



Myrtleville Swimmers

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Minutes of the AGM for 2014

Present: Good oul' crowd – too many to list really.

Agenda

1. Chair Update
2. Financials Update
3. Membership Update
4. Merchandise
5. Communications
6. Events

1. Bernard Lynch - Chair Update

1. BL addressed members, confirming he was not going to get tricked into being Chairman for another year and that nominating him while he was in the jacks last year was out of order.
2. Through the chair, Jim Shalloo did some great plámásing by suggesting it was vital that the best looking and most charismatic swimmer should be the Chairman. This was seconded by Denis Cregan-Condon, International Man of Mystery (DCC-IMOM), who thought Jim meant him. BL then made the mistake of going to the jacks again.

RESOLVED: Despite efforts by DCC-IMOM to nominate himself on the looks and charisma basis, BL was then quickly reappointed as Chairman before he came back - unanimously, except for Denis. Nice one, Jim. Sorry about that, Denis.

2. Damian O'Neill - Treasurer Update

1. DON confirmed that, as usual, he had no cash and since the group kept giving all the money away to the RNLI, he didn't see this changing. He noted that this was an unsatisfactory situation for an accountant, who wanted to have loads of notes to throw in the air while cackling fiendishly. Like accountants do, obviously.
2. Siobhan Russell (SR) suggested holding a cake sale to raise funds. This was seconded by Gary Frost (GF – that's Gary Frost, not Girl Friend), who just heard the word "cake" and put up his hand.

RESOLVED: Since fiendish cackling by DON was not considered an attractive proposition, this suggestion was not adopted. Moreover, nobody believed cakes brought to the beach would survive long enough to get sold. However, it was agreed that regular provision of cakes was to be encouraged in all future communications.



3. Inventory

Hats: All gone. The most desirable swimming accessory in the world for 2014 has sold out. Fights are being reported in shops as parents find they can't get one for their children for Christmas and have to settle for some stupid Frozen yoke.

Members were advised to ask Santa for one as BL has forgotten to order more.

Fleeces: Sold out. On a point of order from Kieran Murphy (KM), Pat Lowry (PL) was asked to explain what exactly was being referred to as the "IT" that swimmers do in the water. PL referred the question to Breda Maguire (BM) and Ros O'Brien (ROB). PL said they were far more knowledgeable than him on what people did in the water. PL referenced the Killary trip as evidence.

BM and ROB said it was all Siobhan Russell's (SR) fault and she had the pictures. SR threatened to release the pictures if they didn't stop at her. Things got a bit heated and Chairman Lynch called for a short break.

RESOLVED: After the recess it was agreed that pictures from Killary should be released to the general public to clarify exactly what "IT" is that the fleece refers to. KM said he was looking forward to that one.

4. Siobhan Russell - Secretary & Pictorial Communicator Update

1. SR said it was her first year in the role and as such had been a bit of a learning curve. She apologized for only releasing 2.5 million pictures of swimmers as she came to terms with the role. She resolved to greatly increase her output in 2015.
2. SR confirmed that it was a bumper year for new members and that this was a good thing. DON disagreed with this and said it was a feckin' disaster and that people kept parking in his space. BL suggested that it wasn't actually his space. DON suggested BL would want to watch his tyres. Another recess was called.

After tempers cooled, SR continued her report.

3. Current member numbers are 2,784 (full and very, very social). As nobody pays and there isn't actually a membership structure, SR suggested this might be plus or minus a few thousand. BL said he counted them and there was definitely thousands more.
4. Relationship with Sandycove Swimmers (SS) going well. There were no further knife fights and negotiations to have Mad Moz Morrison (MMM), the Hat-napper, handed over for punishment are progressing favourably with the SS negotiators, The Bull and Mr. Finbarr. A sticking point has been the SS insistence that we also take his rubber togs. This is being refused.
5. Committee listened to feedback received in 2014 but really can't be bothered changing anything.

RESOLVED: Way more photos needed. SR censured for lack of productivity. MMM handover not being accepted if rubber togs are included. Committee agreed they all thought they were doing a great job and anyone who didn't agree could feck off.



5. Events / Club Trip

The trip to Killary was viewed as a success. Nobody can remember what happened so it must have been good.

James Slowey (JS) suggested he had found an equally good trip for 2015. JS proposed that everyone would love a trip to Norway to jump off a car ferry at 4am, then spend the next twelve hours or so swimming, cycling and running, followed by a 5km mountain climb while carrying a survival kit in case of a weather emergency. JS said it's called the Norseman XTREME Triathlon.

BL reminded JS that he had also suggested that everyone would love to run 50 miles around Dingle including twice up the Connor Pass. BL noted that we are still missing five members since that day. Last seen on Sleah Head. JS said this would be different and that the crack would be mighty. DON reminded JS that he had said that about cycling over the Alps and another six members were still missing after that one. JS re-stated that this would be different and that he had checked that there were loads of medical support people in Norway.

RESOLVED: JS to go solo on this one for 2015, with a view to a full club trip in 2016.

DON noted that this kind of trip might be a good way to get rid of a few more people who park in his space. BL countered that he had told DON it wasn't his space. DON pulled a hurley on BL and advanced paramedics were called to break it up. Good man, PL.

The meeting then ended.