



CITY OF CANTERBURY SWIMMING CLUB
(Affiliated to SCASA, EIASA)



4 March 2010

Dear All,

I am writing to inform you that we will be holding our **AGM on Monday 26 April at 19:00** in the small room at the back of the Kingsmead pool cafe. Official invites will be sent shortly with an agenda.

In general it has been a positive year from the club – great strides being made in a number of key areas both in the pool and out. The purpose of this note is to ask for your continued support.

We need you to join the committee, be an official or help us in volunteering.

Here is the background:

Canterbury is one of the biggest clubs in the area. We are Swim 21 accredited and have an enviable competitive record. Our club is very active – it has a thriving Masters section, offers swimmers up to 16 hours pool time per week and several land training sessions. We generally host two competitive galas per year and this year we have arranged for a nine-day warm weather training camp. And before I forget...we have introduced new club kit. All-in-all a busy time.

That's why we need you...

In 2010/2011 we would like to continue the momentum and to do that we need committee members, officials and volunteers. The committee meets once a month for around 90 minutes. We ensure the finances are in order and review any upcoming issues. It is important to stress the two underlying operating principles for our committee work:

- We are there to support the coaches and swimmers. The committee does not swim nor does it get involved in coaching issues. We refer to this as the 'clear split between deck and desk'
- Each committee member has a specified role – something he or she brings to the table. By dividing up responsibilities we ensure that our work is spread evenly.

Our parent community is loaded with many varied skills and most importantly has proved to be enthusiastic when asked to help. Please consider joining the committee – and fill in the forms when you see the invite to the AGM. Your Input will keep your child's club moving forward.

Go on – get involved!!!

Swimming is a high investment sport, in time, effort and money. But like most things you only get out what you put in – which brings me to my second point – **OFFICIALS.**

That's right – the people who wear white on the poolside. Our club needs more of them – people who are willing to take on some (not very much) training and help out by representing us as officials at galas. It is critical for our future – so much so that, in certain cases, we will not be able to compete if the City of Canterbury does not provide enough officials to meet our quota.

Please contact **MAX WATSON** (max@maxwatson1.wanadoo.co.uk) or **MARTYN WEYMOUTH** (jayne.weymouth@ntlworld.com) to discuss it.

And finally... you are already very good at volunteering in numerous different ways – you all help at galas and with transport. I cannot stress enough how important this is to the club – please keep up the good work. On behalf of everyone a **BIG THANKYOU.**

So keep a look out for the AGM invitation and fill in the forms!!!!

Best regards,

Mark Walsh

Chairman

City of Canterbury Swimming Club