

**DRAFT MINUTES OF PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON**

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE LONSDALE CLUB, PRESTON

In attendance

J Pratt (President), P Mason (Chairman), N McGinty, P Monks, Stephen Davison, A Bailey, Z Marchant, Sue Davison, D Reeder, S Luff, D Fox, J McSorley, C Moss, D Elliott-Smith, S Heaps, I Parker, P Davison, J Smith, A Scanlon, I Kirk, S Holding, K Holding, J Wafer, K Young, J Lawrence, S Robinson, S Moore, J Moore, S Field, A Spong, C Salisbury, T Miller, M Connolly, I Murphy, D Ward, A Tabernacle, D Gilmore, M Holmes, H Smith, P Newton

1. Apologies

S Penrith, S Lawrence, K Walker, K Kinder, J Jackson, P Barton, M Chadwick, P Bailey

Peter Mason welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday, 8 November 2011 were approved.

Proposed by Julie Smith
Seconded by Nicola McGinty

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. To receive the reports for 2012

4.1 Chairman's Report

On behalf of the Committee I would like to welcome you all to the 2012 AGM of Preston Swimming Club. It has been a very busy, interesting and successful 12 months, one that has involved a lot of firsts, numerous highs and Steve will be talking about most of those in a few minutes, and one or two ongoing issues that we just don't seem to be moving on for example, 50m pool, change in pool times rather than pool time and pool time within Preston.

It is my belief that my role as Chair and that of the committee is to provide Steve as Chief Coach with everything he requires to put in place his and our vision for PSC. This has to be achieved within PSC financial limitations and available pool time. There are just some things despite how hard you push can't/won't happen quickly. Therefore I will not mention the great achievements in the pool during my speech but leave that to Steve.

PSC has in my opinion both developed and built on our recent successes especially those in 2011, we are established as one of the best clubs in the country, we have a structure the envy of others (causes a few jealousy problems on occasions) and we continue to be one of the biggest clubs in the country. We have a Water Polo section that caters for both juniors and seniors, however the attendance at the junior has become a bit sporadic. Louise Robinson has moved back to her roots and we have managed to bring in a very good and experienced full time coach in Andy Scanlon. With Steve, Andy, Paul along with our volunteer teachers, coaches and helpers both swimming and water polo we have a superb structure. Steve and Paul will no doubt develop on this in their speeches.

We are now established as a disability HUB CLUB thanks to the work of Julie Jackson and her superb volunteers, we are nearly full in our teaching section again starting to make use of all available pool time a must if we are to be financially sound going forward. The teaching environment has not been without its challenges this year and its importance to PSC is well documented. A thriving teaching section run by our amazing volunteer teachers allows PSC the financial base to support our squads and make them affordable. I must thank the volunteer teachers and again Julie Jackson for all their work. It would also be remiss of me not to thank Louise Rains for her invaluable assistance over the past few years. Louise has stepped down due to her work commitments.

During the year we have continued in our quest for additional pool time. Not only have we continued to negotiate with PCC but I and others have been in touch with every council, private run pool or educational managed pool in the NW with limited success, until recently with Hyndburn. It has to be remembered when we speak with our councillors re additional pool time at PCC, we are not the only club after more time and that any additional pool time has to be paid for. Every additional hour of pool time per week in Preston costs approximately £50 or £2400 per year. We then have to find this.

Our finances have stabilised somewhat from last year but we are still not totally sound. We are a not for profit business with a turnover of approximately £150,000 run by volunteers, too few volunteers. The inclusion of our first open gala brought in some much needed finance, there will be two in the next financial year, we have reduced our costs to PCC and other outgoings as a result of Margaret's work and we continue to manage this. In my newsletter I stated that we may have to put fees up approximately £2 per month, I can't finalise this just yet but I'm hoping it will be less than that and some areas may not see any rise. However we have to be fair to all, so that the fees paid reflect the usage made of the facilities provided/received.

