

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association
Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2022
At Perivale Community Centre, Horsenden Road South

Those in attendance: Leah Pullen (LP), Gillian Neal (GN), Pam Crofts (PC), Brian Kapp (BK) and Flo Barnes (FB)

Apologies for absence: Jeanette Edmiston and Chris Reekie

No:	Matter:	Action:
1	PC opened the meeting at 7.42pm as JE was not attending. Minutes from previous meeting were agreed	
2	<p>May Open Meet – De-brief</p> <p>LP confirmed we made approx. £21,000.</p> <p>The meet worked well as an open meet. We can involve 9 yr olds if we run as open and age as at 31.12. Agreed that we should fine clubs if more than 10 non-withdrawals over the 2 weekends.</p> <p>GN asked to write to Tony Burton re Jean Scott granting licences for too many meets in the same vicinity. State that it was brought to County's attention by clubs within the County – it also affects the County meet. Example being Hillingdon SC's Maurice & Daphne Short meet clashes with the Len Badcock meet on 26 June</p>	GN
3	<p>Away Meet</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the very short timeframe within which we tried to get this organised, the proposed trip to Aberdeen has been cancelled. Too many swimmers selected said no as it meant missing too many days from school because of the problems in getting flights at the required times. Chris Reekie is to keep an eye out to see if there is anything else for the start of 2023. LP will ask to see if it is being live-streamed and will check the results to see the standard.</p>	CR LP
4	<p>Len Badcock – 26 June 2022</p> <p>LP is estimating a loss of approximately £4,000. The swimmers seem to be excited, the majority of them appear to have learning difficulties.</p> <p>PC will draft an e-mail to send to volunteer co-ordinators at each club to request technical and non-technical helpers.</p> <p>LP confirmed that there had been problems with the entries. Everybody had entered manually rather than using the system. Clubs sent spreadsheets with no registration numbers. It has also been time-consuming marrying up payments with entries.</p> <p>PC said we should have a re-think on the entry form. We need to make them fill it in correctly or return the form.</p> <p>Officials are still needed and PC will send out an e-mail. PC will also ask Colin Jones as President Elect if he will be able to attend in her place. Colin has agreed to attend the meet.</p>	PC PC

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4A	<p>Survey</p> <p>We need to reply to the coaches who responded to the survey.</p> <p>PC confirmed that from the summary produced by LP, it shows we cannot please everyone all the time! PC said that some of the responses were encouraging – the smaller clubs were appreciative of what the County was doing.</p> <p>Was suggested that we run the October meet as an “invitational”. Whether it runs as a County qualifier depends on whether it is an open or invitational. GN to send an e-mail to Helen Akers to ask what the licensing requirements are for an invitational meet.</p> <p>PC will send an e-mail out regarding the County’s response to the survey. PC will ask Chris Reekie to look at LP’s summary and liaise with the coaches and put together a summary to give back to the Swimming Committee by the end of July.</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>PC</p>
5	<p>Inter-Counties</p> <p>Everything has been booked: Loughborough, coach travel, hotel etc. Sharon Austin is team manager. It is the same weekend as the October meet.</p> <p>Chris Reekie is to pick the team. Suggest to Chris Reekie that he keeps an eye on National results and pick the team from those and try to get letters out to the selected swimmers by the end of August.</p> <p>Officials to be asked: Andy Dixon first, then Jacet [spelling & surname please] and if either of them cannot attend, Natalie Wagjiani.</p>	<p>CR</p>
6	<p>2023 County Championships</p> <p>Dates have been booked:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14/15 Jan at the LAC 18/19 Feb at Hillingdon</p> <p>Nick Hallam will run the AOE at the LAC. LP is trying to get him to do Hillingdon too. We would rather not pay Hillingdon SC the huge amount for borrowing their timing equipment so LP has been speaking with the Hibberts regarding their new system (Bluwaver). LP also has some other systems on the radar which the County may be able to use.</p>	<p>LP</p>
7	<p>Trophies and Medals</p> <p>The Committee agreed that now was the time to retire all the trophies and to give plaques out to the swimmers which they will then keep. The plaques can be produced after the Championships so names can be added.</p> <p>Medals – we need to change the way we deal with medals. No-one outside of the Committee knows what the different coloured backgrounds are for so suggested that we go for one colour for all meets. Red was agreed.</p>	
8	<p>Southbury Road</p> <p>PC and LP have a meeting with Michael Twiggins next Friday (17 June) and they will discuss all the issues which arose. PC will say that the Duty Manager actually came and introduced himself to her – first time</p>	

