



Minutes of Swimming Committee

25 April 2023

Zoom call 7:30pm

Attendees: Leah Pullen, Jeanette Edmiston, Gillian Neal, Colin Jones, Marc Barrot, Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Jo Martin, Adam Taylor, Andy Dixon, Alicia Lai, Flo Barnes, Evelyn Ingleton.

Apologies: Pam Crofts, Nathan Joseph, Chris Pullen

Ref	Note	Action
1	We discussed the minutes of the previous meeting, including a letter that MB was supposed to send to Hillingdon Leisure Centre requesting a partial refund for the previous event, but eventually didn't. We decided to focus on building a positive relationship with the venue, both Centre and Club instead, and preparing several months in advance with the Council and its parking operator to avoid a renewal of the parking fines issue.	
2	We discussed the logistics of holding swimming events at Hillingdon and LAC, weighing the pros and cons of each location and considering the financial implications, including the cost and constraints of acquiring an AOE equipment for the County. We decided to stick to both venues for next season, while holding all 50m events at LAC to avoid a repeat of Hillingdon's technical difficulties with AOE connections. JE reported she was in contact with SE's Susan Philpot about access conditions to the LAC, and was expecting an update momentarily. Hillingdon is only a short term solution.	
3	We discussed the need for more experienced officials to help with the Spring Development Open Meet, but were unsure if we would be able to find enough volunteers. We considered various short term and long term options, including sending out more proactive emails and organising local events to train parents. Note: through repeated emails to registered officials and direct communication with club official coordinators, we managed to have just about enough officials to make the meet a success, running on 6 lanes instead of 8 on 2 afternoon sessions. AT pointed out the format of the Sprint Dev meet no longer fits purpose, and recommends replacing it with a series of sprint meets next season, which should be more financially viable and easier to staff. We need to review the format and schedule well in advance of next spring.	
4	We discussed a proposal from Guildford to run a high level meet between Surrey and Middlesex best swimmers at the end of June (pre-national window), and also the possibility of restarting the London Open swim meet, but faced challenges with finding a pool with adequate swim down facilities and determining if it would be financially viable.	
5	We discussed the selection process for the Intercounty swim team, AT reported that a lot of coaches thought the selection had gone out too early. For the future, we decided to create a long list of potential swimmers to notify early on, but defer the final selection to the end of the season, as well as potentially organising a training session for the team before the competition.	

- 6 SMW requested that any communication from Middlesex to Chelsea swimmers studying at Harrow school be done through CWSC and not directly with the swimmers parents or Harrow School.
- 7 CJ reported on a recent Zoom call on transgender and non-binary competition policy. Will put it on the agenda of a coming Exec Committee meeting.

The meeting comes to a close at 20:55.

Marc Barrot, Secretary

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