



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

(www.middlesexswimming.com)

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 10 May 2018

at
Perivale Community Centre

Item		Action
	<p>Those in attendance:- Frances Prentice (President), Gillian Neal, Flo Barnes, Phillip Prentice, Brian Kapp, Tony Burton, Trevor Hyde, Jeanette Edmiston, Andy Woska, Leah Pullen, Pam Crofts, Bob Bloomfield, Ralph Shortland, Wayne Hirst and Sam Whitmore</p> <p>Apologies for absence:- Norman Edwards, Colin Jones, Tasha Coupland, Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Karin Vazirani, Maria Abrams and Suzette Muhammad</p>	
	Meeting opened at 7.10pm.	
<p>XC18/020</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p> <p>(v)</p>	<p>Matters Arising from meeting 14 March 2018</p> <p>XC18/011(ii) Flo Barnes apologised as she had not done anything to push the matter forward. She would try and get hold of Norman this week.</p> <p>XC18/011 (iv) Consent forms have gone out and have been coming back in duly completed. Details cannot be seen on the website except to those who have "super" access: Gillian, Pam, Jeanette, Leah, Frances, Andy and Ralph. There are currently less than 50 returned forms but over 400 officials on Ralph's list.</p> <p>XC18/011(v) Gillian Neal has still not heard anything from Souad. Frances Prentice advised that Souad's partner was seriously ill. Sadly, since the meeting, he has passed away.</p> <p>XC18/013 (iv) Ralph Shortland said he believed that the reverse long distance events are only required for County Championships from 2019. Therefore, they are not necessary in Development Meets. Frances asked Ralph if he could check and confirm this.</p> <p>XC18/013(v) Leah Pullen has prepared a flyer to hand out when she and Brian Kapp attend the para meet in Leicester this coming weekend.</p> <p>Flo Barnes advised that Marie Badcock would attend to present the medals in at least one session of the Len Badcock Para Meet.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>RS</p>

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(vi)	<p>Leah reported that information had been placed in East Region's April Meet programme.</p> <p>XC18/014 Ralph advised that the Minutes were incorrect in that only Ref courses are on demand.</p>	
(vii)	<p>XC18/015 Information concerning North London Aquatics had been posted on the County web-site. Frances Prentice had also contacted Dave Fletcher, Chairman of London Region, but had received no response as yet. Ralph Shortland advised that London Region would not be offering their support.</p> <p>Andy Woska told the meeting that Barnet Copthall is distancing itself from the North London Aquatics people who are purporting to be raising funds to get a deep water facility. He said that not everything they are saying is entirely true. The Council has not agreed to give £500,000. The Council has agreed to give them some land if they raise the necessary funds. Ralph then said, as a Committee, we should be careful. Pam said that it is a natural assumption that, as it is on our website, they are affiliated with the County but they are not. We need to check if they are registered as a charity. It was suggested that Leah should put a disclaimer in the advert. Subsequently confirmed that North London Aquatics credentials are as stated on Middlesex web-site; registered company (10678537) and registered charity (1175869).</p>	LP
(viii)	<p>XC18/017 (ii) Ralph Shortland advised that London Region would not be appointing any new Friends, because it was unable to offer support to anyone acting in this position.</p>	
(ix)	<p>XC18/017 (iii) Leah had attended the four-day course on GDPR. The County thanked and congratulated Leah in passing the course.</p>	
XC18/021	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Phillip Prentice had little to report. Monies have been coming in for both Masters and Para meets – so far about £800 each.</p> <p>Frances Prentice noted that some of the bills received for engraving were as much as £30 per entry when people were using Central London engravers. The County engraver will collect and return trophies for £8 per entry.</p> <p>It was suggested that the County set a limit on claims of £15 per entry. Proposed by Flo seconded by Leah. Unanimously agreed.</p>	
XC18/022	<p>Minutes from Swimming Committee – 23 April</p> <p>(i) <u>18/33</u> No Photographs will be taken at the Autumn Development Meet</p> <p>(ii) <u>18/35</u> A new medal co-ordinator is wanted. This person would need access to the storage facility; assess the number of medals required for each competition; order as required and arrange for the medals to get to the competitions. They would not need to attend the meet. It would also include speeding</p>	LP

