

**MINUTES OF PRESTON SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE LONSDALE CLUB, PRESTON**

In attendance

J Pratt, G McLauchlan, S Penrith, J Jackson, L Wallbank, S Wallbank, C Salisbury, C Billington, T Miller, P Laurence, A Laurence, P Bailey, P Todd, S Mawdsley, I Parker, M Wilson, P Barton, S Darragh, S Field, C Tunbridge, T Tunbridge, A Rainford, D Seers, S Edwards, J Humphreys, N Adam, D Fairhurst, S Heaps, M Greenslade, M Greenslade, K Mason

1. Apologies

P. Mason

George McLauchlan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of the 2008 AGM

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24th November 2008 were accepted as a correct record

Proposed: Unknown

Seconded: Unknown

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes

4. To receive the reports for 2009

4.1 Chairman's Report

4.2 Treasurer's Report

4.3 To receive and consider Club Accounts

4.4 Membership Secretary's Report

4.5 Internal Competition Secretary's Report

ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING

This year's CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS as it is now known celebrated 124 years of competitive swimming in Preston. A new venue was chosen, The University of Central Lancashire and this proved to be a great success.

Invited guest Mr. W.Tyson, The Lord Mayor and Mr Paolo Passerini of FORBES SOLICITORS played a key role presenting the various trophies, truly a polished performance making every swimmer feel special.

Thanks again Gentlemen

Thanks once again to Julie Jackson and her team for decorating the tables.

Thanks to all helpers who each year help to set up, the Cutler Family, John McGinty,

the Announcer and Master of Ceremonies Pete Mason, Ian Fielding, Myles Kitcher, Mr Mawdsley, Steve Heaps, Stuart Cutler and their team of stewards. Dave Armistead with his photographic team, The D J and Staff of UCLAN. I apologise if I have missed anyone out

I hope all who attended had an excellent evening.

SHRIMPS GALA 11th MAY.

An enjoyable afternoon of competition for our 8 and under swimmers which is usually their first gala. On the day Julie and I were aided poolside by Ian Laurence, Carly Salisbury, Mandy Laurence, Sarah and Janet Darragh and Ian Parker. Medals were presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places by team captains Stephanie Slater and Dean Heaps.

BERT BROOKS AND SPRINT GALA , SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER.

All four disciplines were swum in THE BERT BROOKS. Medals for Girls and Boys in each Age Group for 1st , 2nd and 3rd places were presented on the day by club captains Stephanie Slater and Dean Heaps. The McGinty Trophies are to be presented at THE PRESENTATION EVENING

The Trophies will be awarded to 12 year old OLIVIA BARON and 11 year old PATRICK HILL

THE 9th OPEN SPRINT GALA (SPONSORED BY FORBES SOLICITORS)

WINNERS:-

Dean Heaps	Breaststroke
Justin Austin	Freestyle
Justin Austin	Butterfly
Mark Tootill	Backstroke

Bethany Shaw	Backstroke
Bethany Shaw	Butterfly
Bethany Shaw	Freestyle
Hayley Smith	Breaststroke

2009 121st CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championship weekend 20th and 22nd November was again I think enjoyed by all, with over 140 entrants with ages ranging from 5 to 24. It was excellent to see the large numbers of young swimmers. The majority of the entrants over 9 years swimming in all the categories.

A massive total of 26 club records were broken.

Abbie Kitcher	2
Brandon Kinder	2
Georgia Barton	3
Dominic Walker	3
Justin Austin	4
Shauntelle Austin	6
Cameron Austin	6

Congratulations and well done to you all

Thanks to Julie Jackson for the splendid Hot Pot/Bufferet.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped at the three Galas and made these Championships run as smoothly as they did

Finally last but not least thanks must go to my wife Sylvia who works alongside me on every aspect of the organising of each event throughout the years

THANKS AGAIN

Paul Todd, Internal Competition Secretary

4.6 Synchronised Secretary's Report

National Age Groups, 6th December 2008

Shauntelle Austin was ranked 25th in the 12 & under figure section and declined a place in the 14 & under Regional Development Squad for 2009 due to other swimming commitments.

