



Solihull Swimming Club

(Affiliated to the ASA West Midland Region)

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MEMBERSHIP FEE PROPOSALS

The annual accounts to 31 August 2014 are satisfactory and reveal a small surplus. Unfortunately they disguise the true current financial position of the club because pool hire costs continue to increase year by year whilst membership fees have been unchanged since 2011. As a result the club is currently operating at a substantial loss and the projected deficit for the current year is around £17k.

This is clearly not sustainable.

The Committee has decided that it wishes to protect existing pool time for as long as possible and, in fact, we now are hiring additional weeks at Solihull School after they became available.

Reluctantly, therefore, we have no option but to propose fee increases in an attempt to get the club's finances back on to an even keel. At the same time we are making minor adjustments to more fairly reflect the training time available to the various categories. The proposals are -

1. To increase monthly standing orders as follows –

Category	Current	Proposed
Senior Elite	40.00	45.00
Senior Competing	40.00	45.00
Pre-Seniors	40.00	45.00
Junior Training 2	40.00	45.00
Senior Intermediates	25.00	27.50
Junior Intermediates	25.00	27.50
Pre-Juniors	25.00	27.50
Masters	25.00	30.00
Water Polo Senior	25.00	27.50
Water Polo Junior	25.00	30.00
Water Polo Academy	25.00	30.00
Teaching	18.50	20.50
Adults	8.00	9.00
University/Non-Local	8.00	9.00

2. To leave Junior 1 and Senior Training fees unchanged at £40.00 to reflect the fewer hours available to them compared with other categories
3. To collect the ASA membership fees in full from category 1 and 2 members
4. To partially offset 3. by reducing the annual membership fee from £10 to £0 (except for new members on joining)





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In considering these proposals please note that our fees have been unchanged since 2011 and in that time the total cost of pool hire has increased by nearly 13%. The total cost of pool hire projected for the current financial year is £100k.

Please note also that the websites of other clubs similar to ours reveal that they all collect the ASA fees in full, some also charge a membership fee and training fees are almost all higher than ours.

We are sorry that we have to go down this route but we feel that we have no option if we are to preserve the viability of our club.

Mike Beard
Chairman/Acting Treasurer

Steve Prosser
Secretary

