

Market Harborough Swimming Club
AGM 2013
Chairman's Report

This report marks the completion of my third year as Chairman of Market Harborough Swimming Club, so here is the Chairman's report for 2013. As always, I will start with the "thanks" and then move to the highlights for the past year, and also give my views on some of the challenges we are facing for 2014.

I would like to thank each and every one of our Committee members and volunteers who play such a key part in supporting the club and driving us forward. Without this dedicated team of people the Club would not function and around 250 swimmers would not be able to participate in the sport.

Thanks to Ian Johnston, who works tirelessly on behalf of the swimmers and the club continues to be in his debt.

Thanks to Val Dunton, and Liz Webb for all their hard work, with the former doing a great job as Secretary and the latter looking after the finances for us yet again this year.

Thanks to Adrian Wellicome who has kept our web site up to date and mastered the "Corgi" software.

All those people who provide help and support who do not sit on the Committee, including all the parents who have helped at gala's and events in all sorts of capacities throughout the year – we need you to continue to help and get more involved if you can. We can help you to help us, which really means helping the swimmers, if you come forward.

I need to record a huge thank you to our President, David Lander, who continues to provide invaluable support and encouragement to me personally and the club as a whole.

Last but not least in the "thank you" section comes the Teaching and Coaching Team and this is what it is really all about.

On to highlights and some challenges that we face going forward –

The Club achieved its Swim 21 Re-Validation; which built on the hard work undertaken during the re-accreditation way back in 2011.

On the finance side, Liz will present the details in her Treasurers Report, the club remains in a healthy financial position. The budget for the next financial year has yet to be agreed and to this end I would like to propose the following:

1. A nominal increase in next year's annual membership, which will remain at £72.00 (£3.00/hr) plus the ASA registration fee of £8.00, an increase of 60p from 2013 (Category 1 swimmers only).

2. No increase in the concessionary and associate membership fees, which remain at £18.00 and £5.00 respectively. Note for associate members, the ASA registration fee has increased by 30p to £4.50.
3. A nominal increase in the training fees from £11.00/weekly hour/month to £12.00/hour/month (£3.00/hr). Note for the swimmers that train and are subsequently Category 2 registered, the ASA registration fee of £25.50 (an increase of £1.30 from 2013) will continue to be absorbed by the club.

Furthermore, I propose to introduce the following measure to make the Club more equitable for those swimmers on the Development Pathway:

All swimmers on a recognised Development Pathway e.g. training at City of Leicester, Northampton etc... if not qualifying through their parents volunteering will be charged the concessionary rate for their annual membership.

Therefore, subject to agreement on the above the budget can then be provided to the incoming Committee prior to the first new Committee Meeting where the budget can then be debated, amended as necessary, agreed and signed-off through the normal process.

Finally, I am prepared to stand once more for election in order to see the Club positioned once again to take the next steps forward in our progression. This Club can continue to develop, make progress and grow if we all pull together. We have the foundations in place. We need to keep building and we will. We have not come this far to allow things to slip backwards.

Mark Merryweather

Chairman, Market Harborough Swimming Club
30th October, 2013