

# Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 9 March 2022

### via Zoom

**Those in attendance:** Leah Pullen (LP), Gillian Neal (GN), Pam Crofts (PC), Sofia Marcal-Whittles (SMW), Jeanette Edmiston (JE), Brian Kapp (BK) and Flo Barnes (FB)

**Apologies for absence:** Karin Vazirani and Chris Reekie

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1	JE opened the meeting at.715pm. Minutes from previous meeting were agreed	
2	<p><b>Review of County Championships</b></p> <p>LP confirmed that there had been lots of Covid refunds and some were refused as confirmation not received.</p> <p>JE commented that the programme did not work. We cannot run the long distances all together again. PC commented if we end up with two short course and one long course weekends again then we need to change the programme – officials lose concentration after 2 hours of distance freestyle! Also we had a lack of officials for the first day – we had to pull people out of the gallery to help.</p> <p>LP asked JE to confirm whether a figure was ever quoted for the loss of earnings by Hillingdon Pool. JE said that initially they said about £7,000 but she had said that that was too high. LP confirmed we ended up paying £6,800. We asked Phil Prentice to try to argue the level but he would not. JE asked if we should argue it now. PC suggested that either GN or LP should go back to Hillingdon Pool and ask for a calculation. SMW commented that it appeared that the County had been charged twice – Hillingdon Pool had probably not taken the hire cost into account. JE confirmed the figures discussed were not in writing but in a telephone call.</p> <p>PC said that the loss of earnings was the agreement and one of their conditions to us hiring the pool. She asked GN to go back to them and say after a committee meeting, understand we should have been given a calculation on how it was to be worked out and see what they said. GN to e-mail Chris Parker. <b>GN e-mailed Chris Parker. He was not happy at this being raised after the event. He confirmed that it was correct and said it was the value of 1,145 lessons over the weekend having to be refunded.</b></p> <p>Otherwise all weekends ran well – no. of officials on the first weekend being the only real issue.</p>	GN / LP
3	<p><b>Missing Trophies</b></p> <p>Jo Martin confirmed that there were 4 trophies missing. All are in the possession of one swimmer, Jarvis Parkinson. He was with Chelsea &amp; Westminster. They have an e-mail for him and his mother but neither e-mails have been responded to (Jo Martin tried both). GN looked up Facebook during the meeting and found 2 entries which looked like Jarvis Parkinson. It looks as though he may have moved back to</p>	

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	<p>Doncaster. It was suggested that GN try his old club, Doncaster Dartes, to see if they have any way of getting in contact with him – obviously giving as little information as possible.</p> <p>Four trophies he has are: William Brown Memorial Trophy (solid silver); Barrington Cup (solid silver); Brian Crompton Cup; and Camden Swiss Cottage Cup.</p> <p>One other trophy is still with Fleur Lewis (Fruitini). It is possible it is in Rhys Gormley’s room at Barnet.</p> <p>SMW will give GN the contact details for Jarvis and his mother. <b>GN sent an e-mail in fairly strong terms to Jarvis with his mother’s e—mail address being added as a cc. To date, no response has been received.</b></p>	<p><b>GN</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Spring Development Meet</b></p> <p>Last minute change to Barnet as there are major roadworks on M25 Enfield junction. Also, Barnet is cheaper and we are low on numbers so made sense to change venue.</p> <p>JE commented that we need to make sure that the AOE is actually working as there had been problems with it at the recent Harrow meet. LP will contact Deirdre and make sure that all is working properly.</p> <p>JE also commented that we need to have a way to contact the AOE suite as it is on a different level. BK confirmed he will take the County radios for the first weekend.</p> <p>LP confirmed that lots of clubs have not entered – over half. GN was asked to send an e-mail to the clubs not attending to ask why and to see if we have something wrong).</p> <p>LP also confirmed that she was taking time trials to make up some money - £10 per entry.</p> <p>We do not need the backstroke ledges but if they are taken to Barnet, see if we can find somewhere to leave them for the second weekend.</p> <p>There is not going to be a sports shop.</p> <p>We do need to get officials – KV has been out of action as her hubby is not well. <b>LP sent out a request via the website.</b></p> <p>GN has signed up for first weekend so will be principal for both days (19 &amp; 20 March). JE will be principal for 2 April and PC for 3 April.</p>	<p><b>GN</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Len Badcock Memorial Meet</b></p> <p>LP has had 2 entries so far.</p> <p>PC queried whether we need a referee who is used to disability galas. BK confirmed that Bob Outram and Dave Metcalf are both disability qualified. PC suggested we e-mail them both to see if they can assist. BK did confirm that the meet is not running IPC rules and PC said that it would be helpful to have someone who has experience in case of any problems / issues. BK said he would make contact.</p>	<p><b>BK</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Autumn Development</b></p> <p>LP has not done anything for this meet as yet. The dates are set but</p>	

