

Secretary's Report - May 2011

This has been my first year as secretary and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the club throughout the year. We have had 4 committee meetings since the last AGM all very well attended and very positive.

New committee members bring new ideas and energy to those of us who have been around for a while.....so special thanks to Rob, Debbie and Zoe. Thanks to them we have a much more efficient gala entry system, accurate session registers and a seemingly steady flow of funds from the complicated grant system that exists within the swimming world.

This year has seen an improvement in our membership processes. Thanks to Janet, Shirley and Ruth we are now running monthly trials for entry to the club – we are hoping that this will enable us to better control our membership records and, as a consequence, the money coming in.

Swim shop has been revamped. We have a new cupboard so we can keep a better stock of our club kit. We have a band of parent helpers who are brilliant at keeping the swimmers supplied with hats and goggles – thanks to Josie and everyone who helps out. The club wouldn't function without all the helpers, but I would like to give a special mention to Viv Brown who refuses to join the committee but still spends a huge amount of time helping out with the registers, the notice board and with swim shop.

Very occasionally I do think that we must all be mad to spend so much time and energy in keeping the club going....then I take 10 minutes to watch a packed training session; all the swimmers powering down the lanes doing butterfly....it is so impressive and so worthwhile.

It is great to see 5 new members joining us on the committee this year. I hope that you enjoy being more involved with the club and have lots of new ideas for us to try. We are going to miss 2 of our current committee who have finally decided that 'enough is enough'. Janet has been our Membership secretary and Sue our Secretary and Welfare Officer since 'before records began'.....at least 5 years. They began when their daughters swam but have continued long after the girls retired from swimming. Many thanks to both of you for all your hard work and commitment to the club.