In recent months we have made inroads to linking in with both the UCLAN and Preston Collage. As you may be aware I have over the past couple of years been trying to centre PSC within the two further education establishments so that we are needed by them, PCC and not just a stand-alone club. If we are needed we can influence. Andy Scanlon has held meetings with UCLAN and Preston Collage. UCLAN want to offer swimming scholarships to a few who will join our performance squad (paying the fees and membership), place sports related specialists i.e. dilatations, sport physiologists, sport physios with us so that they can gain practical experience, whilst we as a club benefit from their training. Preston Collage are trying to form a swimming academy in which PSC will provide the training, coaching and instruction on 2/3 days a week. Utilising pool time during the day and paying for the services they receive. Both projects will put PSC in a very strong position.

We have had continuing support from our sponsors Forbes solicitors, Ambulant Physiotherapy and a new sponsor in M7 Real Estates LLP India Mill in Darwen who have sponsored both galas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

However we are always on the look-out for further sponsors so please help if you can by introducing either Andy or myself to any perspective sponsors.

Thanks

I would like to thank, Steve, Paul, Louise, Andy and all the teachers, coaches, poolside helpers, both swimming and water polo for all their effort, enthusiasm and commitment. I would like to thank all the committee members and the volunteers who run this club and make it so successful. I have mentioned our two open gala's previously which is/was totally new territory for the club. Whilst I know that numerous people are involved in the planning, organising, and implementation of the galas, I would like to single out Karen Kinder and Karen Walker for their exceptional work in getting the club through running them. Your work was exceptional - thanks. On a further positive side, it was nice to see so many new faces involved with our internal galas and those putting themselves forward to become officials in the recent courses. In addition I would like to thank our three new welfare officers Maria Graham, Dawn Elliott Smith and Peter Monks. Thank you all, without you the club

quite simply could not run. However we do still require volunteers in all aspects of running this club, not least our presentation evening.

I would like to thank members of the committee who have left during the year or are standing down tonight. Paul and Sylvia Todd: I seem to mention their names every year, however this year it is final and as such we are now looking for volunteers to help run the presentation evening, The partial retirement of Sue Field. Sue is unique in that she has not had a child at the club, nor any connection to it but volunteered to help us out when we didn't have a secretary. I apologise if I have missed anybody out.

Our partnership with PCC remains strong and whilst we have not been successful in obtaining additional pool time, Jimmy Khan and his staff have assisted us in several ways, for example employing Andy Scanlon. We have a good working relationship with Jimmy, Gill and the managers/staff of the leisure centres and long may it continue.

Peter Mason, Chairman

4.2 Treasurer's Report

For the first time in a long time we have an operating profit, of just over £5,000 (against a deficit of £9,000 last year). The majority of our income is from fees and our major outgoing is pool hire (which will cost approx. £55,000 next year). The Treasurer thanked Nigel Parsons at Preston City Council for his help in agreeing charges to the club.

The Treasurer sees her main role as providing financial support to the coaches and the committee. She would welcome help from anyone with financial or admin experience.

The major area concern at the moment is reconciling swimming numbers for teaching so it is essential that she receives regular, up-to-date registers.

The accounts are currently being audited. Once they have been finalised, she intends to look at funding streams and grants to secure income for PSC. The two PSC galas are also welcome sources of income for the club.

The Treasurer is in the process of negotiating a service level agreement with Preston City Council for an annual fee (fixed for two years) to include pool time (at both FLC and WLC) and galas etc. A monthly direct debit will be paid which will allow the Club to plan and budget more accurately going forward. In order for the Club to continue to develop it is imperative that we have a sound understanding of our financial position (i.e. income streams and expenditure).

She thanked the committee for their support.

Maggie Connolly, Treasurer

4.3 To receive and consider Club Accounts

The accounts will be posted on the website once they have been approved.

