

London Adult Figure Skating Club

Minutes of 2022 AGM, held via Zoom on 23 January 2023

The AGM commenced at 8:00pm on 23 January 2023. 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, Dawn Hannay, Nicola Mckenzie, Jose Cano-Ruiz ("JC-R") and Allison 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 nine members of the club were present, including six members of the outgoing committee, quorum was satisfied.

2. Approval of minutes of 2021 AGM

Copies of the minutes of the 2021 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 2021 AGM

"The minutes of the 2021 AGM shall be approved in the form circulated prior to the 2022 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 2022 year:

"During the 2022 membership year the club was able to hold two skills competitions in Cambridge, which were filled to capacity – with waiting lists for places. The first event overlapped with the 2021 membership year and thus featured in last year's report. The second included an Artistic category – a successful experiment, with plenty of excellent entries. Well done to everyone who took part in those events and thanks to everyone who volunteered or came along to cheer.

We also held a seminar at Streatham ice rink, which included working on 'choreographic' sliding moves and step sequence. Frustratingly, with the on-going work at Lee Valley (and the other rinks being busier as a result) it has been difficult to hire ice in London for any other on-ice activity. We hope that the double pad rink

will open in spring, opening up more opportunities for us as soon as possible.

My thanks to everyone who has served on the committee this year for their involvement in making events happen and doing the behind the scenes work to maintain the club for another year."

4. Secretary's report

KS presented the following report in her capacity as Secretary for the 2022 year:

"Committee

The committee for 2022 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 2022 committee are standing for election to the 2023 committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who served as members of the committee in 2022.f

Administration

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

Membership

The club had 46 members in the 2022 year. This is a reduction in membership from the pre-covid years (65+ members for each of 2017-2019) but an increase on 2021 (37 members). The membership fee was £20.00 for the 2022 year.

Events and 2023 plans

The club had two successful competitions and an on-ice seminar in 2022. Access to ice is a continuing problem, especially with increasing costs, but we hope to at least match this number of on-ice events during 2023 as well as exploring options for social and off-ice events."

5. Treasurer's report

IS gave the following report in his capacity as Treasurer for the 2022 year:

"The club ends the year with slightly lower reserves than it started, but this is largely due to repaying money loaned to the club in the previous year. Specifically, we owed Jane £450 for the NHM patch in 2020, and Ian £648 for the 2021 Alexandra Palace seminar ice as well as £175.50 for the 2020 NISA affiliation. We also took a significant amount of money (£500) at the end of last year for the Winter Skills competition, which therefore appeared in last year's accounts and further distorts the numbers.

An additional cost this year was the Streatham seminar. This was expected to run at a loss, but we felt that it was worth running the event anyway – partly to ensure that we

offered an event to our members, but also to help build the relationship with the rink. Hopefully there will be opportunities for further events at Streatham, where the ice is offered at a better time and with more notice available!

Against this, membership was popular, and the Summer Skills event even turned a profit (competitions often do return a small profit, in this case this was helped by the relatively low price of ice at Cambridge).

We also had two unexpected, but very welcome, windfalls. Due to some billing confusion, the NHM and Cambridge both ended up donating ice time for the NHM patch and the Winter Skills competition. It should be noted that both of these cases were confirmed in writing! We are extremely grateful to both rinks for their generosity.

To allow for the impact of these peculiarities, it may be worth comparing the account balance to the start of 2020 rather than to the start of 2022. In 2020, we started the year with £3,123 in the bank. We close 2022 with £4,337, and also have very little change to our cash position. The generosity of the rinks was probably worth around £800, so even allowing for this we would have slightly increased our reserves over this time.

It should be noted that the impact of inflation, and particularly energy price inflation, is likely to be felt next year. Commercial energy pricing is not subject to the same caps as consumer energy pricing, and as a result businesses are having to pay significantly more for their energy, and ice rinks are not low energy businesses. I am aware of internal discussions at Alexandra Palace around pricing, and even last year we were being told that they would have to increase the hire rate compared to the price for the seminar in 2021. It would be optimistic to assume that the costs of holding events will not increase next year. The question will be whether to cover these costs by dipping into our reserves, increasing event costs, or increasing membership fees. The answer to this may partly depend on our plans for the future: do we want to build a large reserve which might allow us to hold larger events?

It is also becoming increasingly obvious that we need to find a better way to track entitlement to attend events, as well as cross referencing membership and event bookings to payments; whilst still protecting access to member data. This might also include consideration of payment methods, where all options have both strengths and weaknesses."

6. Certification of the accounts

JC-R, who was appointed at the 2021 AGM as the independent member to review the 2022 accounts, confirmed that he had reviewed the 2022 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 2022 accounts**

The 2022 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 2022 accounts

"The 2022 accounts shall be approved in the form circulated at the 2022 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 and Nicola Mckenzie;
- (iii) Secretary – Kitty Swanson;
- (iv) Treasurer – Ian Swanson;
- (v) Publicity Officer – Dawn Hannay; and
- (vi) Membership Secretary – Sara Bertie.

The meeting recorded that the outgoing committee considered it may be beneficial to have two vice chairs and that the constitution did not prevent multiple people being appointed to one role.

A resolution was put to the meeting regarding the committee for the 2023 year.

Resolution 3: Elections to the committee

"The committee for the 2023 year shall consist of the following seven officers:

- (i) Chair – Jane Mackenzie;
- (ii) Vice Chair – Linzi Barber and Nicola Mckenzie;
- (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 2023 accounts**

It was noted that a member of LAFSC who was not on the committee was required to be appointed to certify the 2023 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 2023 accounts

"Jose Cano-Ruiz shall be appointed to certify the 2023 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 2023, as a result of the introduction of single event group membership in January 2017.

It was proposed that the fee for ordinary adult membership should be increased to £25.00, noting that it had not been increased since the club was founded and that costs are rising.

No changes were proposed for single event group membership.

The matter was discussed and a resolution was put to the meeting regarding the membership fees for the 2023 year.

Resolution 5: Membership fees

"For the 2023 calendar year, the fee for ordinary adult membership of LAFSC shall be £25.00.

For specific events during the 2023 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 possible events for 2023 and the current difficulties in running on-ice events.

There being no other formal business, JM closed the meeting at 8:40pm.