



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

(www.middlesexswimming.com)

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 18 October 2018

at
Perivale Community Centre

Item		Action
	<p>Those in attendance:- Frances Prentice (President), Gillian Neal, Andy Woska, Flo Barnes, Phillip Prentice, Brian Kapp, Leah Pullen, Pam Crofts, Bob Bloomfield, Fred Willey, Trevor Hyde, Wayne Hirst, Tony Burton, Karin Vazirani, Ralph Shortland and Sofia Marcal-Whittles</p> <p>Apologies for absence:- Norman Edwards, Jeanette Edmiston, Tasha Coupland, Ian Woollard and Suzette Muhammad</p>	
	Meeting opened at 7.05pm.	
<p>XC18/050</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p> <p>(v)</p>	<p>Matters Arising from meeting 12 September 2018</p> <p><u>XC18/042(i)</u> Frances Prentice said that she had explained to Trevor Miller at the Inter-Counties what had happened regarding Heston SC and that he was happy with the explanation. Flo Barnes also confirmed that she had had the same conversation with him. The matter is now closed.</p> <p><u>XC18/042 (ii)</u> The letter has been sent to Saddiq Khan. Leah Pullen stated that when she was at the LAC two weeks ago she had spoken to the man in charge. He will not take bookings until 01.01.2019 for 2020. The new General Manager is Chris Cook.</p> <p>Frances Prentice handed out copies of the letter sent to Saddiq Khan. Bob Bloomfield suggested we keep a check on progress of the letter to ensure that we get a significant response.</p> <p><u>XC18/42 (iii)</u> Medal trolley – Andy Woska will take his one to Southbury Road on Saturday to see if it is suitable.</p> <p><u>XC18/042 (iv)</u> Ralph Shortland proposed that we just accept that Aquavision is affiliated to Middlesex. This was accepted by everyone.</p> <p><u>XC18/042 (vii)</u> The paragraph recommended by London Region / Swim England regarding GDPR is now in the standard conditions for County competitions.</p>	<p>BB / FP</p> <p>BK / AW</p>

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(vi)	<u>XC18/044</u> Water Polo has submitted a budget. The SOC has submitted its budget.	LP
(vii)	<u>XC18/045 (ii)</u> Ralph Shortland advised that seven members for the SOC is sufficient.	
(viii)	<u>XC18/045 (iv)</u> The County website update is still on-going.	
(ix)	<u>XC18/045 (v)</u> Frances Prentice had another conversation with Richard Whitehead. Richard re-iterated that there is nothing at County level that really can be offered to synchro because there are so few clubs.	
(x)	<u>XC18/047</u> Bob Bloomfield has sent a response to The Mayor of London's Draft Strategy. The County thanked Bob for all his hard work.	
XC18/051	Correspondence The County received an e-mail from Hillingdon SC requesting that they re-consider the decision by the SOC not to allow them to run a J1 course for Brunel Students and others at St Helen's. Hillingdon SC had also cc'd in London Region. London Region (Suzanne Philpott) has sent a response to say that they backed Hillingdon SC's request for the course. Ralph Shortland was not happy at this decision and had written to the officers of London Region to inform them that he had not been consulted and that, as both County and Region official training co-ordinator, he should have been spoken with before the response was sent. He stated that London Region has no remit over how the Counties train their officials. Frances Prentice would write to London Region to query their authority in this matter. The Chairman of London Region has subsequently confirmed that the Region's expression of support in its application should be regarded as advisory, and that the officers did not intend to issue an instruction. Frances has since written to the Chairperson of Hillingdon SC to confirm that the Middlesex Executive is fully in support of the Swimming Officials' Committee in its judgement, and that the present structure of training programmes has been implemented to ensure there is fair and equal treatment across the County.	FP
XC18/052	Treasurer's Report Phil Prentice said that both the County Training Day and the Inter-Counties were done and paid for. Loughborough Uni has not yet sent an invoice for the training session (which was not utilised due to heavy traffic). The accounts for the year have gone to the Accountants who have advised a few small adjustments.	
XC18/053	Minutes of Swimming Committee (i) Inter-Counties 2018	KV

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	<p>There were lots of problems getting to Sheffield. The swimmers missed the training session at Loughborough and got to the hotel quite late. However, the County finished 7th overall and 2nd out of London Region counties.</p> <p>Karin Vazirani stated that the competition may be on a Saturday next year which will cause lots of problems with getting the swimmers to Sheffield on a Friday as they may need to take a day off school. Karin Vazirani has asked for confirmation on dates as soon as possible.</p>	
(ii)	<p>Development Meet</p> <p>Pam Crofts has managed to get enough officials and non-tech helpers – all roles have been filled. Pam said it had been an uphill struggle.</p>	
(ii)	<p>County Championships 2019</p> <p>Frances Prentice and Gillian Neal carried out an exercise to show how low the entries are likely to be for the Youth Championships in 2019. Some events, especially in the girls, have no qualifiers at present.</p> <p>The general feeling of the Exec is that the competition should be an elite competition. The decision was made in July and the coaches decided on the qualification times. Any queries should have been raised then. It was felt that a decision had been made and, therefore, we should stick with it.</p> <p>Phil Prentice and Sofia Marcal-Whittles suggested that it may have been a step too far too soon. The County should possibly have made this step over 2 or 3 years.</p> <p>There was a vote on whether to stay with the times as are or to amend. 11 votes to stay with the current system, 4 to change.</p>	
(iii)	<p>Other Committees / Reports</p> <p><u>Water Polo</u></p> <p>Fred Willey said that there have been entries made for the 2018 London Swimming Invitation Tournaments U/14 mixed on 11 November, U/16 mixed on 2 December, U/16 girls on 9 December and over 40s on 17 November.</p> <p>No other minutes / reports received.</p>	
XC18/054	<p>Trophy Report</p> <p>It was agreed that we should get new silver plated trophies for the past presidents.</p>	
XC18/055	<p>London Region</p> <p>Flo Barnes advised that she will be on the Board from next year as she is President Elect for 2020. The County congratulated Flo on her appointment.</p>	
XC18/056	<p>Nominations</p> <p>Pam Crofts will be standing down as Secretary of the Swimming Committee.</p> <p>Ralph Shortland will be standing down as Secretary of the SOC from Christmas.</p>	

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XC18/057	<p>ACM Arrangements</p> <p>Gillian Neal requested that all reports are sent to her by 26 October as the final ACM Notice has to go out by 1 November (3 weeks prior to the ACM).</p> <p>Flo Barnes will arrange for refreshments to be available.</p>	FB
XC18/058	<p>AOB</p> <p>(i) Flo Barnes asked if we wanted the Len Badcock meet for 2019 to be advertised in the Swimming Times. This was agreed and should be put in as soon as possible.</p> <p>(ii) Leah Pullen stated that we need new officials' t-shirts. Do we stay with the current polo shirt material (cotton) or go for a new fast-drying material. Leah believed that the new material could only be screen printed and not embroidered.</p> <p>Ralph Shortland commented that the new London Region shirts were like the new material and they were embroidered. He will ask Kay Grimshaw where the Region got their shirts from.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>RS</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</p> <p>Next meeting is <u>Thursday, 22 November 2018</u> at Perivale Residents Centre following the ACM</p>	

Signed:

Date:

Frances Prentice – President