4.4 Membership Secretary's Report

PSC currently has about 1,000 members, falling into the following categories: Teaching, Squads and thirdly, parents and guardians. It is now the fourth largest club in the country.

The ASA have a new on-line registration system. It has had a number of teething problems but once these have been overcome it should be a much quicker method of registering members, rather than

having to send all information through the post. Anyone having problems finding their membership number should contact M Connolly direct, by phone or email.

Julie Jackson is helping to co-ordinate all new membership numbers. The ASA stipulate that a child will only be able to swim with the club up to a maximum of three times if not registered. She thanked Julie and the coaches for their help in enforcing this rule.

Maggie Connolly, Membership Secretary

4.5 Internal Competition Secretary's Report

Shrimps Gala 2012

The Club's annual competition for swimmers aged 8 years and under was held in June. This year 45 competitors took part in what is for most of them their first gala. Medals were presented to the top three in each age group by our Ladies' Captain Georgia Barton. Many thanks to everybody who helped out on the day.

Bert Brooks and Senior Sprint Gala 2012

This competition was held in September. In the Bert Brooks event medals were presented to the top 3 swimmers in each event. Trophies for the overall boy and girl winner will be presented at the Presentation Evening to Joshua Morgan and Tess Collis

The winners of the Senior Sprint Gala were as follows –

Backstroke: Georgia Barton and Dominic Walker

Breaststroke: Rebecca Thompson and Dean Heaps

Butterfly: Georgia Barton and Oliver Walker

Freestyle: Georgia Barton and Jack Holden

These trophies will also be presented at Presentation Evening.

Once again thanks to everybody who helped to ensure that the event ran smoothly.

Club Championships 2012

The format of the Club Championships was changed for 2012. 400m Free and 400m IM events were added for the first time. The 200m events were opened up to swimmers aged 9 years and over and the 100m events were made available to swimmers aged 11 years and over.

For the first time ever the Club Championships were licensed by the ASA. This means that the times achieved by swimmers have been downloaded to the ASA's Rankings Database and can be used as submitted entry times for other open meets including the Lancashire County Championships.

The Club Championships were held over 4 sessions, 2 sessions on Sunday 14th October and the other 2 sessions on Sunday 11th November. A total of 144 swimmers entered the Championships.

Without an army of volunteers, the smooth running of Club Championships would not be possible. So an extra special mention of thanks should be made to Karen Kinder who marshalled her troops so effectively over all 4 sessions.

Karen Walker, Internal Competition Secretary

4.6 Water Polo Report

Preston Water Polo Coaches Annual Report 2012

The year started well with the Junior team entering the end of league tournament, held at Palatine Pool Blackpool, having finished third and last in the league from the previous year. Due to limited time being available at the tournament Preston could only field one team.

The Junior team improved over the winter and new year period finished runners up to a strong Burnley team, the same team that dominated the league.

The Seniors came out of the winter training in high spirits after some good off season training. They played two friendly matches against Blackpool, which they comfortably won.

The Seniors took this confidence into the annual Brian Walsh Memorial Tournament held at Palatine Pool, Blackpool. The tournament contested over two pools with only the winners of each pool advancing to the final. Preston finished second in their pool behind the eventual winners Radcliffe.

Following the good start to the season the North Lancashire League kicked off with the toughest start possible, away at Lancaster, home to Lancaster and then home to Radcliffe. The Seniors came away from these games without a win but showed improvement in each game to take forward in the remaining matches.

The rest of the season has seen the team win games they shouldn't have and lose game they should.

The mixed season of results is attributed to having a young team, comparative to the opposition. By keeping this young team together progress over the coming years will take a losing season into a winning one and advance into further more challenging competition.

A number of the Junior players have been invited to train with the Seniors this year. This has improved their skills and given them an understanding of the next step in their development and pushed the Senior players to improve.

