

BECKENHAM SWIMMING CLUB



THE BECKENHAM SWIMMING CLUB

Founded 1893

(Incorporating Beckenham Ladies'S.C.)

Affiliated to the London Region, KCASA & LWPL

PRESIDENT – MR RICHARD COLLINS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Saturday 27th June 2009 at
6.15pm

At the Greystones Scout Hall
Beside Blokes Recreation Ground, behind Royal British Legion,
Pine Avenue, West Wickham,
BR4 0LW

Dated this 12th day
Of June 2009

3 Fieldend Road,
Streatham Vale,
London SW16 5SR

Mark Brown
Hon. Secretary

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Nominations for Officers and Committee must reach the Hon. Secretary in-writing by
17th June 2009

They must be members of the Club, proposed and seconded by members.

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All are invited to attend the A.G.M.

Members who have reached their 16th birthday shall be entitled to vote.

Beckenham Swimming Club
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
27th June 2009
AGENDA

1. Jack Petchey Awards
2. Notice of meeting
3. Register
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th June 2008
6. Business arising.
7. Thank you to retiring Committee Members
8. Adoption of Annual Report.
9. Adoption of Annual Accounts.
10. Adoption of amendment to club rule 7.1 (see appendix)
11. Induction of President **Mr. Andrew Forryan.**
12. Appointments of Vice Presidents as nominated by Past Presidents and election of Officers and Executive Committee

Deputy President

Mr. Kim Shead

Vice Presidents

Mrs. Helen Schofield

Dr. David Grant

Mrs. Jenny Knight

Life Members

Mr Sean King

The Jack Petchey Award Winners

April 2008 - Francesca Haywood

May 2008 – Alex Gardiner

June 2008 – Vanessa Newman

July 2008 – Tom Austin

August 2008 – Danny Casey

September 2008 – Freddy Pearson

October 2008 – Zoë Pope

November 2008 – Michael Gunning

December 2008 – Owen McMahon

January 2009 - Maia Reddy-Devlin

February 2009 - Chad Knapman

March 2009 - Lyudimil Popov

April 2009 - Henry Knight

Beckenham Swimming Club
Committee positions as from AGM on 27th June 2009
(In accordance with KCASA and ASA Rules)

	Role	Who	Commentary
<p>The Club Management Committee (CMC) shall meet not less than 6 times a year.</p> <p>The CMC will be responsible for the day to day managing of the Club</p>	The Chairman	Richard Collins	Eight members of the CMC, who are responsible for the running of the Club
	The Hon. Club Secretary	Mark Brown	
	The Hon. Treasurer	Steve Shelts	
	The Water Polo Secretary	Rob Spurr	
	The Hon. Championship Secretary	Gill Gunning	
	The Hon. Training Secretary	Fiona Pearson	
	The Hon. Membership Secretary	Jackie Grant	
	The Welfare Officer	Angela Phillips	
	The President	Andrew Forryan	Two Officers co-opted to the CMC with the power to speak but not to vote
	Deputy President	Kim shead	
		Head Coach	Tony Beckley

<p>The Club Executive Committee, which shall comprise of the CMC and the following...</p> <p>The Club Executive Committee shall meet not less than 4 times per year</p>	The Meet Secretary	Patricia Ogunfeibo	
	The Masters Secretary	Peter Sutherland	
	Three Past Presidents	3 From: Doreen Somerville, Jackie Bedford Chris Bedford Peter Sutherland Richard Collins	With the power to speak but not to vote.

