



Newmarket Stingrays Swim Club – Annual General Meeting Director of Club Operations

The 2024/2025 season was a resounding success, marked by a busy schedule of hosted events. We successfully ran three full meets – the Alan Swanston Classic, the Steve Kingston Memorial, and the Central Region Division 1 Championship in Markham – in addition to two smaller Distance Time Trials. These events generated strong revenue, with the Steve Kingston Memorial Meet achieving record income. We anticipate a similarly strong financial outcome from the Division 1 Championships.

A key focus this season remained on virtual official education. Central Region continued its quarterly clinics, and we supplemented these by offering clinics prior to each of our hosted swim meets. We strongly encourage all officials to register and attend these sessions, as they provide an excellent opportunity for ongoing individual development. As a reminder, each family is required to take one clinic per season until all available clinics have been completed. Officials also benefit directly from this continued education, earning more volunteer credits as they advance through the officiating levels.

This season, we were pleased to see a continued increase in the number of Level 2 and 3 officials graduating. Furthermore, we have two additional officials working as referees, with another expected to join them shortly. It was inspiring to witness the progress of so many new Level 2 and 3 officials, and I anticipate a number of promotions early next season. The dedication of our members to progressing through the official's ladder is critical. Without senior officials (Level 3 and above), hosting swim meets becomes exceedingly difficult. These meets are a significant source of revenue for the club, second only to membership fees. If any members have questions about the officiating process or how to gain experience, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We implemented some adjustments to our credit system this season, including an increase in the minimum number of required sessions and fines for not working. Notably, this was the first season in over a decade where demand for positions exceeded availability. We will continue to refine the system for the upcoming season based on feedback, including adjusting credit values for certain positions.

Positions Update

Meet Manager

Alice Cheung continued to excel as our lead Meet Manager this season. Alice's dedication and hard work ensure our meets are exceptionally well-organized and attract a large number of swimmers. Having worked with many meet managers from other clubs, I can confidently say that Alice is one of the best in the region. Irene Okeke provided excellent support as the lead assistant, with Tanya Peterson and Maria Lugosi also offering valuable assistance throughout the season. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and commitment.

A special thank you is extended to Don Maclean, Rick Bremner, and Ken Coward for their continued dedication and willingness to volunteer with the club. The support of senior officials returning to assist is invaluable and essential for our ability to host meets.

Club Officials Chair (COC)

Emily Deline took on the role of COC this season and has done an outstanding job organizing the system and enhancing its efficiency. Thank you, Emily, for stepping into this role and getting up to speed so quickly and effectively.

Chief Officials Administrator (COA)

Kirsten Skanes continued her excellent work as COA. She diligently updates official records and ensures all information is current. This season was particularly challenging due to the transition to the new REMS system. Kirsten navigated numerous issues with perseverance and a positive attitude. Thank you, Kirsten!

Electronics Maintenance

Valentin Rusu continued to lead our electronics operations. Val has proven to be patient and highly proficient with the Quantum system. Thank you to Val for his hard work and constant availability to assist.

Officials Status

Level 1 – 112

Level 2 – 17

Level 3 – 4

Level 4 – 2 (2 with no swimmers in club)

Level 5 – 2 (1 no swimmer in club)

Prepared by:

Meeting Date:

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