Over the course of two weekends Ben Parker, Phil Mason and I attended the Level 1 Water Polo Coaching course held at Darwen Leisure Centre. All three coaches passed. To complete the qualification we are looking to attend the Generic Level 1 course. We would like to thank the club for their support of the coaches.

The Junior league has started once again. Preston got off to an excellent start, beating last season's champions Burnley. Unfortunately, since this game we have had to withdraw the Junior team from the league due to a cataclysmic drop in numbers. For reasons as yet unknown the Junior session has dropped from a regular attendance of 20-30 players to 1-2 players, a situation we need to address.

While the unknown demise of the Junior team is a huge disappointment for myself and the other coaches, the integration of some Junior players into the Senior team over the season has been a great success and bodes well for the future of the Senior team and highlights the importance to have a Junior team develop and filter into the Seniors.

I would like to thank Ben Parker and Phil Mason for their hard work over the past year in taking charge of the Junior training sessions and teams, Paul Bailey for acting again as our Honorary Secretary, to all the people that have helped on the poolside at matches and to the Committee for their continued support.

Paul Haworth, Head Water Polo Coach

4.7 Publicity Officer's Report

Links with the LEP are quite good; they are always prepared to publish articles if accompanied by a photo so please supply a photo when submitting reports. There are times when several reports from various galas/competitions are received in any one week so Dave has to choose which ones to put forward for publication. The LEP publishes swimming reports once a week, on a Thursday, so there is a limited amount of space available to us

He would like to receive Water polo and Biathlon reports on a regular basis.

Dave also has good links with the local radio station, Preston FM. He is trying to develop these further and to include some of our younger swimmers.

Dave Gilmore, Publicity Officer

4.8 Biathlon Report

The North West qualifying competition for the National Biathlon was held in March. An impressive 16 members of Preston Swimming Club (including 3 parents) qualified for the finals. 4 children, Sammy-Jo Hollings, Susie Bilsborough, Lydia Walker and Dominic Walker won their respective age groups in qualifying, posting fastest run and swim times.

Unfortunately, as the National Final clashed with other swimming events this year many of the qualifiers did not in fact attend the finals. However Rebecca Moore, Christopher Luff and Christopher's dad Steven did make the trip to Solihull in May. Christopher finished 31st in the 13/14 Boys category, Rebecca finished 29th in the 13/14 Girls age group and Steven finished 11th in the Masters Men.

Preston took 5 swimmers to Lancaster at the beginning of September to compete in the North West Triathlon and Open Biathlon Championships.

Because of their performance in the triathlon competition Christopher Luff and Etienne Meagher have qualified to represent Preston at the National Triathlon finals in November.

Karen Walker, Biathlon Secretary

5. Chief Coach's Report

Good evening everyone,

I think it's safe to say that 2012 has been an unbelievable year for Sport in our country. 2012 has seen Great Britain host the Olympic & Paralympic Games, we have seen the first ever British winner of the Tour de France, Bradley Wiggins, a British team (well nearly British) won the champions league, Andy Murray won his first Grand Slam and Britain's first for goodness knows how long, Europe's Ryder Cup team made the comeback of the century to defeat the USA on their own soil, Preston was named the European city of sport, & yet again Preston Swimming Club has had its fair share of success and all this has been done in Guild year.....

I think it is only fair to start tonight's report with the 2012 Paralympic Games and Preston's very own Jack Bridge. Jack was selected to swim for Team GB after his British Record swim in the SB9 classification 100m Breaststroke at the British Championships in March. His time of 1:12 saw him clinch his place he worked so hard to achieve. Our then performance coach Louise Robinson was also rewarded for her hard work and skills by being selected onto the coaching staff.

I'm sure you are all aware of Jack's achievements in London? His 4th place finish in the final of the 100m Breaststroke SB9 classification was truly a remarkable achievement for someone so young. To smash his own British Record by over 2 second's shows he was in the shape of his life. In my opinion Jack can only improve, I know he can become a mainstay in the GB team. He has the World championships to look forward to next year in Canada and beyond that everything will be geared for Rio 2016.