12. To appoint Reporting Accountant.

13. **Club Captains:**

Senior (Male / Female) **Ricky Outhwaite & Georgia Phillips**

Junior (Male / Female) **Marlon Gasparotto & Lauren & Rebecca Walton**

14. Presentation of Club Trophies:

Swimmers of the year

Junior Endeavour Cup

Scott Sandemann

Junior Female Swimmer of the Year

Lauren & Rebecca Walton

Junior Male Swimmer of the Year

Michael Gunning

Senior Female Swimmer of the Year

Steph Denny & Steph King

Senior Male Swimmer of the Year

Ricky Outhwaite

Water Polo Player of the Year

Nick Jackson

Most Improved Player of the Year

Danny Casey

Bedford Trophy for club Person of the Year

Gillian & Shaun Gunning

Jackie Brown Trophy: Club & Platinum

Tom Cart

Chairman & President Report for the AGM 2009

After what is now 15 months in position as Chairman and a year in the role of President, I have the task of pulling both roles and time periods together, to report on what I would describe as "a year of high achievement in overcoming heightened challenge". I thought the best place to start would be to look over last years AGM report. Last year our mandate was to focus on improving communication, increasing the volunteer support and removing the 'red tape' obscuring our success.

Looking back to February 2008, the common problem you highlighted to us was a lack of open communication, both understandable and relevant, which has been addressed.

The new age of technology has now been embraced, with the Beckenham Swimming Club Website, becoming the best place for timely and relevant information. Updates on your club, whether that be training, competition, or information more generally, such as the Weekly Update or the Our Club bi-monthly newsletter, has consistently been relayed through email from your squad representative. I'd like to thank every Squad Rep, both current and former, who, collectively, have done such a great job at keeping you updated and informed throughout the year.

The opportunity for a Welcome Evening has been given to every new member that joins the club, and these will begin again more fully from September. To further build on communication, we will be introducing events for parents on Long Term Athlete Development.

One area that we have only scratched the surface of this year, and will be looking to develop for 09/10, is our press releases and we will be looking to make more "noise" about our continued successes.

The biggest highlight, for me personally, has been seeing more people becoming interested in and actively taking on responsibility in the management of the club. There are too many to mention individually, but what I see now is more people involved, each doing fewer things, AND doing the fewer things much better!

There are countless examples including; the Beckenham Open Meet, the Club Championships, the Elementary Galas, the National League, the London Water Polo Leagues, the Whitehorse League, the Kent Junior League, the Galas, the Championships, the Rising Stars Meet, the training camp in Cyprus, the Masters Championships etc. Most importantly, each individual involved has worked collectively and focused on their part to play, with no one person being overwhelmed with too much.

I'd like to especially thank every member of the Club Management and Executive team, each of whom have taken accountability for their role so well, whilst encouraging others to take responsibility to do the same. It will always pose a challenge to do the right thing by 400 members, however each has admirably achieved this during 08/09.

It would be easy for us at this point to say "job-well-done!" But it doesn't stop here, as we know that some of us as will not necessarily be around forever. When the time comes for us to move on, we will be looking to the next generation of volunteer support to seamlessly take the club forward and beyond.

I was fortunate back in May 2008 to attend an event where Simon Clegg, chef de mission for Team GB at the Beijing Olympics, described performance in sport "... *as the sum of maximizing potential and removing the distractions*". For our part this year there have been many distractions to remove; a recession, the heaviest snow fall in 18 years, swine flu - yes national news - and they have all affected the club in some capacity.

And the biggest distraction of all has been the continued Crystal Palace closure, with its relative impact across the training schedule, which has been a never-ending headache for the management team. **Yet 62 hours of training activity have continued each week and B.S.C has had one of its most successful years in competition.** Here are some examples of what we collectively have achieved: the 13th top swimming club nationally, a 2nd place London League finish for the Men's Water Polo team, the top swimming club in London and Kent officially, 18 Club Championship records, 9 county records, 2 British records, a European record, a Commonwealth record and our first Olympic qualifier in 20yrs in Ellen Gandy.

In the midst of all the competitive successes we have seen our Swim 21 (a kind of club audit) progress on track for reaccreditation later in November, the completion of the

many ASA driven administrative tasks, and a growth in financial support from new sponsor GAC Logistics, as well as continued support from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The distraction of Crystal Palace has shown just how reliant we have become on third parties such as the ASA and Croydon Council. I'm pleased to say, and in contrast to the aforementioned, that our working relationship with The Spa has minimized the disruption that other organisations have brought us. I'd like to thank Mary-Rose McMahon and her management team at the Spa, and look forward to achieving even more together this coming year.

