



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 13 July 2022

at Greenford Residents Association, Horsenden Lane South, Greenford
at 7.30pm

Item		Action
	<p>Those in attendance:- Pam Crofts (President), Flo Barnes, Tony Burton, Brian Kapp, Gillian Neal, Phillip Prentice, Colin Jones, Marc Barrott and Trevor Hyde</p> <p>Apologies for absence:- Karin Vazirani, Ralph Shortland, Maria Abrams, Andy Woska, Jo Martin, Frances Prentice, Leah Pullen, Ian Woollard, Jeanette Edmiston, Susie Breslin, Sam Whitmore, Ann O'Leary, Suzette Mohammad</p>	
	<p>The President opened the meeting at 7.40pm and until the arrival of Brian Kapp at 8pm the meeting was not quorate</p>	
<p>XC22/031</p>	<p>Minutes of last meeting.</p> <p>Minutes agreed as accurate as they had been circulated</p>	
<p>XC22/032</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Overseas Trip (Scotland)</p> <p>Trip was cancelled due to it be too short notice within which to get everything organised. The travel to Aberdeen was proving problematic and too many of the swimmers initially invited turned it down. It was agreed the time of year worked well and will ask Chris Reekie to look at the results and see if the standard is good.</p> <p>Inter-Counties competition</p> <p>Sharon Austen will be team manager. Hotel, coach and Loughborough all booked. Pam Crofts confirmed she is unable to attend but Brian Kapp will go in her place as he was unable to go during his Presidency due to Covid restrictions. Officials to be asked: (1) Andy Dixon; (2) Jacek Reader; and (3) Natalie Wagjiani. Explain to Jacek (and Natalie if necessary) he is the reserve if we need 2 or if Andy cannot go.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>GN</p>

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	<p>Role of Counties - Survey</p> <p>Colin Jones completed the survey. Not received any feedback as yet.</p>	
	<p>Honorary Life Membership</p> <p>We proposed to nominate both Norman Edwards and Ralph Shortland for Honorary Life Membership at the next ACM. As there were sufficient Past Presidents in attendance, it was unanimously agreed by: Pam, Flo, Brian, Trevor, Tony and Gillian. There are currently 11 Past Presidents.</p>	
<p>XC22/033</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>London Region</p> <p>Gillian received a request from Kelly Stannard of London Region for the County to send a delegate to the Strategy Meeting in October. GN sent e-mail to Exec to see who was interested: Tony Burton, Sofia Whittles and Marc Barrott all responded. Marc confirmed he was happy to let Tony and Sofia go. Gillian to check with Kelly if we can send 2 delegates. GN had confirmation from Kelly that only 1 person could go. Tony was happy to let Sofia go. GN confirmed to Kelly and Kelly has liaised directly with Sofia.</p> <p>E-mail from Frances Prentice</p> <p>Frances sent an e-mail regarding the position of Trophy Secretary and being included in the Swimming Committee. Frances was not happy that both Pam Crofts and Flo Barnes had stated that the Trophy Secretary was not part of the Swimming Committee and Frances had found a job specification which stated that they were a member but did not have to attend meetings.</p> <p>Both Flo and Pam offered their apologies to Frances, via Phil Prentice. Pam Crofts commented that she could not recall ever seeing the job specification and recalled that it was probably written by Sarah Miller and was only a draft.</p> <p>Phil Prentice said that the Trophy Secretary should either be part of the Swimming Committee or be able to attend as ex officio. His preference was that the role was part of the Swimming Committee. However, it was noted that this would involve amending the Constitution.</p> <p>The general consensus was that the Trophy Secretary should be allowed to attend ex officio. This was unanimously agreed.</p>	<p>GN</p>
<p>XC22/034</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Phil Prentice confirmed that Sam Whitmore was now registered as the Trustee for the County and was on the mandate, which has been a problem in getting finalised. Following the meeting, the mandate had to be re-done. Presuming all is now in order.</p>	