Jack please accept my sincere congratulations on your fantastic performances in London. I very much look forward to seeing you improve further in your career. You're a credit to your club, your family and yourself.

Whilst we are on the subject of the greatest show on earth let us please spare a thought for our current men's captain. As you all know Daniel Sliwinski secured his place on Team GB for London 2012 by winning the trials held in London in March. Unfortunately Daniel had to pull out of the home games due to a shoulder injury. I cannot begin to think how Daniel must have felt when told he would not be able to swim. What I will say is that all through this most difficult of times Daniel handled himself in the utmost professional way possible. His attendance at our open gala and the dignified way he handled the pressure and spotlight was first class. Daniel I sincerely hope you are now over your injury so you can show everyone just how good you really are.

Also in 2012 we saw our performance coach Louise Robinson move to take over the helm of City of Newcastle. I would sincerely like to Thank Louise for everything she has done for Team PSC. I was very lucky to have a great working relationship with Louise; she helped me enormously in my role and was always willing to give help and advice when required. (especially over a bottle or two of single malt! Or disaronò!) I would like to wish Louise all the very best indeed in her new job and life in the North East.

The club replaced Louise with our new performance coach; Andy Scanlon joins us from British Swimming. Andy has enormous experience in age group, youth and senior swimming. He has worked and been a major player at some big swimming clubs and also has huge experience at international swimming. I hope you will join me in welcoming Andy to Team PSC. I am really looking forward to working with Andy and hopefully moving the club forward.

2012 – What a year:

It's guild year and in January PSC started guild year like they left 2011, in tremendous form in the pool. The swimmers yet again excelled themselves in the North Lancs District Championships. Record pb rate from the 2 weekends competition and again bettering the medal tally from 2011.

March saw the County championships (and the British Champs) and Team PSC held onto their 2011 age group title by again winning the counties for the 2nd successive year. This was topped with the youth swimmers winning the title of youth County champs ensuring we are still undisputedly Lancashire's top club. A fantastic effort from the swimmers, teachers & coaches.

April saw the Arena team go to Sheffield for the National Arena B Final where we finished a wonderful 3rd. Again tremendous credit must go to the teachers, coaches and swimmers. More success followed in the regional championships finishing in 8th place in the age group championships and 3rd place in the youth championships. The 2012 national championships (age group and youth) again proved highly successful. Swimmers breaking their Pb's, relay teams making big improvements on ranking and medals being won in both age groups & youths.

Our teams locally were also proving to be successful; the North Lancs A team winning the Division 1 title, The North Lancs B team have had an excellent first season in Divison 2 narrowly missing their second successive promotion by just 1 point. The Sharks won the micro-league grand finale, they then moved onto the Northern Area Final finishing in a fantastic 2nd place and qualifying for the national final later this month, (first time for 20 years) The Seals very narrowly missed out on a place in their divisional swim off, this was mainly down to the club struggling with numbers in the boys team.

Ryan Bennett (who as you all know now trains at Stirling ITC with another Team PSC old boy, Rob Greenwood) went to Sheffield at the beginning of November for the British Universities short course championships. Ryan had a phenomenal swim in the 100m Backstroke winning the event in 51.51 secs which is the 2nd fastest time in British history. This swim currently ranks Ryan 3rd in Europe and 9th in the world. A fantastic result from one of the most professional swimmers I have ever met, and just reward for all his hard work and dedication over the years. Ryan will only continue to improve and it goes without saying that Team PSC will continue to support Ryan & all our swimmers wherever they are in the future.

THE PRESENT:

I believe 2012 has seen the club again move forward, but I also believe we are still punching a little above our weight at the moment. We have been remarkably successful considering the pool time issues, the lack of volunteers to help out running the club, both on deck and at committee level and yet we still seem to pull together and have success. There is still much work to do in order to ensure the club (Team PSC) continues to have a successful and prosperous future and you can all be assured that the whole teaching, coaching staff and committee are trying very hard to ensure this happens.