Sometimes it can be easier to look back, than it is to think about moving forward, and we would be naïve to become complacent...

This next year is about **opportunity**.

On more than one occasion, I've bored many about sport on the other side of the world in Australia; whether it's Aussie Rules, Rugby League, Water Polo or Swimming the adage is the same – players are free to play, swimmers to swim and coaches to coach.

And the Australian 'can do' mentality, that goes hand-in-hand with a touch of confidence, never seems to fail in getting the job done... of course we'll wait and see if this rings true this summer in the Ashes.

We will continue to inform you, involve you and remove distractions, in the best interest of our club. The opportunity is however there for us all to take. And by focusing on what each of us can do, through a **One-Club approach**, I'm very confident that not only will we build on this past year, but we will go beyond 'high achievement' in 2009/10.

Richard Collins

Chairman & President 2008/09

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SECRETARY'S REPORT JUNE 2008 – JUNE 2009

Well another year has passed & it only seems like a couple of months ago that I was thinking what does this role entail, well thanks to Richard Collins President & Chairman it did not entail anywhere near as much as the past secretary's have had to do, so I thank you for that Richard.

I would like to start off by thanking Richard for all the hard work & brilliant job he has done as President this year & say what a pleasure it has been to work with you.

I know look forward to welcoming the new club president Andrew Forryan & wish him all the best for the coming year.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their continual hard work & the time that they give to help the club, as well as all the parents that give up their time to help at all the events through out the year, to which the club could not run.

I would like to thank Gillian & Shaun Gunning for the all the hard work that they have put in running the Speedo League as well as everything that Gillian has be landed with. Fiona has had a very difficult year with all the changes in pools & having to arrange cover when pools are not available, I would like to say that if it were not for Fiona's commitment to the role that she does at the club we would have lost a lot more sessions. In February we said goodbye to Jenny Knight who stepped down from her role as club treasurer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jenny for all the hard work that she has put in for the club.

I would like to welcome Steve Shelts onto the committee who has taken over the role of treasurer & wish him all the best.

Well done to Patricia for the excellent job that she did with the Beckenham Gala held at Crystal Palace in May. (Our first long course gala for a couple of years)

We finally managed to get some sponsorship for the club from GAC logistics for two years. If this proves to be successful they will continue to sponsor the club on an ongoing basis.

Lastly I would like to say a huge well done to all the swimmers in the club for an excellent year, if it was not for the fact that we have swimmers from every age continually progressing through the clubs squad system from white squad to National squad it would be impossible for us to compete at such a high level.

Mark Brown
Hon Club Sec

Championship Secretary Report

2008 was a fantastic year for the club and it was going to be very hard to beat. Well that's what we all thought, but no one told our swimmers at Beckenham.

Kent County Championships

Most definitely a year for the record book and to remember, Indeed one swimmer, Michael Gunning, 14, broke 15 event performance records single-handedly, as well as setting a county record in the 800m Freestyle. He finished the championships with 16 individual gold medals and four silvers, and was presented with the coveted top boy award in his age group.

The BSC swimmers, aged 9 to 19, won a record 153 gold medals, 92 silvers, 71 bronzes and countless fourth, fifth and sixth place awards. Last year, itself regarded as a glorious moment in the club's history, BSC swimmers came home with 130 golds, 93 silvers and 75 bronzes. The club also broke eight relay records on the final day of this year's championships.

Most of the BSC swimmers achieved personal best times in their events and several won double-figure gold medals. As well as the 15 event records achieved by Michael, four of his club-mates set new event records: Steffi King, 15, and Lauren Walton, 13, each broke

two, while Lauren's twin sister, Rebecca, and Kunmi Ogunfeibo, 11, broke one record each. Steffi also took home an impressive 18 individual golds and set two county records.