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	<p>Pam Crofts commented that she was pleased to see that the Len Badcock Memorial Meet had only made a small loss. Barnet Copthall Centre had been very generous in only charging the County for the amount of time actually used and not what had been booked. GN to send an e-mail of thanks – LP to provide e-mail details of contacts.</p> <p>Phil confirmed that he will be doing a stock take in mid-August. No-one is to spend anything on stock until after 1 September.</p> <p>The number of t-shirts and hats needs to be checked in time for the inter-counties.</p>	GN / LP
XC22/035	<p>Standing Committees</p> <p>Water Polo</p> <p>Trevor Hyde reported that the league had celebrated its 60th anniversary for men's competitions and its 35th anniversary for women's competitions. Trevor wanted it noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 there are very many leagues across the Country, and also across London; 2 the celebrations were held at Gospel Oak Lido (a Middlesex pool); and 3 there were, in effect, 2 celebrations-----one for men, and one for women. <p>Artistic</p> <p>No report received.</p> <p>Diving</p> <p>No report received.</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>We have the date for the County Qualifier in October. It will be run as an open meet so as to allow 9 yr olds to swim. It is not a money-making exercise and heat numbers will be limited. Agreed unanimously to run the meet as an open. Following the meeting, Jean Scott confirmed that we can only have swimmers who are already 9, so age as at date of last day of meet. Initially we were told age as at 31 December so swimmers who were 8 could race. Unfortunately, swimmers born at the end of the year will miss out.</p> <p>Pam Crofts explained that the Committee was going to set up a new system for getting volunteers (non-tech roles). A list of jobs was being created and clubs would be given the jobs which they were expected to find volunteers for – not an invitation to try and find people but an actual request to provide people and ensure that they turned up. Agreed to give it a try and see if it works.</p>	

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	<p>SOC</p> <p>Tony Burton said that courses were starting up in September and will have details circulated on the website for people to get in touch.</p> <p>Marc Barrott specifically asked about the next J2S course. Tony said no idea as yet – it is usually set up when there is enough interest.</p> <p>Open Water</p> <p>Brian reported that there had been a very successful day in Norwich for the County. There were 78 swimmers from London Region of which 54 were from Middlesex. Barnet Copthall, Teddington and Hillingdon had several swimmers.</p> <p>Flo Barnes has asked Richard Whitehead to send her the Middlesex Results.</p> <p>Brian will continue to work through the results to work out who in Middlesex should get medals. It looks as though 20 swimmers from the County have qualified for Nationals – highest number ever.</p> <p>One swimmer has asked why there were not Middx medals at the event and Flo explained that we were combining results with those from the Chichester event. Subsequently, it seems, no swimmers went to Chichester.</p> <p>Para Swimming</p> <p>Len Badcock meet is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 2023 at Barnet Copthall as comments were all good and the swimmers had a great time. Several already asking for details for next year.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>BK</p>
XC22/036	<p>Welfare</p> <p>Maria had nothing to report other than she is being kept busy at the moment.</p>	
XC22/037	<p>London Board</p> <p>Flo Barnes confirmed that the last meeting had been cancelled.</p>	
XC22/038	<p>Training Camp / Development Days</p> <p>Leah Pullen confirmed that Hillingdon Centre may be able to accommodate – she is waiting for confirmation on dates and times.</p> <p>Another possibility is Haberdashers in Elstree. Leah will investigate if necessary.</p>	LP
XC22/039	<p>County Champs 2023</p> <p>Confirmation that one weekend at LAC (Jan) and 1 weekend at Hillingdon (Feb).</p>	
XC22/040	<p>Medals</p>	

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	It was put to the Exec that we should go to one colour background on the medals to make ordering and getting medals to meets easier. Red was the nominated colour. Unanimously agreed.	
XC22/041	<p>AOB</p> <p>Marc Barrot asked whether we could do something to bridge the gap between passing J1 on-line and actually going on to poolside. This needs to go to the SOC.</p> <p>Phil Prentice commented on the lack of officials and whether it was because the sign-up system on the computer was not really working. E-mails are not sent out individually which set out the meets.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.50pm</p> <p>Next meeting is Tuesday 13th September 2022 via Zoom at 7pm</p>	

Signed..... Date.....