Again we have seen great strides in improving the club at the present time. We had our 1st ever Open meet at Darwen Leisure Centre which we had fantastic feedback from. We are holding our 2nd open meet in December at the same venue and again I'm very hopeful we can deliver a quality meet to the clubs in our surrounding area and beyond.

Our squad membership is very healthy indeed, our teaching membership is also very healthy and our links to other clubs, colleges and universities is starting to develop. (Andy has already started working hard with these partners to help develop good working relationships) We are trying to put working partnerships in place with other organisations that will help look after the long term future of the club. We are trying to ensure we have stability with the City council and Leisure Centre management, because these links are vital to the continued development of the club. We are always trying to develop our swim programme so the swimmers have the very best and up to date swim training programme possible. We are committed to training our teachers and coaches where funds allow.

However we do need more help. For a club to have the size of membership we have, we should have more people helping out. There has to be a big drive in ensuring we recruit more people on the committee, more people on poolside, more people helping out with social duties; galas; officials etc; etc; etc; In my opinion there is too much work put on too few people, this is something that has to change.

THE FUTURE:

So after yet another successful year what does the future have in store for Team PSC?

Well I believe we have a duty and responsibility to ensure that Team PSC is here for years and years to come. We are only the current custodians of Team PSC and we all have responsibilities to ensure the club is here for future generations to enjoy.

I mentioned earlier that great strides had been made in taking the club forward, Thanks to volunteers involved in putting on our Guild Meet in June; we now have our own Open meet. This will be doubled up by our Christmas Countdown meet in December. I see this as absolutely vital to the future of Team PSC that these two meets are continued to be placed on the calendar every year. It's not just the money that a club can make from holding gala's that determines success; it's how you hold that gala. If you put the right programme in place, have the right people ensuring all goes well, plan properly and ensure you look after the clubs who attend then you're standing in the swimming

community goes up. You are seen as a club who is capable of delivering quality swim meets. A club people will want to be part of, because practices are in place to ensure that quality is delivered. A Club that can cater for all levels of swimmers and has the staff and backroom people to deliver excellence in all they do. This is more important than just being a money machine, and we must never lose sight of this.

We have to secure more pool time, whether that is in Preston or outside the city it has to be done. We do not have enough pool time to cater for our athletes demands. Our membership is large and we need to ensure we can look after ALL our swimmers. Pool time is also required for the teaching programme, the demand is there. There is absolutely no reason what so ever why Team PSC could not take over the whole of teaching in Preston with paid staff delivering a quality learn to swim programme at affordable prices for all. You must aim high in order to achieve. To stand the best chance of survival we need to grow and provide our services to more of the community. Adult swimming is something I am very keen indeed to get involved in. I believe a strong masters section to Team PSC is important for our future. If we get adults involved in swimfit and competitive swimming we have more chance of getting committed youngsters involved.

The disability hub club is also something I see as very important; we have the ability & the people to develop this area into something that is the envy of the whole region if not country. There has already been some exceptional work done by Julie Jackson and her team and if this can be developed further the standing of the club would again be increased.

The club is currently in need of volunteer people to help out in all areas. The club quite simply cannot continue to be successful without the help and dedication and loyalty of its members. I want to try and create a Team PSC ethos around the club, where everyone feels that they have a role to play, everyone is a cog that keeps turning the wheels of success. If we can get that ethos, that way of doing tasks, then the sky really is the limit. Team PSC will then continue to dominate into the future, we will create an environment for achieving, where everyone has their part to play in helping our swimmers develop into the best THEY can be.

