

Alderwood Teddy Bares

Masters Swim Team



Minutes for Alderwood Teddy Bares – Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Meeting Room - Alderwood Pool

1. Introduce new season's executive ~

There has been a change in the club executive over the past year. Wayne was unable to continue as the club president for the 2012-2013 season, and has stepped down from the executive for this season.

- For most of last year, Melissa Nelson took over the role of president and we all owe her a huge thanks for her efforts.
- Ian Drew was confirmed as the new club president.
- Ian asked for any people interested in joining the executive. At the AGM, Ian announced that two individuals were interested in joining the executive and their names would be announced to the club at a later date.
- The 2012-2013 executive is composed of:
 - Ian Drew – President
 - Melissa Nelson – Vice-President
 - Karen Slade – Treasurer
 - Lee Shimano – Social secretary
 - Paul Luke – Secretary
 - Chuck Armitage – Membership
- Gregg will remain as a non-voting member of the executive to continue to provide his observations and as his role of meet manager is very important to our club.



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2. Financial information ~

- The club raised the swim fees for this season. The increase was:
 - Full-time = \$50
 - Full-time (senior) = \$25
 - Part-time = \$25
 - There was no increase for the Associate members. These are people who are registered as a Teddy Bare, but do not swim with us.
- This was the first increase in fees in 5 years and was necessary as we have managed to control previous increases through the use of our surplus.
- In the past year, we have brought our surplus down to roughly \$6,000. We do not want to reduce this any further because this amount gives us a cushion in case of an unexpected cost or the loss of the swim meet revenue.
- The executive worked to limit the increase as much as necessary. To keep the costs down, we eliminated:
 - The time-trial meet
 - Free meet entries
 - Free relay entries at either provincials or nationals
- The proposed budget does leave us with a projected surplus of \$1,100. However, this may be lower due to the need to replace parts of our lane ropes.
- The swim meet is our one fund-raising event per year and it usually gives us a net profit of \$2,000, and we rely on everyone in the club supporting that effort. If the swim meet does not occur, the result to swimmers would be an increase of \$35 each.
- The budget is an important document for the club and the executive would like all members to express their views.
- There will be a meeting in May to discuss the budget and present options for the 2013-2014 swim season. Members will have from the meeting in May to late July to provide feedback to the executive.



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3. Club Policies ~

- The executive has developed a specific policy for part-time swimmers. Any existing full-time member may choose to be a part-time swimmer for one year. After that year, the part-time swimmer is expected to return to a full-time membership or choose to leave the club. If there are extenuating circumstances, the member may request the executive to extend the part-time membership.
- The senior fee rate will apply for seniors who are turning 65 in our swim year (September 1 to August 31).

4. Member comments

- There was a good discussion about the swim fees and suggestions to address the budget.
- There was a suggestion to do some unusual swims at practice once a month. A suggestion was to do a series of fun relays.
- One suggestion was to have a Sunday practice where we could work on starts and turns because we won't have the time-trial this year.

Minutes taken by: Ian Drew