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(iii)	<p>tickets, rosettes etc and would cover all disciplines. The request will be going on the website shortly.</p> <p>Andy said that we would have to be prepared to reimburse travel expenses. Ralph suggested that we could ask Kim Rugg as she is in the area.</p> <p><u>18/37</u></p> <p>Bob Bloomfield said there was an issue with the cost of hiring the LAC. He had drafted notes identifying the key individuals at LAC, the Council, Mayor's office etc. He said he would draft a letter and send it, initially, to three people: Head of Development Group, Mayor's Office and the Minister. He asked whether it should come just from Middx County or try and get London Region to join in as well. Jeanette said that she thought London Region would want to join in with anything that Middx does. Bob stated that he believed it would have more substance if it came from others as well.</p> <p>Ralph Shortland said that the cost to London Region to hire the LAC for 2 days was £11,120. This did not include food or security.</p> <p>Ralph was in favour of making a complaint regarding cost and availability. He suggested writing to Essex, Kent and Surrey Presidents to get their support. Ralph will bring it up at the London Region Away Day in June. He hopes that London Region will support the suggestion.</p> <p>Bob confirmed that he will get comparative prices from other major pools: Cardiff and Sheffield were suggested. He will then draft a letter and give it to Ralph for him to take to London Region for them to look at.</p>	BB & RS
(iv)	<p><u>Backstroke Ledges</u></p> <p>Pam Crofts said that Allan Thornton had received a request from coaches for the County to purchase backstroke ledges. Bob Bloomfield has researched the costings. He has found Finis ledges that can be fitted to a variety of blocks – they are not the lock-in ones that London Region have. The ledges hang on webbing which is attached to block and is anchored at 2 points. They have to be manually adjusted for each pool. They are FINA approved. Bob has managed to secure a reduced price of £170 per ledge if they are pre-ordered now. The price later is approximately £250 per ledge.</p> <p>It was recommended to order eleven and to also get a storage bag with wheels to keep them in. Total cost will be approximately £2,100.</p> <p>Frances Prentice said the problem of storing the ledges, and delivering them to poolside, must be addressed. Gillian Neal thought it might be possible to store them at Hillingdon Pool. E-mail sent to Hillingdon SC to see if this is possible.</p> <p>Bob proposed that, if it transpires the ledges are suitable for the pools in the County, to go ahead and order ledges and bag. Gillian seconded. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>XC18/023 Swimming Officials Committee</p> <p>Tony Burton confirmed that he managed to obtain an extension for Bob Bloomfield to re-do his referee's practical. Bob passed. Congratulations to Bob on becoming a referee.</p> <p>The new system for courses is running well. Ralph Shortland confirmed that there was not much uptake on only one course so it was cancelled. Timekeeper courses are still run on demand. The CPD courses are also</p>	GN

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	<p>going well: FINA Update, Mentoring, Team Manager etc. It was felt that this new system was giving the County more control.</p> <p>Ralph advised that a new Contemporary Issues CPD was available on-line through the IOS, and that all officials would need to complete it before applying for re-licensing or being assessed for J1.</p>	
<p>XC18/024</p> <p>(i)</p>	<p>Other Reports</p> <p>Masters</p> <p>The next competition is on 3 June at Barnet Cophall. The entry pack is on the website. Andy will send Pam an e-mail to request officials.</p>	
<p>(ii)</p>	<p>Synchro</p> <p>There is a novice meet on 18 May. Frances will attend. It is at New Southgate.</p>	<p>FP</p>
<p>(iii)</p>	<p>Open Water</p> <p>The London Region event is on 30 June and Frances Prentice will attend to present Championships Medals to the Middlesex swimmers.</p> <p>There is a course being run at Barnet Cophall for J1 training on 2 June.</p>	<p>FP</p>
<p>(iv)</p>	<p>Water Polo</p> <p>Frances Prentice was delighted to report that Richard Willey (known as Fred in swimming circles) is willing to act as the Secretary for Water Polo. The appointment was unanimously agreed and it was hoped that Richard Willey would attend future meetings.</p> <p>Chris Martin of London Swimming has sent details of a series of Inter-Counties Invitation Tournaments for Over 50s, Over 40s, Under 16s and Under 14s. Frances will send these details through to Richard now his appointment has been confirmed.</p> <p>Trevor Hyde advised that Otter Ladies had finished the season top in the country. The Exec felt that this should be worth putting on the website as it was a great achievement.</p> <p>The London Youth Games Water Polo is 16 June.</p>	<p>LP</p>
<p>XC18/025</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p>	<p>Trophy Report</p> <p>Andy Woska proposed that we accept the report and proposals circulated to the Exec (copy attached). Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The only exception was the name of a new trophy. It was felt that no-one would know who Margaret Dixon was (with the exception of Gillian) so a different name should be used. No suggestions made.</p> <p>Bob Bloomfield had seen a couple of trophies in a pawn shop which might be suitable. He will find out prices.</p>	<p>BB</p>