For those people who know me well they will know how proud, honoured & privileged I feel in holding this position in the club. To be the Head Coach of Team PSC really does make me feel great. I have the opportunity to work with good people. People I totally admire and trust; I value their opinions and beliefs and it is this way of working I believe that has helped the club become what it is today. We are very fortunate to have the teachers and coaches we currently have at the club, the experience they bring to the programme is immense, their skill in delivering quality sessions is second to none. Having the opportunity to work with our athletes (at all levels) is something I am very proud to be part of. The swimmers are the ones that make a swimming club what it is, and we are very fortunate to have some of the best around.

IN SUMMARY:

We should never look back – if we do we will lose focus on the future. What has been achieved is fantastic; I believe we are slowly working towards improving the club on all aspect. But we should only be looking forward. We should always be planning ahead in order to stay ahead of the competition. We need to have short, mid & long terms plans in place and stick to them. Ensure we always deliver what we say we will. Develop our teachers & coaches into being the very best they can be, develop our teaching programme to be the envy of all and continue to develop our squad structure so we are in time a major force in swimming.

Above all there is nothing more I would like to see than Team PSC unified. Swimmers, Teachers, Coaches, Team Managers, Poolside Helpers, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee, Parents, even mascots and pets and anything else you can think of or I have missed. If we have unity? If we have a Team PSC ethos? We will achieve.....

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following for everything they have done for Team PSC in this most special of years.

Team PSC Chair: The working relationship between Chair and Head Coach is absolutely essential to running a successful swimming club. I am so lucky to have a Chairman that fully supports and understands what it is I'm trying to achieve at the club. Pete many thanks indeed for all the help, support & encouragement you have given to me in the past 3 years.

Team PSC Treasurer / Membership Secretary: I cannot begin to tell you how much work Mags has put into Team PSC in 2012. On the finance side Mags been responsible for keeping this swimming club afloat in some very difficult times indeed. On the membership side Mags has worked tirelessly to ensure all are members and are paying the correct fees. Mags has ensured that this swimming club is now in a position to finally move forward and for this & everything else you have done throughout the past 24 months or so, thank you so much.

Team PSC Committee: I have said before in AGM reports that I am fortunate to have an excellent working relationship. Any Head Coach of any swimming club has to have this level of support in order for the club to continually improve. The committee play a huge role in Team PSC, they have the duty of ensuring the club is being run correctly from the bottom to top and they do a lot of work in ensuring this happens. They deserve huge credit for all they do for the club and I just wish they had more people on board to lighten the load a little. Yet again I would like to thank the committee for your continued support.

Team PSC Teachers & Coaches: There is not a Head Coach in the world who can run a swimming club on his/her own. All clubs successful or otherwise need the help of teachers and coaches. Team PSC is very lucky in that we have some of the very best around. I cannot begin to tell you how thankful and grateful I am for all you do with our swim programme. Your dedication to your duties, your skills in delivering the programme and your enthusiasm on deck are second to none. You guys are the reason why we have talented swimmers all throughout the club. Thank you all for the help, support and understanding you have given me in the past 3 years.

Team PSC Sponsors: Forbes Solicitors have sponsored Team PSC for a number of years now and I am very grateful to have their name associated with the club, their involvement with Team PSC has been very beneficial to the club and I would like to thank them personally for their continued support. I would also like to thank club sponsors UPV Windows for their continued support to Team PSC & also to M7 Real Estates India Mill for their very kind sponsorship of our Team PSC Guild Gala and also to Ambulant Physiotherapy for their continued support. You guys are all part of the Team PSC brand and we are very grateful for all your kind help and support.

Preston City Council: I would again like to thank Jimmy and Gill and all the staff at both West View & Fulwood Leisure Centres for all their support throughout the year. We are continually trying to build on our relationships with PCC and we are grateful again for all your help and support.

Officials & Volunteers: I would like to thank the people who give up their time so freely to help the club operate. The people whose work behind the scenes generally goes un-noticed but whose roles are vital in keeping Team PSC ticking over. Many thanks guys for all you do - I really do appreciate all your help, support & understanding.

