**GREAT BRITAIN DEAF SWIMMING CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 24th**

**March 2018, 0900**

**POOL SEMINAR ROOM, LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY**

Attendees (Register Signed): M. Lee, S. Chamberlain, S. Sharpe, S. McNiff, L. Milton, M. Wright, S. Tappenden, L. Harris, A. Curtis, M. Spoor, L. Gilmour, D. Phair, S. Criddle, A. Saines, R. Holdbrook, G. Cooke, P. Jordan-Caws, R. Oaten, Mr & Mrs Boukhari, J. Joyce,

P. Gotta, N. Seamarks UKDS (PM & VC)

Apologies T. Merritt

The 2017 AGM Minutes were approved, nothing arising Proposed A. Curtis Seconded

R. Holdbrook

The chairman’s report was delivered by J. Joyce this included a Thank You to NDCS for

working with GBDSC over the last few years and supporting the weekend and grass roots

Deaf swimming. Mr Boukhari thanked the chair for an outstanding year. No matters arising,

Approved.

The Treasurers report was delivered by P. Gotta, Paul explained whilst the club had made an overspend of £1827.00 over the last 18 months the clubs account now stands at £7592.00

Paul thanked DMG Floorcare for the £1.5k donation. No matters arising approved.

The Executive asked the membership to approve a new auditor Bowman & Co, a vote was

held and approved.

UKDS overview was presented by Piers which included a group discussion on Start Lights

and Funding. It was agreed that the Executive would guide the club on this areas during

2018 with assistance from UKDS

The following constitution changes were approved by the membership. The Secretary

would send to Sussex County for approval.

1. Clarity

**Amend 3.1.1 (A)**

25dB**-54db** loss in the better ear for club competitions (Category A) and **a minimum of**

55dB

2. Following committee meeting proposal to give each family in club one vote and to

remove eligibility of active swimmers serving on committee as it is felt to be in

their best interests

**Amend 3.1.1. (B)**

Swimming members aged 18 and over are eligible to vote at general meetings **but will not**

**be eligible to serve on the committee while competing for the club.**

**A parent or guardian of swimming members under the age of 18 will have a vote at**

**general meetings as part of a family membership. There will be a maximum of one**

**vote per family.**

**Amend 11.3**

Each member **family** present

3. Clarity

Amend 7.4

Committee meetings shall be held at least twice a year, usually at the club’s AGM and at

**any other club** training weekend.

4. To allow the club to hold AGM at a more appropriate time.

**Amend 9.1**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held **once a year normally during an**

**autumn training weekend where all members are eligible to attend in order that best**

**preparation time for major championships is given to any new committee formed** (or at

a date and at a venue to be set by the Honorary Secretary following consultation with

other Officers should no championships be held) but no later than the end of **November**

each year.

**The Election of Executive & Committee**

Executive: - Jim Joyce – Chair, Paul Gotta – Treasurer and Nigel Seamarks – Secretary

Committee: Ashleigh Scott (Welfare), Tracey Merritt, Rob Holdbrook, Sarah Tappenden,

Graham Cooke. Pauline Jordan-Caws (to be elected at the committee meeting following

the AGM).

AOB

Piers promoted the use of #DeaflympicsGB and the importance of branding.