



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024

Via
Zoom at 7.30pm

Item		Action
	<p>Those in attendance: - Jeanette Edmiston (Chairperson), Colin Jones, Pam Crofts, Leah Pullen, Brian Kapp, Evelyn Ingleton, Karin Vazirani, Gillian Neal, Andy Dixon</p> <p>Apologies for absence:</p>	
	<p>Meeting opened 7.40PM.</p> <p>CJ to take the minutes.</p>	
	<p>2024 County Championships January/February – Overall View</p> <p>JE- In summary the overall event went well, the number of officials and volunteers who came forward ensured the two weekends were able to be run as planned.</p> <p>Specific feedback/discussion on individual aspects on the event then took place. Listed below.</p>	
	<p>County Championships Hotel Arrangements</p> <p>–GN-Could the Swimming Committee be appraised on the current guidelines/policy in place on eligibility for hotel accommodation for volunteers which was particularly relevant when staging events at the LAC. JE believed Phil P had been instrumental in drawing up the current policy so would have documents to hand.</p> <p>CJ to contact Phil P to discuss/circulate as required.</p> <p>Photography Hillingdon-All aware that several requests had to be made at Hillingdon informing spectators that filming was not allowed at the gala – a rule of the leisure centre operator – frustrating for all concerned – situation made more complicated as the same rule not in place at the LAC .</p>	

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	<p>AGREED that the message for the 2025 event at Hillingdon assuming the same rule is still in place needs to be cascaded early so a similar situation can be avoided.</p> <p>County Championships- Gala Conditions -AD-Given the current anomaly between the two leisure operators MCASA should make sure the wording on the gala conditions for 2025 is clear when it sums up the issue of photography at the event for any avoidance of doubt. AGREED.</p> <p>GN- Although unfortunate and possibly avoidable for the individual swimmers it was important that the senior officials present at the event had stood their ground when the question of non-attendance at final(s) had occurred as the gala conditions were quite specific.</p> <p>Consideration Times 2025 -LP-With assistance of coaching team the quicker any recommended changes to the current consideration times in place were actioned the better so that they could be issued for any wider discussion. AGREED</p> <p>LAC New Leisure Operator- BK-Present at the LAC last week- new centre management team in place, changes in branding underway.</p> <p>It was considered prudent that MCASA should contact the new leisure operators to begin the consultation process on gala admin/identify any changes in their policies which might impact MCASA such as catering/photography at the venue etc and potentially any significant impact on costs of hire.</p> <p>County Championship Permanent Trophies -JE- Aware there had been a spelling issue with the insert on the backstroke events – what had been the impact?</p> <p>BK- Error identified in time to have replacement inserts produced and sent so that Jo M had been able to replace the existing ones in time to have those trophies ready for issue at the second weekend at Hillingdon.</p> <p>CJ- In summary only 2 permanent trophies not issued at the close of weekend number 2 – majority of medals also issued prior to finishing at Hillingdon. Jo M took back all unused stock etc. CJ to check with Jo M current status.</p> <p>Presentation of Annual Trophies -JE -Aware some but not all of the annual trophies had been returned – has not had any recent update to formulate a potential plan to issue them all. An initial idea was to issue as many as possible at a London region event in April.</p> <p>CJ will ask Jo M to provide an update on current trophy status.</p> <p>Overall Financial Performance -LP- The numbers are still subject to change, but all of the larger anticipated invoices have been received- current view is a surplus of circa £20K.</p>	

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	<p>Other County Events 2024</p> <p>LP provided the current timetable of events:</p> <p>Development Camp -12 May-Barnet</p> <p>Len Babcock Disability Meet-23 June- Barnet- Contract received</p> <p>One Day Development Meet- 9 June – Venue TBC</p> <p>One Day Development Meet – 29 September – Venue TBC</p> <p>Relay/Long Distance Events Meet -19/20 October Enfield</p> <p>LP reminded attendees of the communication received from Enfield’s new operator- GLL- on the new schedule of fees for hire etc – These show a considerable increase over and above fees paid in 2023.</p> <p>Increases at Enfield will severely impact the ability to run any event at a reasonable financial surplus.</p> <p>AGREED to initially check with Barnet to see if dates for the one-day meets are available and then agree next steps.</p> <p>Inter Counties 2024</p> <p>JE-In order that the county are able to select from the widest possible group of swimmers – subject to their willingness to take part – could the current wording of the selection criteria be reviewed and any option(s) to amend be formulated and agreed- This proposal accepted that if the criteria was included within the constitution that this would be a longer term change. AGREED.</p> <p>LP- Could the Swimming Committee approve a proposal to the full Executive Meeting in March requesting that the background administration to support the event, hotels/booking coach etc be initiated. AGREED</p> <p>Current Interaction – MCASA and Clubs</p> <p>General discussion took place on current views of individuals thoughts on how well the relationships work between MCASA and member clubs both now and how that might change in the future- general consensus was there should be more dialogue between all the parties to exchange thoughts and ideas but finding an opportunity that suited everyone would be extremely difficult.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Medals</p> <p>LP- Current costings are working out at £4 per medal – Sam W (Treasurer) would like MCASA to consider alternative, hopefully cheaper options. Accepting in some cases significant stocks of existing medals are currently held. AGREED</p>	

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	<p>Open Water Events</p> <p>CJ- Would London Region be holding an Open Water Event this summer? BK- July 7, venue as in 2023.</p> <p>AGREED MCASA as in previous years would award medals based on the results from the event.</p> <p>Swim England Report</p> <p>CJ- Aware publication of the report was being cascaded out- Not looking to make any comment on it but no doubt it would be touched on at the next full Executive meeting in March.</p> <p>County Lap Cards</p> <p>BK- Existing lap cards are becoming not fit for purpose, could consideration be given on obtaining replacements. AGREED</p> <p>BK – To identify potential options to refurbish existing lap cards if practical/purchase new, either in the UK or from abroad.</p> <p>Replacing Existing County Radios</p> <p>JE-Offer received from C&W for MCASA to borrow a set of radios as required, no indication currently that a hire charge will be made.</p> <p>AGREED that BK would consolidate options for new county radios to include –C&W Hire- Hire from other third-party companies- Purchase new outright- Summary to include consideration for storage, ongoing maintenance where required.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 9.30PM Next Meeting Tuesday April 23</p> <p>Venue Perivale Residents Association, Horsenden Lane, Perivale</p>	