Lancashire Waterpolo & Swimming Association Synchronised Swimming Age Group Competition , 24th October 2009

NOVICE FIGURE COMPETITION

There was close competition in the figures with less than 0.44 between the top two positions. Gold went to Sheena Patel and the Silver to Sophie Fellows. This proudly follows the Preston Swimming Club tradition of successful medallists in the novice events over the last 5 years. Prisha Patel was one of the youngest competitors in a non-age grouped event and came a commendable 5th .

12 & UNDER SOLO

A well-deserved Gold medal for a technically well-executed and artistic solo went to Shauntelle Austin.

Sylvia Todd , Synchronised Swimming Secretary

4.7 Water Polo Report

Not Available

4.8 Publicity Officer's Report

No report.

4.9 Biathlon Report

Entering five competitions over the year, Preston Swimming Club has had another successful season in the biathlon events with the majority of competitors achieving top 10 places and a number of First and Second places. Ruth Buckley, Jack Smith and Jack Holden qualified for the National Finals held in May. Ruth came 16th and Jack Smith came 18th.

Jack Holden didn't attend as the event clashed with the Youth Regional's.

Biathle

The Biathle is a consecutive run – swim – run event and the swim is usually in open water. Like the biathlon it is in 2 year age groups.

This summer Jack Holden was selected for the Great Britain team competing at the World Championships in Monaco. At the younger end of his age group and with only one experience of open water swimming, Jack came a respectable 14th.

Information on events for 2010 will be posted on the Preston Swimming Club web site.

Jill Holden

5. Chief Coach's Report

I would like to start by thanking all the people who have supported the club in the last 12 months, from coaches, teachers, committee and all the people who give their free time in the support of the club.

Teaching

The new teaching programme has carried on from last season and has proved popular with all the teachers.

It's been a very busy start to the season, so much so we have had to stop assessments, being booked until February and having no room in the club at the moment. All teaching stages are full.

At present we have 13 Level 1 teachers, 10 Level 2 teachers, 3 Disability teachers and 7 poolside helpers.

On a daily basis:

There are 200 swimmers between 16.00 and 18.00. At 18.00 up to 19.00 there are 60 swimmers. At 19.00 to 20.00 in club swimming there are 60 and we have five disabled swimmers, all this is on a Sunday.

On Wednesday we have six swimmers in stage 3/4 at West View; Friday we have 24 swimmers in stages 1 and 2 at Fulwood and on Saturday we have eight swimmers in stages 3 to 5 at West View.

On behalf of all the teachers and myself I would like to thank the Chief Coach, Dave, and all the other coaches for their support

I would like to thank all the teachers and helpers: without you we would not be able to do this.

Team competitions

Preston Swimming Club took on the best in the country as they competed in the National Swimming League "B" Final at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield.

The National Swimming League first held a national final in 1970 and this has since grown into the major team event in the UK swimming calendar. Clubs compete in seven regional leagues and the best move on to the national final. Preston took their place as they successfully emerged from the North West league and came away from the finals in an admirable 8th position.

Final result:

Posn.	Team	Points
1 st	City of Cardiff	328
2 nd	City of Salford SC	321
3 rd	Beckenham SC	309
4 th	Camden Swiss Cottage SC	301
5 th	Leatherhead SC	292
6 th	Warrington Warriors SC	278
7 th	Leicester Penguins SC	238
8 th	PRESTON SC	232

9 th	Lincoln Vulcans	228
10 th	Haslemere SC	219

Micro League

Last year I mentioned that the Sharks had a disappointing season by their standards. This year they turned that around to achieve the very best they could have done considering they were up against the current national champions, Southport.

The Sharks started the season at the end of March away to Fleetwood and had a solid 2nd place finish behind Southport . From there to Lancaster in May and a result that really gave the team continued confidence. June saw the Sharks at home and put in a dazzling display winning by over 60 points and firmly cementing their place as the second best team in the north west, behind rivals Southport. The final gala of the regular season took place in July at Southport against their A & B teams and last season's runners-up, Pioneer 79. The Sharks again did themselves proud by producing a fine 2nd place, guaranteeing them a place in the grand final at Blackpool in September when the four teams who had qualified for the final, Southport, Fleetwood, Leyland and the Sharks went into battle. An extremely pleasing gala for the team, winning many PBs and records along the way to a solid 2nd place in the final.

Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped out on poolside throughout the season. Thanks also to the coaches who worked tirelessly with the Sharks this season.