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XC18/026	<p>GDPR</p> <p>Ralph Shortland stated that Swim England has only just appointed someone to look into this issue. They will be sending out information in due course. Middlesex should wait to hear before rushing into anything. GDPR comes into effect on 25 May 2018 but no-one is going to be chasing swimming associations (counties or clubs) immediately. We just need to ensure that the data we currently hold is secure.</p> <p>Leah Pullen said that she would break the link currently on the website to photographs until we know exactly where we stand.</p>	LP
XC18/027	<p>London Region</p> <p>(i) <u>Away Day</u> London Region has an Away Day in June and has requested the name attending from the County. Flo Barnes offered to go. E-mail sent to Kelly Stannard on 11 May confirming Flo's attendance.</p> <p>(ii) <u>AGM</u> Frances Prentice confirmed that London Region AGM is 8 September. We need to circulate this information to the clubs.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Award Nominations</u> It was noted that London Region has asked for nominations for four awards. Gillian Neal will circulate information regarding the awards. E-mail sent.</p> <p>(iv) <u>Constitution</u> A comment was made regarding updating our constitution as suggested. This can wait until the guidance has been received.</p>	GN
XC18/028	<p>AOB</p> <p>(i) Gillian Neal made the Exec aware that three people from the County (John-Marc Soulas, Sandra Soulas and Linda Bayliss) had been suspended by Swim England for 2 years until 01.05.2020. They are not to be involved in any aspect of swimming and any attempt to do so should be reported to Ralph Shortland.</p> <p>(ii) Leah Pullen had received a quote for confidential shredding of old papers of £25 for 5 boxes and £5 per box thereafter. Unanimously agreed that she could go ahead with this.</p> <p>(iii) Brian Kapp informed the Exec that there was a disability awareness course for officials being held in Beckenham on 6 June if anyone was interested.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.40pm</p> <p>Next meeting is <u>Monday, 16 July 2018</u> at Perivale Community Centre – 7pm</p>	

Signed:

Date:

Frances Prentice – President

MCASA TROPHY SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2018

1. County Championships 2018

All the trophies have been presented or delivered without ceremony, as requested.

2. Trophies for Retirement

The MCASA Executive agreed that all three trophies should be "retired". The Trophy Secretary suggests they remain with the final winners.

The Trophy Secretary has asked Joe Greene to look for suitable replacement trophies to be named in memory of Mick Blunstone, Len Badcock and Daphne & Maurice Short.

3. New trophies for the Men's/Boys 800m Freestyle and Women's/Girls 1500 Freestyle.

The Executive has agreed to purchase new trophies for these events. The Trophy Secretary suggests that the names the Eamon Kedney Cup and the Fruitina Trophy be retained for the Women's/Girls events, since the County lost track of these trophies after they were last presented in 2011. The two trophies for the Men's/Boys events will need to be named. One possible candidate might be Mrs M.S. Dixon, who served as Secretary of the Association for 12 years from 1977-88 and as President in 1984.

4. The Ron Turner Trophy

This has been repaired and returned to the 2017 winner.

5. County Record Certificates

The Trophy Secretary would like to suggest that no attempt is made to pass on County Record Certificates to swimmers who have left the County.