**SCT Water Polo Club AGM – 17 July 2023 – 7.30pm Douglas Bader Function Room**

**Minutes**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Chairman’s Statement
3. Club Finances
4. Coaches Statement
5. Election of Committee Officers
6. Election of Independent Finance checker
7. AOB

**Present** – Sue White (Chair), Linda Griggs (Treasurer), Bryan Johnson (Welfare Officer), Chris Cawood (Coach), Matthew Griggs (Male Player Rep), Nathan Griggs, Paul Clack (Committee), Michael Carter, Justine Payne (Committee), Aidan Howard, Matt Francis, Emma Quinton, Bea Francis

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Thank you to all who attended. There were no apologies for the record.

1. **Chairman’s Statement**

Chairman read her statement (this would be available on the website)

1. **Club Finances**

The Treasurer’s Statement and associated documents were discussed. These would be available on our website.

Discussion took place on the rise in cost of pool hire for the 2023-2024 year. Crown Pools had gone up £1.90 per 1 1/2 hr session and Deben Pool had gone up by £18.90 per 2hr session. Current Subs in per month based on our June 2023 numbers meant we could cover this cost and as a result subs payments will remain the same for the current time but would continue to be monitored.

1. **Coaching statement**

Chris Cawood reported that approximately 24 Juniors attended on Tuesday night and 22 on Friday night. He reported that the team entered for the Colchester 09 and under Tournament on Sunday 9th July had come second. They played 4 games and came 2nd overall on goal difference to Hitchin. Teams played friendly matches against Norwich and Colchester, the players enjoyed these matches.

Young coaches were interested in getting qualifications as Water Polo Assistant Coaches. There is a course starting in this region in October 2023 the cost is £375 per person. From the finance report we have £1400 from the Restart Grant money still to use, plus we have £100 for our SwimMark accreditation to use for a course, we can therefore fund 4 people. Taryn Howard, Brooke Flower & Thomas Rowe were currently helping poolside, Matthew Griggs has said he would like to get involved poolside again. It was decided that people would need to apply for funding for this course and would then need to commit to continuing coaching for a specific time. in the frame for starting these courses in October 2023. A course for Water Polo Coaches is scheduled for June 2024. The cost of this course is £660 per person.

1. **Election of Committee**

Matt Francis – Fixtures secretary, proposed by Linda Griggs, Seconded Bryan Johnson

Aidan Howard – General Committee, proposed by Taryn Howard, Seconded Bryan Johnson

Matthew Griggs – Secretary – he is thinking about it before the next committee meeting.

Nathan Griggs – General Committee – needed to check our constitution to see that we hadn’t exceeded our committee numbers.

1. **Election of Independent Finance Checker**

Julie Cawood has been elected to this position.

1. **AOB**

**Team Kit**

Team rebranding – all the difficulties of our name being changed had been discussed – it was decided that we would concentrate on having a team t-shire, to start Bryan would email out a competition to design a new logo for using the existing name that would be simpler and easier to print. Chris Cawood said prices would be @ £12 t-shirt.

**Team Sessions**

Chris Cawood suggested changes to the session times to make the numbers more even. These were to be thought about before the next committee meeting.

Tuesday – 7-8 Inters

Tuesday – 8-9 Adults

Friday – 8-8.45 pm Younger Inters

Friday – 8.45-9.30 pm Older Inters

**TeamIpswich Water Polo Update**

Chris Cawood gave an update and Water Polo section of TeamIpswich will not be continuing. Treasurer said that only 2 families who were now training with us had made the £20 per player one off fee for the rest of the term and completed Membership Forms. At the start of next term no player would be permitted to train if Membership Forms had not been completed. Bryan Johnson reported that the parents of TeamIpswich had been given the impression that TeamIpswich had given SCT some money for the end of this term.

**Thank you**

Justine Payne thanked the Committee and coaches for the effort they put into running the club.

The meeting closed at 20.23.