Seals

2009 was a very good year indeed for the Preston Seals team.

Managed this year by Ian Parker and Michael Wilson, the team started the season with a home gala in early March, resulting in a 3rd place.

The second gala of the season was again at West View with Kirkham being the hosts. The Seals came 2nd to eventual league champions Colne. June came and the Seals travelled to Leyland and came out comprehensive winners which really set them up for their final gala of the season at Clitheroe. They were determined to put in a special performance to ensure they qualified for the end-of-season promotion swim-off in September. The team did just that, finishing in 2nd place to Colne but only just losing out. As a result, the Seals had qualified to face Colne and Clitheroe and Garstang, who finished in the bottom two places in division B.

So September 19th came and the Seals were ready for their toughest gala of the season. To gain promotion to division B next season they had to overcome two teams currently in a higher division and the division C champions in Colne, whom they had not beaten all season.

At the end of the gala Garstang were declared the winners with the Seals coming second and gaining promotion to division B.

An excellent achievement from the Seals team this season, for which they deserve immense credit. Thanks must also go to Ian Parker, Michael Wilson and all the volunteers who helped the Seals achieve this success.

North Lancs League Team

This was Preston's first season back in the top division. The league has six teams from the Lancashire area. Preston competed four times, finishing 3rd overall. Well done to all the swimmers and John McGinty, the manager.

1 st	Southport
2 nd	Carnforth
3 rd	Preston
4 th	Leyland

5th Newton Hall
6th Fleetwood

Open competitions

Harrogate 26th and 27th October. First open competition of season was at level 2 meet with over 20 swimmers competing.

177 swims = PB rate of 33% (early season)

15 gold

17 silver

19 bronze

5 national qualifying times

With eight swimmers finishing in the top 6 within their age groups, this made it a very successful weekend.

Leeds Christmas Creaker Dec 2008

A good weekend for all who attend, not just in swimming and competing long course. Quality of swimmers competing from national champions up to world record holders. The swimmers even got to talk with and get their tops signed by the likes of Neil Tancock and Rebecca Adlington.

94 swims 50 PBs = over 50%

4 silver

3 bronze

7 national qualifying times

Stockport level 1 meet

Preston took 18 swimmers to the event, which featured Olympic 10km medallists Cassie Patten and Keri-Anne Payne.

Level 1 is the highest standard of competition licensed by the ASA, which means that the qualifying times for entry are set high.

The standard of swimming at this gala is of the highest quality, with swimmers attending from across the UK. I was extremely pleased with the number of swimmers we had entered, and to come away with two medals was fantastic. We also had six swimmers achieving 12 national qualifying times and an overall 50% PB rate, which is a superb achievement this early in the season.

North Lancashire Age Group and Youth Championships 2009

PSC achieved resounding success in these championships held at Palatine Pool. The Preston swimmers took a massive 31 points to win the Bob Marshall Trophy with Carnforth coming second (13 points), Newton Hall third (12 points) and Leyland Barracudas fourth (8 points).

A fantastic performance by all the swimmers. I was extremely pleased with last year's performance but this surpasses even that. Last year we had 46 first positions, this year it was 77. All the statistics from national and regional qualifying times to overall age group positions have shown a massive improvement, even from a very high bench mark. I am equally pleased with the fact that of our 539 swims, the athletes made PB times in over 70% of them – this really does do them proud. Obviously none of this would be possible without the dedication from the swimmers and the commitment of all the coaching staff at the club.

Preston recorded a medal tally of 180, including 77 first places. There were also 226 North West Regional Qualifying times and 23 National Qualifying times achieved over the event compared with 147 and 2 last year.

Lancashire County Age Group and Youth Championships

PSC brought home a bumper medal haul from these championships. The event at Manchester Aquatic Centre brought together the best swimmers from across Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside.

In a magnificent performance, our 37 swimmers secured a total of 103 medals – 40 of them gold. The club finished 2nd in both the age groups and youth overall points tally.

City of Salford Level 2 Spring Meet

PSC members produced quality performances at this meet. The open event took place at the Broughton Leisure Centre in Salford on 3rd-5th April.

Some very good performances and it was good to see our younger swimmers also entering competitions individually, learning their race craft with numerous podium positions.