British Championships – Sheffield

Michael Gunning achieved a qualifying time in the 200M Fly a year out of age and flew the Beckenham flag together with Steph Denny and Steffi King. Our three swimmers produced personal best times and just missed out on the semi finals. Ellen Gandy secured her place on the team for the World Championships in Rome later this year by storming to a new British record time of 57.49 in the women's 100m Butterfly and not content with this Ellen sealed her second place in the squad by taking almost a second off the European, Commonwealth and British record time in the women's 200m Butterfly in a time of 2:04.83 - just 0.6 off the world record!!!

National Swimming League Final – Sheffield

Following the qualification into the National Swimming League final for the first time in six years we sent a large team to the Sheffield in April. This was a gathering of the top 20 clubs in the country. We were represented by a strong supporting contingent whom through the final made as much noise in order to support and encourage the team towards achieving a third place beating both rival southerly clubs, Leatherhead and Camden Swiss. We are now officially the Top London Club.

London Region Youth Championships

The long awaited re-opening of Crystal Palace after almost 2 years hosted the London Youth Championships in early May; lots of PBs were achieved together with a number of NQT's.

Despite that setback of Crystal Palace the club has enjoyed some of its best results over the year. What these swimmers have achieved, through hard work, discipline and solid training, is absolutely fantastic and we should all be proud to be part of BSC who have proved beyond reasonable doubt to be the Best Kent and London Club.

This truly has been a most successful year for the club and we should all be very proud of our swimmers and coaches in achieving this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony Beckley and his team of coaches for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment in supporting our swimmers and helping them to achieve what they have today.

Gillian Gunning
Championship Secretary

Training Report

The past year has provided more than its fair share of challenges for those of us trying to secure pool time for 350 swimmers to train. The forthcoming year does not seem likely to be much easier, at least initially.

During the past year, our swimmers have trained at The Spa, The Bridge, Trinity School, Alleyn's School, South Norwood Leisure Centre, St Joseph's College, Bromley High School for Girls, Dulwich College Prep School, Dulwich College and, eventually, Crystal Palace.

This poses a huge challenge for many families, often with several swimmers in different squad sessions at different venues at the same time. Amazingly, thanks to sterling effort by our exceptional coaching team, we have come through this period with some of the best results the club has achieved in years.

At the end of August 2008, South Norwood pool removed one top squad training session without any notice, thus setting the tone for relations with BSC for the rest of the year. In December they gave us ten days notice, over the festive period, to remove another session. Top Squad swimmers were forced to pay and swim as members of the public for five weeks while we fought our corner. Eventually we secured a one-hour three-lane slot for Bronze Squad, but this too has been summarily removed. The fight continues and, at the time of writing, I am trying to raise press and public interest in our plight.

In September 2008, Top Squad began training at Bromley High, thanks to the good offices of Jo King, who teaches there. This was a valuable slot but, sadly, this too has been withdrawn, though I am hoping to renew links there in either September or the new year.

Trinity School has also helped us out throughout the year but it, too, had to withdraw one training slot in April 2009. We hope this might be restored in September 2009, at least until April 2010.

On a more positive note, a new Saturday training slot was introduced for Gold Squad at Dulwich College, which we have suspended temporarily but hope to reinstate in September. Alleyn's School in Dulwich allowed us to train there on a Tuesday during the winter months, and we are continuing to do so for the foreseeable future.

We were also able to introduce two land training sessions during the year; one at the Spa on Saturdays and one at St Joseph's on Tuesdays. We are hoping to introduce a third land training session on Thursdays at Trinity.

The burning question throughout the year was when would Crystal Palace reopen and what time would be made available to BSC? The answer was that it opened 14 months later than scheduled and with only limited provision for BSC until the end of July 2009. At the moment, we are unlikely to secure any training time there in September, but the plans for CP seem lacking in detail and we will keep a close eye to see if any gains can be made for our membership.

