

MCASA EXECUTIVE EXTRA MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COUNTY CONSTITUTION

HELD BY ZOOM ON 22nd September 2021

Those Present:- Maria Abrams, Flo Barnes, Marc Barrot, Suzie Brezlin, Tony Burton, Pam Crofts, Jeanette Edmiston, Colin Jones, Brian Kapp, Jo Martin, Frances Prentice, Phil Prentice,

Apologies for Absence:- Wayne Hirst, Gillian Neal, Karin Vazirani

Prior to meeting, Jeanette queried the difference between the Council and Executive. Frances explained. Council is the full body of County club representatives present at an ACM; the Executive is the members elected at the ACM to handle the running of the County. During the meeting she queried the voting rights during ACM. Flo explained anybody can attend but only actual delegates nominated by their clubs with a form signed by the club secretary have the right to vote.

The meeting then opened the discussion of the Constitution.

Tony explained that the majority of amendments were simply changing ASA to Swim England or LRASA to Swim England London Region. He had also amended Synchronised Swimming to Artistic Swimming. These changes were all accepted.

Query – Should Feltham be included. Yes, the club is based in Hounslow. Pam suggested clubs included be listed in alphabetical order.

Leah asked if Eton Square is included in 2021 handbook. Flo, yes, but this has not yet been circulated. Tony said this should be added for 2020as well.

Point 1. Meeting accepted insertion of 'The County forms part of Swim England London Region.

Point 2. a) Pam suggested adding 'competitive' before the word swimming. Agreed.

d) Remove 'the' before Swim England. To be removed or included according to the sense of the sentence and conforms with good English.

Point 3, 4, 5 no change

Point 6 h) add 'or an Officers' decision on behalf of the Executive.' To final line.

Point 7 no change.

Point 8. b) after discussion it was agreed to remove 'not later than' insert 'by the date of the October Executive Meeting' for nominations.

d) remove 'the' before Swim England.

Point 9. B) amend requisition to request.

Point 10. No change

Point 11. Suggested amendment agreed

Point 12. Remove a) Amend b) to a). to read @The President shall be Chair of the Executive but shall not hold office for two consecutive years except in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Executive. Amend the note to b). and again amend 15th September to 'prior to the October meeting of the Executive'.

Point 13 no change

Point 14. Add Welfare Officer and Health and Safety Officer.

Point 15. no change

Point 16. v) remove 'Ten'

Remove note concerning membership of past Presidents from Executive.

Point 17. Renumber b) I to vi and accept suggested addition.

Point 18. g) amend viii) to read 'Organise and manage development days, Inter-County teams and Disability Meets.

J) Frances was not happy with the suggested amendment, feeling that disciplinary matters should be dealt with by Swim England. Maria advised that SE only deals with major issues. The meeting agreed the proposed amendment with the following additions.

i) Add at conclusion of sentence 'The Committee has the right to call upon further expertise as required.

iv) Line 2 should read possible, not Possible.

Points 19 & 20. No change

Point 21. H) iii) add 'or provide a suitable replacement' after 'cost of repair'.

Point 22. No change

Point 23. Flo reported the Trustees are currently herself, Norman Edwards and Phil Prentice. She also told the meeting that Norman was likely to be moving to be nearer his daughter and so likely to stand down. The meeting agreed that the third Trustee should be the Assistant Treasurer.

No other amendments were proposed. Tony advised the review date would need to be updated.

Leah pointed out that a new Trustee Act had been passed in 2000 and that this might alter point 23 which was based on 1925 Act. Phil and Flo agreed to check this.

After the meeting Colin picked up 2 further points.

Point 17. another 'the' to remove and I think there is one in Point 15 that we missed too.

Also 17 b) ix his should read his/her or their

The next Executive meeting would be held, face to face on 19th October at The Perivale Residents Association. At 7.30pm.