Gold 3

Silver 12

Bronze 9

Manchester Open Level 1 Meet

In total, 16 Preston swimmers attended the Manchester Aquatic Centre's 50m pool. To have 16 swimmers qualify to swim at this level is excellent and to finish with 23 podium places highlights how much has been achieved.

Gold 10

Silver 8

Bronze 5

North West Region Youth Championships

Competition open to girls from the age of 14 years and boys from 15 years who have achieved regional qualifying times. Nine PSC swimmers competed. Their performance was very good, achieving PBs, finalists and medal winners. Nine finalists and three podium places.

North West Region Age Group Championships

The age groups follow the same format as the Youth Championships with qualifying times for girls aged 10 – 13 years and boys aged 10 – 14. Some outstanding swims which were reflected in a very strong medal count, with the swimmers achieving 6th overall in the top club points tally.

Gold 15

Silver 13

Bronze 6

Rotherham End of Season Gala July 2009

The timing of this gala is very good as it keeps swimmers interested in training to the end of the season. It also helps with the training programme as it fits in well with nationals which follow on directly after this meet. Swimmers' performances have been excellent. What stands out to me is the PB rate of 82% for the whole weekend, which says the programme is working.

In the A grade gala we had: 14 gold, 12 Silver, 11 Bronze

In the B grade gala we had: 3 gold 11 Silver 10 Bronze

And a total of 13 speeding tickets. Well done to all those who competed.

National Age Group and Youth Championships

The highlight of the season's swimming takes place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. The Age Group Championships are for boys aged 11 to 14 and girls aged 11 to 13 and the Youth event for the older swimmers.

I was absolutely delighted with the performance of these swimmers. Just to qualify is an achievement in itself but for them to have made the finals and podium positions made me so proud to have worked with these young athletes.

Six swimmers invited by British Swimming to attend Regional and Beacon programmes.

Top club league table age group 5th place

Girls league table age group 3rd place

Gold 3

Silver 3

Bronze 3

20 Finalists

Bagcats: 1st 11 year old girls, 4th 13 year old boys

It has been another good year in the progression of the swimming club. The teams and swimmers continue to improve. The teaching section continues to be very popular with an excellent learn-to-swim programme and technically, very good swimmers who are moving into the squad structure and the competitive section of the club. I believe this is due to the quality of the teachers and first class leadership skills they receive.

As you are all aware, I have decided to stand down as Head Coach. I believe the club has evolved tremendously at all levels within the last four years. I know the support I have given to all the teachers and coaches in their development has helped me in the success achieved in both team and individual competitions, from level 3 galas up to national competitions. The club has never been as strong and long may it continue. Thank you all for your support.

Dave Fairhurst, Head Coach

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

(The meeting stopped for a five-minute break)

6. Election of committee for 2009-2010 (see below)

All members of the committee were duly voted in.

Chris Penrith was duly voted as External Examiner for the accounts.

The next meeting will be held in January 2009 at West View Leisure Centre.

Nominations for officers

Post	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President :	JPratt	P Todd	P Mason
Vice-President:	S Penrith	I Parker	J Pratt
Chairman:	P Mason	J McGinty	P Todd
Deputy Chairman:	G McLauchlan	J Jackson	P Todd
Publicity:	M Kitcher	P Barton	P Bailey
Treasurer/Mem'ship:	I Parker	P Mason	P Barton
Biathlon:	J Holden	I Parker	P Bailey
Waterpolo:	P Bailey	I Parker	J McGinty
Synchronised Swim:	S Todd	P Todd	P Mason
Competition Secretary			
Internal:	P Todd	I Parker	M Kitcher
External:	P Barton	J McGinty	I Parker
Social and Fundraising			
Secretary	S Wallbank		
Secretary:	S Field	I Parker	P Mason

Nominations for committee

Adele Bridge
Paul Davison
Julie Jackson
Carly Salisbury
Julie Ryding
Karen Kinder
Debbie Seers

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of Preston Swimming Club

**To be held on Tuesday 9th November 2010 at the Lonsdale Sports
and Social Club,
Fulwood Hall Lane,
Preston.
Commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

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 - 4.9 Biathlon Report
 - 4.10 Social and Fundraising Secretary's Report
5. Chief Coach's Report
6. Election of Officers for 2010-2011
7. Election of Committee for 2010-2011