I would like to conclude by thanking Tony Beckley and Richard Collins for the tremendous support they have given me in my first year in the role, and to Angela Phillips, the former Training Secretary, for her continued support and advice. I would also like to thank the very many pool providers who have helped Beckenham to achieve some astonishing results this year, noting in particular the huge part played by Mary Rose McMahon and her Bromley Mytime management team at The Spa.

Fiona Pearson
Training Secretary

Water polo Secretary Report

The water polo section has had a successful year in general. Results have been promising and our member base continues to grow. The next year is likely to be much more challenging from an organizational point of view.

Results:

Invicta (the club through which Beckenham are represented at National level) finished 7th in National League Division 1, which is a phenomenal achievement for a newly promoted side. This qualified them for the British Championships for the first time ever. Invicta Marlins finished 8th in Division 2 avoiding relegation and, thus, consolidating Invicta's position as the only club represented in the top two divisions.

Beckenham's first team came 2nd in the London League, which is the highest finish achieved since the 90s. The 2009 league has started slowly, but with plenty of games remaining all is not lost. The Kent League, a much more social league, ended up with Beckenham finishing second to main rivals Hythe. Considering the league is essentially a two horse race this can only be viewed as a disappointment.

The Beckenham ladies team combined with Croydon Amphibians, in the London Winter League in both the U19 and senior team competitions. Mainly used as a development platform for the 2009 summer competition, both teams acquitted themselves well, the seniors (2wins - 2 losses) finishing 2nd in an evenly spread 3-team-league competition. The U19s, with only one team to compete against, lost both games against a more experienced combined team of Hailsham and Sutton & Cheam.

The winter league preparation enabled a full senior entry of a Beckenham Ladies senior team for the summer 2009 London League competition in division II. The Senior Girls, entering for first time in at least 5yrs, have so far played 6 of 9 league games (4w, 1d, 1l). The girls sit healthily in 2nd place going into the last round of games, and will be looking for promotion into Division I.

In the next year, the junior progression will see more Beckenham entries into London League competition, and the future looks strong, in particular with London 2012 looking like containing a GB women's entry.

A big thank you to Anna Newell, who has done a fantastic job as both women's captain and team manager for all the Beckenham girl teams

The Junior and youth teams have had considerable success this year via Invicta. The Invicta U19 team were crowned National Champions and the Youth team finished second. As Beckenham, these age groups have performed respectably in local league competitions.

The minis finished runner up in the winter league having won eight out of the ten games played and drew with Hythe in a friendly. This is confirmation of what a good job our volunteer coaches are doing down at Dulwich every other week.

International representation:

Sean King continues to represent Beckenham in the senior Great Britain squad based in Manchester – his profile can be viewed on the ASA website www.britishswimming.org
Danny Casey and Conrad Rhodes are now established in the GB Junior team and can only continue to improve from exposure to top class water polo.

Membership:

The member base continues to grow and both the senior and junior squads are starting to look very full. The club has entered a master's team for the first time in my memory and a 2nd team is being re-established. This is great news, as it will allow more players to compete at their level in meaningful competition. Prospective younger members usually require a trial before they are allowed to join Simon's squad.

This year has seen the resurgence of a Beckenham Ladies water polo team, mainly to capitalize on the increased number of junior and mini polo girls coming through the Beckenham Water Polo set up

Awards:

Player of the year: Nick Jackson.

Most improved player: Danny Casey.

Challenges for 09/10:

This summer will see the reopening of Crystal Palace and Invicta being moved there to form a high performance squad. The challenge here is to integrate the two clubs so we remain competitive both locally and nationally whilst maintaining the friendly nature of the club and continue to provide meaningful water polo for players of all standards. It would appear that compromises have been made from both sides and I am hopeful that our objectives will be met in both the short and long term.