Darwen Leisure Centre: To Mark Thomas & Kelvin Dunn who made the Guild Gala possible at Darwen I would like to thank you so much for the use of your exceptional facility. I would hope this could be a long standing working relationship between Darwen Council & Leisure Centre and Team PSC. Thanks so much guys for all the help and support.

Publicity & Website: Dave Gilmore has been looking after our publicity over the past 12 months or so & I would like to thank Dave for all his hard work in trying to ensure the reports appear in the LEP and on the website. Dave has also been very instrumental in promoting Team PSC on the Preston FM Radio Station. Ian Jackson has yet again continued to keep the club up to date with the website and

for this I thank him so much. The publicity and website are only as good as the information given to these guys so please support them in all they do for Team PSC. Dave / Ian my thanks to you both for all you do for the club.

Meet Promoters and Organisers: As you are all aware we have had 1 open meet already in 2012 with one to come in a few weeks' time. The amount of work involved in putting these on is a mammoth task. Karen Kinder & Karen Walker have been instrumental in making these events happen, they have worked very closely with more super volunteers to ensure these meets can go ahead. These events are so important to Team PSC standing and future, it is essential they continue. A massive milestone achieved. My thanks to both Karen's and all the volunteers involved in ensuring we have a meet to be proud of.

Competition Secretary's (Internal & External): Yet again jobs which are so important to the smooth running of the club. Karen Walker; Paula Barton & Deb Davis do sterling work in ensuring our swimmers are able to compete at the right meet. They work hard to make sure all the information is correct and that Team PSC is entered correctly and on time. Thanks ladies your work is fully appreciated by myself. I'm very grateful for all you do.

Swimmers: I am very honoured and privileged to be working with some fantastic kids. I work with swimmers from teaching right through to performance group and our clubs top priorities are superb. 2012 has seen our swimmers record some remarkable performances in the pool, we have been very successful and all this is down to the training and dedication of the swimmers. Thanks guys for everything, keep training hard and keep aiming for the stars.....

Steve Heaps, Head Coach

As set down in the rules of Preston Swimming Club, all officers and members of the committee duly resigned their posts.

6. Election of committee for 2012-2013 (see below)

So far as the Club's Constitution is concerned, three new posts for officers were proposed: Asst/Deputy Membership Secretary, Internal Competition Secretary and Biathlon Representative. These new officers' roles were unanimously agreed at the meeting.

Nominations for officers

Post	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President :	J Pratt	P Mason	I Parker
Vice-President:	S Penrith	P Bailey	Z Marchant
Chairman:	P Mason	Z Marchant	P Barton
Deputy Chairman:	M Chadwick	P Mason	N McGinty
Hon Secretary:	N McGinty	M Connolly	P Bailey
Treasurer	M Connolly	Z Marchant	P Barton
Publicity Officer:	D Gilmore	M Connolly	S Field
Membership Sec:	M Connolly	S Field	P Bailey
Deputy Mem Sec:	J Jackson	M Connolly	P Barton
Waterpolo:	P Bailey	Z Marchant	S Field
Biathlon Rep:	S Luff	P Mason	I Parker
Competition Sec.			
Internal :	K Walker	S Field	P Bailey
External:	P Barton	P Mason	S Field
Major Galas:	K Walker	P Mason	I Parker
Social and Fund- }	A Bailey	I Parker	S Field
Raising Secretary }	Z Marchant	I Parker	S Field

Nominations for committee

I Parker, A Spong, J Lawrence, J McSorley, D Ward, K Holding

Welfare Officers

Male Welfare Officers: Paul Watson, Peter Monks

Female Welfare Officer: Dawn Elliot-Smith, Maria Graham

All members of the committee were duly voted in.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm/

The next committee meeting will be held on 11 December 2012 at West View Leisure Centre