

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 15th October 2020

By Zoom

Item	<p>Those in attendance:, :- Brian Kapp (President), Andy Woska, Fred Willey, Flo Barnes, Leah Pullen, Wayne Hirst, Susie Breslin, Phillip Prentice, Frances Prentice, Maria Abrams, Trevor Hyde , Sofia Marcel Whittles, Erol Baduma, Karin Vazarini , Gillian Neal, Bob Bloomfield, Sam Whitmore, Colin Jones, Saranya Ramasamy, Zak Andreos, Pam Crofts (at 8.10pm)</p> <p>Apologies for absence, Jeanette Edmiston, Tony Burton, Ralph Shortland. Taj Randhawa, Ian Woollard, Tasha Coupland, Suzette Muhammad, Norman Edwards, Jo Martin</p>	Action
<p>XC 20/044</p>	<p>The President opened the meeting by thanking Pam for chairing the previous meeting.</p> <p>A protocol for attending a Zoom meeting had been circulated and the President asked for comments.</p> <p>It was agreed to adopt these rules.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting 16th September 2020</p> <p>The minutes were agreed by a majority with 1 against</p>	
<p>XC20/045</p>	<p>Matters arising from these minutes</p> <p>XC20/035 Hall of Fame. Agreed to defer this until Bob had presented a proposal requested by the Swimming committee. Bob apologised that he had not produced the paper yet but was looking at an on-line way of awarding trophies with tokens/photos etc.</p> <p>XC20/037 Treasurer's report The Treasurer has spoken to Jeanette to clear up the question regarding stock.</p> <p>XC20/038 Swimming Committee In view of SE decision of no competition until March, Gillian mentioned that the LAC booking for January had been postponed not cancelled.</p>	
<p>XC20/046</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Email from Tom Watson – coach at Camden Swiss – asking for funding for a coaches course. Agreed that this is not for the County. Refer back to Tom to approach his club.</p> <p>Email from Trevor Miller re a petition re LB Hounslow's division of</p>	<p>FB</p>

	<p>water time. Agreed County not to get involved. Leah reported that LB Hounslow are dealing with this and Maria said that London Region are also involved.</p> <p>Finally, letter from swim England re Level X galas – to be dealt with in Swimming Committee report.</p>	
<p>XC20/047</p>	<p>ACM</p> <p>It was generally agreed that due, to the further restrictions being imposed on London, that it was highly unlikely to hold a face-to-face meeting..</p> <p>The President did offer the possibility of postponing the ACM until next year as he was very disappointed that several trophies had not been presented. The majority agreed that we go ahead with a Zoom meeting for the ACM on Thursday 26th November.</p> <p>The Treasurer will produce the accounts to go with the Annual report.</p> <p>The President will consult with the County Coach to arrange some compensation for the swimmers who should have received trophies last year.</p> <p>Nominations for ACM</p> <p>The Secretary reported that she had had some nominations and reminded Committee secretaries that she needed their annual reports as soon as possible.</p> <p>Nominations received to date:</p> <p>President – Brian Kapp to serve a second year due to the present situation.</p> <p>President Elect – Pam Crofts</p> <p>Secretary – Gillian Neal</p> <p>Treasurer – Phillip Prentice</p> <p>Competitions secretary – Leah Pullen</p> <p>Masters secretary – Ian Woollard</p> <p>Trophy secretary – Erol Baduna</p> <p>Water polo secretary- Fred Willey</p> <p>Open Water Secretary -Brian Kapp</p> <p>Para Swimming Secretary – Brian Kapp</p> <p>Welfare Officer – Maria Abrams</p> <p>Agreed that there would be no Van Beets or Ron Turner awards this year as we have not had the competitions to show the swimmer’s achievements.</p> <p>Amendments to Constitution</p> <p>An amendment to the constitution from the DDC had been circulated for discussion. This had resulted from the document, produced by Bob earlier in the year and agreed, clarifying the role of the DDC.</p> <p>There was much discussion and disagreement on the necessity of this amendment</p> <p>Bob explained that he had been asked to write this document by the Swimming Committee so that the County, whilst being consistent with</p>	<p>PP</p> <p>BK</p> <p>Committee Secretaries</p>

<p>XC20/048</p>	<p>Swim England’s rules, had it’s own clear regulations for dealing with Disputes and Disciplinary issues.</p> <p>Frances thought that it was a conflict of interests and therefore unnecessary.</p> <p>Pam had spoken to Ralph who had confirmed that there was still an Appeals system in place to escalate issues to a higher body.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting as there was much to consider.</p> <p>Bob also mentioned about amendment of the DDC being exempt from the ex-officio members on the grounds of confidentiality.</p> <p>The secretary had mentioned at the beginning of the meeting that Tony Burton had made a comment re the constitution. Unfortunately it was not recorded at the meeting .</p> <p>Tony has found some discrepancies between the Constitution on the web site and the 2020 handbook version and felt that there should be a complete review of some of the wording in the whole constitution.</p> <p>It was agreed that should there be any amendments to the constitution after the ACM, an Extra-ordinary meeting could be called.</p> <p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>The Treasurer had sent his report. The accounts have been independently examined by the auditors and are ready for the ACM.</p> <p>Philip has emailed Sharon re the deposit BA hold for the overseas trip. He asked if he should try to get it back. The general agreement was that there would not be an overseas trip this year and it would be a good idea to try to get a refund because Trevor pointed our that there might be a time limit on refunds.</p> <p>Leah asked for clarification of the shirts held. Agreed that the Development shirts be classified as Development Camp shirts.</p>	
<p>XC20/049</p>	<p>Standing Committees</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>Wayne reported that Swim England had sent a communication stating that the qualifying window for 2021 would be May to July. It was hoped that County Championships could take place during that period.</p> <p>There would be later galas for older swimmers to avoid clashing with public examinations.</p> <p>This period would clash with usual National and Regional championships and they would take precedent. Last year’s qualifying times would be acceptable</p> <p>Andy commented that he did not think it would be feasible to run any competitions until September.</p>	

	<p>fidential to the committee for the time being.</p> <p>She is also contacting the head coaches to see if clubs need our help</p>	
	<p>There being no other business the President closed the meeting</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>ACM Thursday November 26th 2020 by Zoom at 7pm</p> <p>Followed by a short Exec. meeting</p> <p>Any changes will be notified.</p>	

Signed _____ Date _____

President