Rob Spurr

Water polo Club Secretary

Masters Secretary Report

The Masters section has continued quite successfully during the year, currently having 33 members with an average attendance on Monday evenings of 23. Our new website has been a help by which we get several enquiries but particularly encouraging has been the number of young swimmers joining who use to swim with our squads.

Our performance at the Kent's was very pleasing where our team of 10 produced some excellent swims, enabling us to finish in a very respectable 4th position overall. We struggled to get teams out for subsequent events but even after allowing for injuries and

illness, managed to enter a small team in the S E Region L/C and S/C events with some good results.

Open Water events maintain their interest with the Brighton Pier to Pier being the most popular. The Isle of Wight swim has a particular attraction with Eastbourne not far behind but the best must be the Banyoles lake swim in Spain which one member enjoys each year.

On the 7 May four of us will be heading off for the Masters training camp at Club La Santa in Lanzarote. Hopefully we will all survive but one thing is for sure, we will be doing our best to support the master's motto of "Fitness, fun and friendship".

Peter Sutherland
Masters Secretary

BECKENHAM SWIMMING CLUB
Membership secretary report
2009

There are currently 295 members in the age group squads at Beckenham Swimming club.

Over the last 12 months this has remained fairly constant.

We held trials in September 2008 and January 2009. 80 potential members attended the trials and 66 were offered places in the squads. There have been approximately 20 places offered over the year to swimmers in the lower squads as places became available or into higher squads from swimmers from other clubs.

At the moment the squads are full so there has not been a trial this summer as planned. There will not be a trial until after the summer break when current members have renewed their membership and squad numbers are known. There are 55 swimmers waiting to trial at the moment.

It has been a very difficult year due to the many changes in pool availability. We had to be careful to keep squad numbers at a reasonable level for the pool space that the Training Secretary worked hard to secure.

I look forward to a more settled year ahead!

Jackie Elliott
Membership secretary

Welfare Officer Report to Beckenham Swimming Club
2009 Annual General Meeting
Prepared by Angela Phillips

As Welfare Officer for the club my prime responsibility is to ensure the welfare and well being of all children in our care across the swimming and water polo divisions.

We have a duty of care to the children to act quickly and responsibly in any instance that may come to the attention of the club that requires the involvement of the Welfare Officer.

The areas of responsibility include matters relating to:

- Behaviour
- Child Protection
- Complaints
- Criminal Records Bureau matters
- Discipline
- Health and Safety
- Liaison with the Amateur Swimming Association
- Still and/or video photography

Any complaint or matter raised relating to members of the club is dealt with on an individual basis, in confidence and where appropriate and required, with the relevant support and guidance from the ASA.

In the past year, under guidance of Swim 21 we have undertaken to update all CRB checks that coaches, teachers, poolside helpers, team managers and chaperones are required to have, and where necessary are in the process of bringing them up to date.

All welfare policies have also been reviewed and are available for anyone to see on the club website.

Should anyone want to contact me to discuss matters relating to club welfare I can be found most evenings at Top Squad training sessions, e-mailed at angelagriffithphillips@yahoo.co.uk or called on 07961 102 166.

Angela Phillips
Welfare Officer
Beckenham Swimming Club

Appendix

Club rule 7.1

It is proposed there is an amendment to Club Rule 7.1. in paragraph 2 of the [Club Rules](#).

It is proposed to remove "*...the Water Polo Secretary,*" from its stated position as purely on the Executive Committee.

The inclusion of this role on the CMC was discussed in advance of the AGM 2008, based on a membership growth in the Water Polo section from Dec 2006 through June 2008.

Subsequently, the Water Polo Secretary was proposed and elected, as one of the 5 general members of the CMC accordingly at the AGM in June 2008.

Paragraph 2, however remains ambiguous, and as such it is suggested removing the stated phrase "*...the Water Polo Secretary,*" from club rule 7.1., and the role remaining as part of the 5 general members of the Club Management Committee.