

Annual General Meeting

Minutes 17/11/2021

17 NOV 2021 / 7:00 PM / Zoom Online Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

7:05pm

ATTENDANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE

Francine Vickery, Joy Richman, Maja Krzic, Lisa Hermanson

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

17 members and head coach in attendance, sufficient to achieve a quorum

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda for 2021 AGM moved by L. Hermanson, and seconded by F. Vickery, all present in favor. Motion carried

Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes (18 Nov 2020)

Motion to approve previous AGM 2020 meeting minutes moved by T. Grenon and seconded by D. Tait, all in favor. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers

1. President: Introduction of the members on the Executive currently. Last year at this time we had 28 members – this year, we have 52. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a resurgence of active cases, from November 2020 to June 2021, swimming was suspended. We swam during the summer at Robert Burnaby pool and returned to UBC this Sep 2021 and opened up the club to new swimmers as the PHO lifted the restrictions to allow it. Currently our wait list is at 20 swimmers, and we are allowing them in bit by bit, encouraging trial swims to start.

2. Vice President/Secretary: no report
3. Registrar: 52 members currently, waitlist of approximately 20 members. Of the 52 swimmers, 26 are new! Ages of the swimmers range from 18 to 75. About 30% are UBC students. Maja also serves as the Coach Liaison with the Head Coach Alex – to bring forth feedback in both directions to help things go smoothly. While stepping down from the Registrar position, Maja is happy to continue acting as a member at large and the Coach Liaison. She is also the “Swim meet” organizer and chief motivator.
Next swim meet is on Nov 27, 2021 – 3 swimmers registered so far and 1 Coach attending.
4. Treasurer:
 - a. Review of 2020/21 financial results, circulated to members prior to meeting. See attached, in 2020/21 a small deficit occurred however we did not need to dip into our \$20K contingency.
 - b. 2021/22 proposed budget, circulated to members prior to meeting, see attached.

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget, moved by A. Bozac, and seconded by L. Stokes, all in favor. Motion carried.

Head Coach Report: Alex Kouzas

- Alex has coached our club on/off since 2017 and accepted the Head Coach position in the Summer 2021. Currently we have 6 coaches, and the scheduling is running smoothly. Due to 3/6 being actively on the UBC Varsity swim team, she may add 1-2 new coaches in January 2022 to provide additional back-up with a focus on someone being here year-round to coach in the Summer.
- Tuesdays is a focus on individual strokes (Fly/Back/Breast); Thursdays are I.M., Saturdays are now sprints and Sundays are now distance as there is an extra 15 min. 5-10 min stroke clinics are being run at the end of every 2nd Sunday practice.
- D. Tait wondered if we could pay for coaches to get additional coaching certifications? President advised that we do already pay for Level 1 Coaching certificates for coaches if they would like to take it.
- P. Byrne wondered if we could do beginner lessons or private/semi-private sessions or add a 3rd coach (paid for privately) to coach new swimmers in one single lane during practice. He is new to swimming and would appreciate the extra help. Some members suggested assigning a “swim mentor” to very new swimmers to help them navigate the acronyms, the swim drills and the timing/intervals on sets. Executive agreed that this is a problem and will explore solutions with the coaches.
- Some discussion and suggestions from members given. Generally very positive feedback from our members for the coaches.
- Alex welcomes feedback from members.

Old Business

SwimBC and Swim Canada are gradually adding more Masters information increasing overlap with MSABC. SwimBC has been very helpful during the pandemic in interpreting the various and changing PHOs and translating them quickly into how they apply to us and our club. They have also been helpful with ad hoc questions and items.

New Business

- No confirmation yet from UBC Aquatic Centre of our pool rental for January 2022 or Holiday swimming 2021. We have requested Tues/Thursdays for 2 weeks in late December 2021 and early January 2022, for an hour each swim. This will be a separate Holiday session with a flat fee to join – we will have workouts but no coaches for these 4 swims. The pool is currently understaffed, and they are trying to confirm all scheduling for rental groups. We should have confirmation by end of November.
- Board will be looking at new registration system/website in order to reduce work for board and dependency on non-members who currently support us.
- A requirement for a 2-week quarantine period for swimmers' post travel outside Canada will be dropped by the club. The Executive has voted and agreed on this unanimously. The PHO no longer requires this for double vaccinated Canadians, and anyone travelling will need proof of a negative PCR test to re-enter Canada, so we will match this to align with the PHO, SwimBC and ViaSport.

Board Positions

Current Board:

President: Francine Vickery

Vice President: vacant

Treasurer: Joy Richman

Registrar: Maja Krzic

Secretary: Lisa Hermanson

Election of Officers:

President: Francine Vickery by acclamation

Vice President: Joy Richman by acclamation

Treasurer: Liz Stokes by acclamation

Registrar: Lisa Hermanson by acclamation

Secretary: Katie Lee (confirmed her acceptance following the meeting)

Webmaster (Member at large): Sean Swain (non member)

Member at large: Maja Krzic

Member at large: Rebecca Brown & Breanne Llewellyn

Questions/comments from members

D. Tait thanked the executive committee for keeping everyone swimming through the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm