access to a wide array of resource materials - in the form of Information Sheets, Templates, Resource Packs and Workshops.

It basically opens doors that were previously shut, or at best hard to open.

Swim 21 does not change the way the Club has been run but it formalizes the practices that were already in place.

Added to this we were approached by the leisure centre with a view to formalizing the link between the Swim Academy and Seals. Annette and I have now attended two meetings with Anne Van Hoof and Sally Stafford, management staff at Ringwood Health & Leisure, and are very pleased with the positive attitude they have shown towards the Club. We are now in the process of drawing up a procedure for transfer of swimmers from their academy into the club. This will involve the academy teachers assessing and recommending likely swimmers who will then attend a special academy session during the school holiday when we will go along and assess the swimmers and offer any of the appropriate standard to attend a week's trial with Seals.

The centre is also producing a welcome pack which will include a leaflet advertising Seals.

Lastly we have finally purchased our long awaited lane ropes and these will be in action during training sessions as soon as the fittings have been finalised. I would like to thank Ian Salisbury for all his hard work in sourcing both the ropes and storage. I have a lot of other people to thank but will do that later in the meeting

### **Treasurer's report – attached**

On you tables is a copy of our financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007.

Those of you who were here last year will remember that we made a £3000 loss in 2006. This was due to expenditure on training for a number of new teachers. As you know none of our teaching staff are paid so it seems only fair for the club to provide money for their training. Of course this was expenditure which has now given us a resource and is unlikely we will need to spend that sort of amount in the near future. Moving to 2007 you will see swim fees were not changed as it was hoped that we would just about break even. Unfortunately this was largely scuppered by those lovely people at the ASA who decided to alter their affiliation fee structure. The result of which was an additional expenditure of around £400 which of course you will see pretty much accounts for the loss made in 2007.

The current situation is that we have about £16000 in assets. There are no unusual items of expenditure anticipated for this year.

The Committee is recommending that as the fees have not been raised for the last two years that they rise by 50p per month per swimmer as from 1<sup>st</sup> May. This represents an overall rise of 2.17% i.e. roughly in line with inflation. Although 50p per swimmer per month will only generate around £700 pounds per year, we are hoping for a small reduction in pool hire fees when our Swim 21 is formalised. The Committee would appreciate it if you could vote in this small amendment. The money would be collected by each member completing a new standing order mandate when renewing their membership in May. Can I then ask someone to formally propose that swim fees rise from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 by 50p per month from £22.50 to £23.00.

#### New fees

These changes were proposed by Amanda Jarvis and seconded by Richard Lewis and confirmed by a show of hands.

#### **Acknowledgement for service of present committee**

Thank you to everybody

Paul Spacagna has been our chairman for several years, tirelessly attending not only our own meetings but representing the club at ASA regional meetings. He has also spent hours along with Martin Geldart preparing the Swim 21 documentations.

Kathy Crosswell is stepping down as Club Secretary after many years of service. Kathy not only did her secretarial work but is one of our vital teaching staff. She is continuing to teach and is willing to take a more back seat approach on the new committee.

Louise Kitchener has been our treasurer for a year and she kept the wolf from the door and has done an excellent job making the work of the accountant easy.

Karen Homer will be leaving as fixtures secretary. She has organised our inclusion in league and friendly competitions for many years ensuring that Seals arrive at the right gala at the right time. This job when done well is almost invisible and many do not realise the importance of the role Karen was playing.

Helen Burleigh is stepping down from running the shop after many years. Again we are very grateful for her hard work.

### **Director of Swimming report**

#### **Election of new committee:**

The following are willing to stand and have been nominated and seconded.

#### New Committee

Carole Ralph	Chairman
Lorraine Cooper	Treasurer
To be filled by committee	Club Secretary
Anne Nugent	Director of Swimming
Clare Kebby	Welfare officer
Amanda Jarvis	Membership secretary
Annette Sherry	
Kathy Crosswell	
Sara Waterman	
Caireen Roberts	
Helen Holmwood	
Debby l'Anson	
Martin Geldart	
Angie Spall	

The Committee is now full.

#### **Presentation of trophies:**

Senior merit	Stephen Barratt Anna Chong
Senior Endeavour	Jacob Knight Pippa Bell
Junior Merit	Joe Broadway Sophie Warren
Junior Endeavour	Sam Rogers Lauren Price-Jones

9 and under encouragement

Alex Bevan  
Paige l'Anson

Junior Award  
Bob Whitcher Cup

Stephanie Best  
Vivienne Sherry

6 and under

25m front crawl

William Kebby  
Pippa Jarvis

25m back stroke

William Kebby  
Pippa Jarvis

25m breast stroke

William Kebby  
Pippa Jarvis

IM

William Kebby

7 and under

25m front crawl

Alex Bevan  
Rachel Looker  
Matthew Lumley  
Eleanor Devine

25m back stroke

Alex Bevan  
Eleanor Devine

25m breast stroke

James Battye  
Bianca Sassow

25m butterfly

Alex Bevan  
Eleanor Devine

IM

8 and under

25m front crawl

Matthew Raybould  
Lucy Waterman

25m back stroke

Matthew Raybould  
Lucy Waterman

25m breast stroke

Matthew Raybould  
Lucy Waterman

25m butterfly

Matthew Raybould  
Lucy Waterman

IM

Matthew Raybould  
Lucy Waterman

10 and under

200m front crawl

Harry Crosswell  
Maddie Lumley

50m front crawl

Joe Broadway  
Maddie Lumley

50m back stroke

Joe Broadway  
Maddie Lumley

50m breast stroke	Joe Broadway Hannah Bevan
25m butterfly	Joe Braodway Hannah Bevan
IM	Joe Broadway Hannah Bevan

12 and under

200m front crawl	Kieran Fowler Phoebe Dowson
50m front crawl	Kieran Fowler Phoebe Dowson
50m back stroke	Kieran Fowler Phoebe Dowson
50m breast stroke	Kieran Fowler Phoebe Dowson
25m butterfly	William Allwood Phoebe Dowson
IM	Kieran Fowler Phoebe Dowson

14 and under

200m front crawl	David Salisbury Jayde Fowler
100m front crawl	David Salisbury Jasmine Kirby
100m back stroke	David Salisbury Libby Bell
100m breast stroke	Chris Pollock Jasmine Kirby
50m butterfly	David Salisbury Jasmine Kirby
IM	David Salisbury Jasmine Kirby

16 and under

200m front crawl	David Allwood Emily Crosswell
100m front crawl	David Allwood Emily Crosswell
100m back stroke	David Allwood Emily Crosswell
100m breast stroke	Jack Looker Elizabeth Bowes
50m butterfly	David Allwood Anna Chong

IM

David Allwood  
Anna Chong

Masters

200m front crawl

Stephen Barratt  
Pippa Bell

100m front crawl

Stephen Barratt  
Georgia Richards

100m back stroke

Stephen Barratt  
Georgia Richards

100m breast stroke

Stephen Barratt  
Georgia Richards

50m butterfly

Adam Ralph  
Pippa Bell

IM

Stephen Barratt  
Pippa Bell

Open

200m front crawl

David Salisbury  
Trixie Hopkins

100m front crawl

David Allwood  
Trixie Hopkins

100m back stroke

Stephen Barratt  
Jayde Fowler

100m breast stroke

Jack Looker  
Elizabeth Bowes

100m butterfly

Jacob Knight  
Jasmine Kirby

IM

David Allwood  
Jasmine Kirby