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	<p>the venue has not been decided. 1/2 October and 15/16 October.</p> <p>GN commented that as there will be more swimmers than the Spring Dev Meet, better to go to Southbury. PC stated that we will need to make sure that the lifeguards are there on time – had a conflict with timings for Spring Dev Meet and could not use warm down pool.</p>	
7	<p><b>Inter-Counties</b></p> <p>We cannot book anything yet as the dates have not been confirmed. SMW will chase Helen Akers to try and get a response and firm dates.</p>	<b>SMW</b>
8	<p><b>County Records</b></p> <p>Suggested that we now follow London Region's position and get the swimmers to request a record. LP has drafted a form which will go on the website for swimmers to complete if they feel they have obtained a record.</p>	
9	<p><b>LAC</b></p> <p>Chris Ogden of Hackney Aquatics has offered to try and assist the County in getting bookings at the LAC. He could not believe that Kent and Surrey have both been able to hire the LAC but Middlesex, as the only County entirely within the London Region, could not.</p> <p>PC said we should say yes to Chris Ogden's offer of help.</p> <p>JE confirmed that the LAC charged London Region £16k for hire for the weekend.</p>	<b>PC</b>
10	<p><b>London Region</b></p> <p>SMW has put herself forward to join the Board of London Region as Ralph is standing down. The County will have no representation then.</p> <p>PC said that we, as the Exec, should promote London Region in the County. We could also possibly suggest to London Region that there should be proportionate representation on the Board. There are lots of people from Surrey, Kent and Essex and people get re-elected which does not give a chance for new people to get on it.</p> <p>LP confirmed that the London Region meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 26 March at 10.30am by Zoom. Applications to attend need to be in by Friday, 11 March. GN to send e-mail to all clubs to ask them to register to vote. <b>GN sent e-mail to clubs (apologies for it being later than planned) on 26 March requesting clubs register and marking the e-mail as urgent.</b></p>	<b>GN</b>
11	<p><b>Overseas Trip</b></p> <p>Nothing really to add.</p> <p>Possible meet – 15-17 July is Scottish Summer Meet – no other details at the moment. LP and Chris Reekie will keep looking.</p>	<b>LP / CR</b>
12	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>(a) BK said that regarding the Open Water and what Richard Whitehead had confirmed in that London Region would not be using Surrey Quays due to several issues (main one being total</p>	

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	<p>lack of parking now). London Region would be joining in with Eastern Region and swimming in Norwich which is at least a 2.5 hour drive for most. The younger swimmers tend to go off first which is 10am start – lots of swimmers will not go as too early to leave. He confirmed that the last time Eastern Region ran an Open Water event, it was “rammed” with swimmers.</p> <p>There is another event running in Chichester for South East Region which is much closer. However, as not a London Region event (as LR are going to Norwich), swimmers will not be able to qualify for Nationals.</p> <p>It was suggested that we could suggest that swimmers choose where they want to race – if possibility of qualifying for Nationals, then go to Norwich. As a County, we could then combine the results and award medals that way. Generally felt a good idea.</p> <p>GN is to write to Richard Whitehead and ask why London Region are going all the way to Norwich – there must be other places available: Dorney Lake, Wraysbury, Merchant Taylor Lake etc. <b>GN wrote to Richard Whitehead and he replied with a very long e-mail explaining why no other facilities more local were not suitable.</b></p> <p>BK also confirmed that he has been suspended from the London Region Open Water working group. He is still waiting to find out how long his suspension is for.</p> <p>(b) LP said that David Hibbert is looking into a new Bluetooth timing system and is currently running trials. If all works out OK, it would cost approximately £8,000 for 8 lanes. In the long run, it would probably work out cheaper for the County. LP will keep us updated.</p>	<p><b>LP / CR</b></p> <p><b>GN</b></p>
	<p><b>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.50pm</b></p>	
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, 11 May 2022. Please let me know if you want Zoom or in-person and whether 7pm or 7.30pm</b></p>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair