

CHAIR REPORT & COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY

RUNNYMEDE SWIMMING CLUB AGM FRIDAY 18 JULY 2019

This year has been busy and challenging at times but a good one.

We have relied heavily on our willing volunteers and I must start by offering a word of thanks to them all:

Jacqui Owen – Treasurer

Steve Wisbey - Club Secretary

Rhiannan Falkus – Competitions Secretary

Nicola Morley – Membership Secretary

Neil Reid - Media/ Press Officer & Trophies Manager

Maria Neary - Swim 21 Coordinator & Website and eNewsletters

Russell Pagan - Disability Officer

Simon Ford - Welfare Officer

Julie Cleaver - Social Secretary (Jack Petchey Awards)

Alex Comber - Officials Coordinator

Darren Easter - Health & Safety

Cheryl Ellis - Schools Co-ordinator and Swim School Manager

Carolyn Read - Swim Shop

Lara Cooper – Sweet Shop

All the volunteers give up their free time juggling their own family/home life and demanding fulltime jobs, I am sure you can appreciate the demands are high of a small group of people. The RSC coaching and lifeguarding teams rely on the organisation and resilience of the volunteers to maintain the club from an administrative perspective. We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the load.

We have a core group of parents always willing to lend a hand:

Andrea Prophet

Natalie Johnson

Julia McCracken

Claire Morrell

Nicolette O’dea

Daphane Goodall

At the helm of the RSC team are our Head Coach Steve Winnell and Coach Julia Winnell, along with Luke Goodall and Dina Day. Steve and Julia work tirelessly for the club, we see them poolside but probably do not appreciate the amount of work that goes into preparing for each session and considering the development of each individual swimmer. They of course have the support of the committee and their poolside helpers and team captains, Siobhan Foley-wright, Josh Cooper and Emily Comber.

The club is one of the limited number that support a disability swimming squad, these sessions are provided by a team of volunteer teachers and poolside helpers. We are privileged to benefit from

the good will and dedication of Naomi Pilkington, Russell Pagan, Andy Rouyer-Brown, Luke Goodall & Shelley Harris who all give up their time to support the swimability squad sessions. These sessions are a life line for many families offering opportunities for training for competition, fitness and wellbeing.

If you are willing to lend a hand or would be interested in a committee position please look out for vacancies and talk to anyone on the RSC team.

The club is run for the community and we are invested in developing young people not only as swimmers but in preparing them for life outside of the club. We promote self-discipline and have a family ethos. It is fantastic to see the long term friendships that form amongst the swimmers which also extends to their families.

We continue to look at ways to raise funds for the club and it is essential we have your support for this to be successful. The club operates on a not for profit basis which obviously brings challenges when additional expenses arises, prompt and regular payment of fees is vital for the clubs continued success. Our social events are focused on the swimmers coming together across squads in a relaxed environment, we have been bowling, had a visit to base-jump and will be going to Stubbers.

We are privileged to have a swim school aligned to the club managed by Cheryl Ellis who also assists the committee on many matters, we rely on her knowledge of Swim England processes and procedures and her tenure allows us to draw on past experiences. In past years the swim school has been a source of much needed additional funding for the club, we will continue to build our relationship with the swim school, encouraging swimmers to move up into the club when they are ready.

We are looking forward to another successful year.