

2016 AGM TREASURERS REPORT

Account balances as 31.03.2016:-

	2016	2015
Business Premium Account	£0.02	£0.02
Community Account (Grants)	£3,462	£2,726
Business Reserve Account	£16,282	£16,273
Community Account	£16,212	£16,631

As you all know this has been my first year in the role so a special thanks to the following people who have helped in the financial success of the club over the last 12 months.

1 Dawn Foskett for our annual ASA collection. This is a massive task and one I wouldn't have been able to complete on my own. Also thanks to Dawn for her recruitment role. I frequently receive lists of new swimmers which is always extremely welcome! Without this new blood coming into the Club we would struggle

2 Tracey Houston for all her help with the teaching section. Again, looking after all the little ones and hopefully inspiring them to stay at Deben for years to come is vital.

3 Steve Moore for communicating moves between squads and advising when swimmers have left the club.

4 Julie Attwater for the enormous amount of work she put in at the Open Meet. Her fish finger rolls are already legendary!

5 Sarah and Peter Elmer for organising the Open Meet and Club Champs

6 All the volunteer coaches who are the lifeblood of the Club. Without you there wouldn't be a Club. It's great to see on a Wednesday evening most of the current Performance squad poolside helping out.

As can be seen the finances of the club stabilised despite rising costs and keeping to the pledge that the club would not raise subscriptions this year. The number of swimmers has fallen to below 200 this year which is disappointing but I feel we can turn this round and get numbers back nearer 220. We had a large number of older swimmers leaving at the end of last season which partly explains the drop.

The Deben Open was a huge success where entries were up massively on 2014. We also took 25% (£3,500 against £2,800) more across the door/raffle/kitchen than the previous year. Thank you to everyone who stood on doors, sold raffle tickets, made bacon rolls, donated raffle prizes etc. Without a real team effort it would not have been the success it was. I spoke to parents from Felixstowe, Leiston, West Suffolk and Norwich Swans amongst others and they love coming to our Open Meet and are already looking forward to this year! It's only 4 months away!!

We have had a busy year of extra curricular activities. Training sessions with Nick Gillingham, Mark Foster and Katy Sexton have certainly motivated and inspired. The training session at Stratford Olympic Pool was also very well received, although perhaps not as well as the retail therapy session afterwards!

As I said earlier we had pledged to keep subscriptions frozen. There has been no increase for the last 3 years but that is going to have to change from next season so with changes in squad structure it seemed a good opportunity to do everything at the same time. With the increases in subscriptions there are however some positives. There will be 2 sessions of land training per week for the top squads. We are also scrapping admin fees for all Meets. So the more Meets you enter, the better off you are!

I'm also looking at better use of the Club bank accounts. Potentially 1 account could be used solely for ASA collection and payment, 1 account for galas collection and payment, 1 savings account and 1 for subscription payments and everything else. This could make tracking money a lot easier

Thank you also to everyone who I haven't mentioned by name and has helped ensure the Club is still financially viable, particularly the Committee and their tolerance of my rapidly fading memory