

# Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

## Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 10 October 2022

via Zoom at 7.30pm

**Those in attendance:** Leah Pullen (LP), Gillian Neal (GN), Pam Crofts (PC - Chair), Sofia Marcal Whittles (SW) and Flo Barnes (FB)

**Apologies for absence:** Brian Kapp, Jeanette Edmiston and Jo Martin

No:	Matter:	Action:
	<p>PC opened the meeting at 7.30 as JE was not attending.</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting were agreed</p>	
1	<p><b>Development Camp</b></p> <p>LP confirmed that the paperwork had been sent to all the invited swimmers. So far 4 have said yes and 3 have paid.</p> <p>SW asked how the swimmers were selected. LP confirmed that Gerry Gillespie had helped with Chris Pullen (following Chris Reekie's departure). They had used the Championship results and BAGCAT points / 100IM results. SW said that there was nothing the Swim England guidelines which said it was to be limited to 2 swimmers per club. PC stated that had Chris Reekie not resigned, we may have followed the Swim England guidelines more closely but we had to get the letters out. SW said that we should have taken the top swimmers regardless of club – it is a talent pathway after all.</p> <p>PC reiterated that Sharon Austin, Chris Pullen and LP had all pulled together, at very short notice, to make both the Inter-Counties and the Development Day work. LP confirmed she had asked Gerry Gillespie to help as Chris Pullen was not comfortable to lead the day – he was happy to assist Gerry. PC confirmed that a senior coach was required to oversee the camp. LP stated that Chris Pullen had suggested Alexander MacDonald from Chelsea &amp; Westminster.</p> <p>PC said that the County needed to give something to both Sharon Austin and Chris Pullen as a thank you. Suggested either cash or voucher for £100. Agreed to take it to the Exec.</p> <p>LP confirmed that GN is to be the second team manager for 13 November at Southbury Road.</p> <p>PC confirmed she will be out of action as her knee operation is scheduled for 7 November. She said that a taxi will be required to pick up and return for the ACM, unless Andy Woska can pick her up. <b>Following the meeting, PC confirmed that AW will be taking her to the ACM.</b></p> <p>Regarding the programme for the day – LP said it is suggested that they follow the programme from previous camps. Arrival at 9am with anticipated finish at 5pm. Chris Pullen has managed to get a lot of bits from Swim England.</p> <p>LP confirmed that she has booked Southbury Road for 12 March 2023 with a Zoom meeting for sometime in February.</p>	

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	<p>PC queried what coaches would be going. Suggestions are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nathan - Haringey</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Danielle - Ealing</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tom - CSCSC</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Steve Whitley - Hounslow Jets</p> <p>Still waiting to hear from C&amp;W, Teddington, Anaconda and Brompton.</p>	
2	<p><b>Inter-Counties</b></p> <p>Absolute comedy of errors – caught in traffic so they missed training camp at Loughborough.</p> <p>The team came 11<sup>th</sup> so will remain in the top division – had a couple of DQs in the relays.</p> <p>PC said that the County needed to give something to both Sharon Austin and Chris Pullen as a thank you. Suggested either cash or voucher for £100. Agreed to take it to the Exec.</p> <p>PC asked GN to write to Lisa Bates (C&amp;W), Alexander MacDonald (C&amp;W) and Nathan Joseph (Haringey Aquatics) as well as Sharon Austin to say thanks for all their help with the inter-counties. <b>GN sent the e-mail following the meeting.</b></p>	GN
3	<p><b>2023 County Championships</b></p> <p>LP confirmed that we will need to hire Hillingdon SC's equipment at a cost of just over £2,000.</p> <p>PC confirmed that we will have a secondary strobe (which will be a licensing requirement from January 2023)</p> <p><b>Following the meeting, HSC has confirmed that we can use their timing equipment at a cost of £1,300 with 2 people to run it (not negotiable!) at a cost of £700 plus VAT. LP has agreed as we have no choice.</b></p>	
4	<p><b>County Coach</b></p> <p>PC asked what we should do to get a County coach. GN said that we need to advertise the role. SW said that having more than 1 was a good idea. PC agreed: it was not the system that failed but the man! Sharing the load is a good idea.</p> <p>SW commented that it was hard for coaches to attend the meetings as they are usually coaching. Mohammed did have a few meetings with Chris Reekie but has now left coaching.</p> <p>PC not sure that Chris Reekie actually delegated properly and SW agreed that he was not a good team leader despite being the most senior.</p> <p>SW either advertise and see who applies (share as before) or actually delegate different jobs to each coach.</p> <p>PC will draft a job description to put on the website.</p>	PC

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5	<b>AOB</b> None.	
	<b>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.47pm</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>TBC</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair