# **Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association**

( <u>www.middlesexswimming.com</u> )

# Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

By Zoom

Item	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)  Apologies for absence, Jeanette Edmiston, Tony Burton, Ralph Shortland. Taj Randhawa, Ian Woollard, Tasha Coupland, Suzette Muhammad, Norman Edwards, Jo Martin	Action
XC 20/044	The President opened the meeting by thanking Pam for chairing the previous meeting.  A protocol for attending a Zoom meeting had been circulated and the President asked for comments.  It was agreed to adopt these rules.  Minutes of meeting 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	
	The minutes were agreed by a majority with 1 against	
XC20/045	Matters arising from these minutes	
	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.	
	XC20/037 Treasurer's report  The Treasurer has spoken to Jeanette to clear up the question regarding stock.	
	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.	
XC20/046	Correspondence 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. Email from Trevor Miller re a petition re LB Hounslow's division of	FB

	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. Finally, letter from swim England re Level X galas – to be dealt with in Swimming Committee report.	
XC20/047	АСМ	
7.520, 047	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	
	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 26 <sup>th</sup> November.	
	The Treasurer will produce the accounts to go with the Annual report.	PP
	The President will consult with the County Coach to arrange some compensation for the swimmers who should have received trophies last year.	вк
	Nominations for ACM	
	The Secretary reported that she had had some nominations and reminded Committee secretaries that she needed their annual reports as soon as possible.	Committee Secretaries
	Nominations received to date:	000.000.100
	President – Brian Kapp to serve a second year due to the present situation.  President Elect – Pam Crofts Secretary – Gillian Neal Treasurer – Phillip Prentice Competitions secretary – Leah Pullen Masters secretary – Ian Woollard Trophy secretary – Erol Baduna Water polo secretary - Fred Willey Open Water Secretary - Brian Kapp Para Swimming Secretary – Brian Kapp Welfare Officer – Maria Abrams	
	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.	
	Amendments to Constitution	
	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.	
	There was much discussion and disagreement on the necessity of this	

Bob explained that he had been asked to write this document by the Swimming Committee so that the County, whilst being consistent with

amendment

Swim England's rules, had it's own clear regulations for dealing with Disputes and Disciplinary issues.

Frances thought that it was a conflict of interests and therefore unnecessary.

Pam had spoken to Ralph who had confirmed that there was still an Appeals system in place to escalate issues to a higher body.

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting as there was much to consider.

Bob also mentioned about amendment of the DDC being exempt from the ex-officio members on the grounds of confidentiality.

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 .

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.

It was agreed that should there be any amendments to the constitution after the ACM, an Extra-ordinary meeting could be called.

## XC20/048

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer had sent his report. The accounts have been independently examined by the auditors and are ready for the ACM.

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.

Leah asked for clarification of the shirts held. Agreed that the Development shirts be classified as Development Camp shirts.

#### **Standing Committees**

#### XC20/049

#### **Swimming**

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.

There would be later galas for older swimmers to avoid clashing with public examinations.

This period would clash with usual National and Regional championships and they would take precedent. Last year's qualifying times would be acceptable

Andy commented that he did not think it would be feasible to run any competitions until September.

Wayne also outlined the Swim England plan to run Level X galas.

These would be run during normal training sessions and times would be submitted to Swim England who would collate them into a special Level X ranking.

The Swimming Committee are keen to support clubs to enable their swimmers to have some form of competition.

#### SOC

The SOC have not met since the last Exec meeting but following on from Swimming report, Gillian said she had spoken to Ralph who explained that Level X competitions would only require 2 J1 Officials to be Referee and starter. There would be no Stroke judges, just a time-keeper at the end of each lane. No mentoring.

Swim England are running a trial with 10 clubs to see how it can run and then they will encourage clubs to take part.

Times will be uploaded by the clubs to Swim England.

#### **Open Water**

Closed season at the moment but hopeful for 2021.

#### **Para Swimming**

Brian is hopeful that we will be able to run our usual gala in June 2021.

#### Water polo

Fred reported that the club had managed to get all its water time back and so training was continuing.

London Water Polo League was not running the aged groups this year and the seniors were not running any competitions.

Trevor asked about other clubs and Leah said that Ealing had managed to get a 2 hour slot at Northolt and so they were back training.

### XC20/050

#### **London Board**

Nothing to report except what was mentioned in the Swimming Committee report re the new virtual Level X galas which are being run at the moment as an experiment. More details to follow.

#### XC20/051

#### Welfare

Maria reported that all was quiet.

#### **Health & Safety**

Nothing reported

#### **AOB**

#### XC20/052

Flo reported that she had received information about clubs and the pools they were using and would circulate but asked for it to be con-

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

Signed	Date
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President