Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Penzance Swimming and Water Polo Club

AGM Agenda

Date: 17th September 2026, 19:00 Location: PZ Leisure Centre

1. Agreement of Minutes from last meeting

2. Reports
    a. Chairs
    b. Finance
    c. Head Coach
    d. Competitions

3. Election of Executive and Committee members

4. Any other Business

5. Date and time of next AGM meeting

Penzance Swimming and Water Polo Club

AGM Minutes

Date: 17th September 26, 19:00 Location: PZ Leisure Centre

Item	Description	Action
1	All in attendance agreed the minutes from last AGM List of persons attending AGM: • Fiona Jacobs • Louise Jarrett • Fay Mayo • Mags Pellow • Charlotte Webb • Carrie Richards • Natasha Aly • Andy Hoskin • Matt Frost • Hannah May • Tom Foreman • Adam Hitchens • Simon Laurence	ALL
2a	For the Year Ending September 2026 Wow! What a year it has been with so much that has happened. It has been a great honour to serve as Chairperson of Penzance Swimming Club over the past few months in the most amazing year for the club! The time has flown by, and as a club we have achieved so much together with some massive triumphs. The club continues to go from strength to strength, with growth in membership across all sections, including the introduction of our Improvers Squads and the extension into St Ives.. The programme is now self-sustaining, with secure finances covering costs across the club as a whole. Working together as a committee, coaching team, and membership, we have firmly placed Penzance SA and WPC on the map as both a thriving community club and one of Cornwall's leading competitive swimming clubs. We even have a monthly waiting list to join, which is a testament to the demand for what we offer. A particular highlight this year has been the relaunch of water polo, made possible through the appointment of a national-level coach. Sessions have quickly gained	CR

Penzance Swimming and Water Polo Club

momentum, with strong participation and enjoyment, while also helping swimmers further develop their water skills.

Our swimmers have represented the club at a wide range of galas, consistently improving their race times and personal bests, while working towards qualification at local, regional, and national levels. At the Cornwall Counties, Penzance had one of the largest contingents of swimmers from across the county. This brought a wealth of PBs, age-group medals, finalists, and champions, with many competing at this level for the first time.

Success continued at the South West Regionals, where a strong group of Penzance swimmers achieved finals medals and PBs – a fantastic accomplishment. At the very highest level, the club was represented at both the British and English Nationals, with Dimitri winning gold in the 50m backstroke – a truly outstanding achievement. The talent in the pool is incredible with many National level swimmers at times training together and inspiring younger children- something typically only seen at the larger clubs across the Country.

None of this success would have been possible without the dedication of our coaching team – Sean, Nigel, Simon, and Glyn – together with our poolside helpers. Their expertise, passion, and commitment are second to none, and I thank them all sincerely.

One of my personal highlights was continuing our own licensed Club Championships,. The turnout of swimmers was exceptional, the racing exciting, and the raffle prizes very kindly donated. My thanks go to all the volunteers who made the event possible. We also enjoyed our annual summer fun day at Jubilee Pool – this year blessed with sunshine – which created a fantastic atmosphere and a memorable day for swimmers and families alike.

We were proud once again to retain our Swim England affiliation, ensuring the club's continued operation and growth. A priority from last year was to encourage more parents to train as officials. Thanks to their incredible support, we have gone from one official to six fully trained J1s, all kindly offering their time to ensure galas can run in the future for our swimmers. This is a huge step forward.

Plans are already in place for our next Club Championships in November/December, followed by a Christmas celebration.

I also want to give special thanks to the club's volunteers – the backbone of everything we do. Tash, our Treasurer, who keeps our finances in check; Andy, our Secretary; Lauren, our Membership Secretary; Matt, our Safeguarding Officers; Fay, for managing our social media and supporting at events; Mags, for her tireless help at galas; and Charlotte, for securing incredible raffle donations from the community. Together, you are the small but mighty team that keeps this club flourishing, and we are enormously grateful.

Looking ahead, Two of our swimmers have gained places on the Regional Pathway, giving them fantastic development opportunities this season. We also have a para-swimmer beginning the classification process, who has a work ethic, commitment,

Penzance Swimming and Water Polo Club

	determination and dedication to be recognised with and we can't wait to see where this takes her. We are delighted to be supporting para swimming within our community. Our growing water polo section is preparing for matches and regional trials. Five swimmers have already qualified for the Winter Regionals – no small feat given the tough standards required. We are proud to offer a clear pathway for both competitive and community swimmers. Some will progress on the performance route, while others can enjoy swimming recreationally, with flexible sessions (including mornings) available for those who wish to train without the commitment of competition. This truly reflects our values as an inclusive swimming community. We are also grateful to Parkwood Leisure for securing a new set of lane ropes, ensuring the smooth running of future galas to keep competing available locally for children in Cornwall. In addition, we have worked with Swim England to secure Level 1 and 2 coaching courses in Cornwall – to be delivered in Penzance and Bodmin for the first time in many years. By reducing costs and travel, we have made it possible for more coaches to qualify locally, including our own Louise and Paul, who will soon be poolside supporting our swimmers. As a club, we are in a strong and secure position, set up for an amazing season ahead. This is thanks to the commitment and hard work of everyone working together as one team. Thank you all for an incredible year – and here's to the exciting season to come.	
2b	TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AGM 2026 The report covers the financial period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The Club's financial position remains positive, with sufficient cash and reserves to meet its current commitments. Income increased by approximately 14.5% compared with the previous year. This was mainly due to a sustained growth in membership numbers and the resulting increase in monthly subscriptions, together with additional income from programmes such as Cardinal Fitness and the reintroduction of water polo sessions. Expenditure also increased during the year, reflecting higher costs associated with the Club's swimming and water polo programmes, coaching and increased pool hire costs. The year ended with a small surplus. The Committee will continue to monitor expenditure carefully while maintaining the range and quality of swimming and water polo activities provided to members. The 2025/26 accounts have been prepared and are now with the Independent Examiner. The accounts for the previous financial year, 2024/25, have been independently examined since the last AGM.	NA

Penzance Swimming and Water Polo Club

2c &d	Head Coach unable to attend, so no report given.	
3		

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded	Vote result
President	-			
Chairman	Carrie Richards	Andy Hoskin	Natasha Aly	Unanimous
Secretary	Andy Hoskin	Carrie Richards	Mags Pellow	Unanimous
Treasurer	Natasha Aly	Andy Hoskin	Carrie Richards	Unanimous
Membership Secretary	Lauren Russell	Andy Hoskin	Natasha Aly	Unanimous
Competition Secretary	Carrie Richards	Natasha Aly	Fay Mayo	Unanimous
Committee Member	Fay Mayo	Carrie Richards	Andy Hoskin	Unanimous
Committee Member				
Committee Member	Charlotte Webb	Natasha Aly	Mags Pellow	Unanimous
Committee Official Member	Mags Pellow	Carrie Richards	Fay Mayo	Unanimous
Committee Member				
Committee Member				

	Welfare officer – Matt Frost	
4		
5	September 20th September 2027	