

## **London Adult Figure Skating Club**

### **Minutes of 2020 AGM, held via Zoom on 16 January 2021**

The AGM commenced at 5:00pm on 16 January 2021. The meeting was chaired by Jane Mackenzie ("JM") and the following members of the London Adult Figure Skating Club ("LAFSC") were also present: Kitty Swanson ("KS"), Ian Swanson ("IS"), Sara Bertie, Linzi Barber, David Payne, Jose Cano-Ruiz ("JC-R") and Nicola Mckenzie.

#### **1. Quorum**

It was noted that, under the constitution, quorum for a general meeting was at least six members, including at least three members of the outgoing committee. On the basis that eight members of the club were present, including five members of the outgoing committee, quorum was satisfied.

#### **2. Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM**

Copies of the minutes of the 2019 AGM had been circulated to members in advance of the AGM.

No questions were raised and a resolution was put to the meeting regarding the approval of these minutes.

##### ***Resolution 1: Approval of minutes of 2019 AGM***

"The minutes of the 2019 AGM shall be approved in the form circulated at the 2020 AGM."

The resolution was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

#### **3. Chair's report**

JM presented the following report in her capacity as Chair for the 2020 year:

*"The club began 2020 in a good position, with skaters enjoying the club's Outdoor Evening Patch session at the Natural History Museum ice rink, immediately after the AGM. We booked ice for two events at Alexandra Palace, in June and August, with bookings at other venues in the pipeline. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic neither event was able to go ahead and at no point since March 2020 has it been possible under the coronavirus regulations to organise viable on-ice group club activities, meaning no competitions, seminars or other club events were held.*

*As on-ice events are typically a major driver of membership renewals and new memberships, membership remained low, but thankfully enough to maintain the club's existence.*

*We allowed and encouraged the club's social media to be used to promote online training opportunities for adult skaters. As publicity officer, Dawn has enlivened the club Instagram account with encouraging fitness posts and information about the national campaign to ensure ice rinks are treated as sports venues, boosting the number of followers.*

*The club wrote in support of the planning application for the twin pad ice rink at Lea Valley.*

*My thanks to all the committee members for their thoughtful approach throughout a year of frustratingly thwarted forward planning. I'm pleased that everyone wants to serve for another year. I remain optimistic that we will be able to hold on ice events in 2021."*

#### **4. Secretary's report**

KS presented the following report in her capacity as Secretary for the 2020 year:

##### "Committee

*The committee for 2020 consisted of the following members: Jane Mackenzie as Chair, Linzi Barber as Vice Chair, Kitty Swanson as Secretary, Ian Swanson as Treasurer, Sara Bertie as Membership Secretary and Dawn Hannay as Publicity Officer. All six members of the 2020 committee are standing for election to the 2021 committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who served as members of the committee in 2020.*

##### Administration

*The constitution has been working well – no amendments have been proposed for approval at this AGM.*

##### Membership

*The club had 17 members in the 2020 year. This is a significant reduction in membership from previous years (65+ members for the three previous years) but reflects the fact the club was unable to run any events after the NHM outdoor skate in January as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope to return to normal levels of membership once the ice rinks are able to re-open and the club is able to resume operation. The membership fee was £20.00 for the 2020 year.*

##### Events and 2021 plans

*As has already been outlined, the club's activities in 2020 were unfortunately restricted. We hope to be able to offer on-ice events in 2021."*

#### **5. Treasurer's report**

IS gave the following report in his capacity as Treasurer for the 2020 year:

*"This has been an unusual year! Without ice, there has been little reason for people to join, so membership numbers are low. There have been fewer costs as well, though, with the only cost being BIS affiliation. Due to the timing of that payment, though, it does not appear on this year's accounts.*

*Assuming that members agree to roll membership forward to next year, there will be less income next year. We will also see two payments rolled over from this year, the payment for the NHM ice at the beginning of the year, and the BIS affiliation (which this year was £175.50). Due to the challenges we've faced this year, neither payment was possible to arrange this year so both are still owed to committee members.*

*Next year will therefore show higher costs and lower income than a normal year.*

*Despite this, the club still holds around £4000.00, so we do not expect this to have a significant impact on the events the club can hold once we are allowed to start holding events again."*

## **6. Certification of the accounts**

JC-R, who was appointed at the 2019 AGM as the independent member to review the 2020 accounts, confirmed that he had reviewed the 2020 accounts and certified that they were a true and accurate statement of the LAFSC's affairs.

A vote of thanks to JC-R was recorded.

## **7. Approval of the 2020 accounts**

The 2020 accounts for LAFSC were shown on screen to those present.

No questions were raised and a resolution was put to the meeting regarding the approval of these accounts.

### ***Resolution 2: Approval of 2020 accounts***

"The 2020 accounts shall be approved in the form circulated at the 2020 AGM."

The resolution was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

## **8. Committee elections**

It was noted that the following nominations had been received for the various committee roles:

- (i) Chair – Jane Mackenzie;
- (ii) Vice Chair – Linzi Barber;
- (iii) Secretary – Kitty Swanson;
- (iv) Treasurer – Ian Swanson;

- (v) Publicity Officer – Dawn Hannay; and
- (vi) Membership Secretary – Sara Bertie.

A resolution was put to the meeting regarding the committee for the 2021 year.

***Resolution 3: Elections to the committee***

"The committee for the 2021 year shall consist of the following six officers:

- (i) Chair – Jane Mackenzie;
- (ii) Vice Chair – Linzi Barber;
- (iii) Secretary – Kitty Swanson;
- (iv) Treasurer – Ian Swanson;
- (v) Publicity Officer – Dawn Hannay; and
- (vi) Membership Secretary – Sara Bertie."

The resolution was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

**9. Appointment of member to certify 2021 accounts**

It was noted that a member of LAFSC who was not on the committee was required to be appointed to certify the 2021 accounts at the next AGM. JC-R volunteered to fill that role and a resolution was put to the meeting regarding the appointment of JC-R to this role.

***Resolution 4: Appointment of member to certify the 2021 accounts***

"Jose Cano-Ruiz shall be appointed to certify the 2021 accounts."

The resolution was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

**10. Membership fees**

It was noted that two categories of membership fees would need to be considered for 2021, as a result of the introduction of single event group membership in January 2017.

It was proposed that the fee for both categories of membership should be kept the same as for the 2020 year; however, it was proposed that the fee for ordinary adult membership of LAFSC should be reduced to £0.00 for individuals who had been ordinary adult members of the club in 2020 due to the club's inability to run any events as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions on the operation of ice rinks.

The matter was discussed and a resolution was put to the meeting regarding the membership fees for the 2021 year.

***Resolution 5: Membership fees***

"For the 2021 calendar year, the fee for ordinary adult membership of LAFSC shall be £20.00 except for individuals who were ordinary adult members of LAFSC in 2020 for whom the fee for ordinary adult membership of LAFSC shall be £0.00.

For specific events during the 2021 calendar year, to be determined by the committee in its sole discretion, the fee for single event group membership of LAFSC shall be £40.00."

The resolution was carried unanimously on a show of hands.

11. **Any other business**

The members discussed the current difficulties in running on-ice events and the possibility of running virtual social events to keep members feeling connected to the club.

There being no other formal business, JM closed the meeting at 5:30pm.