

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 7th July 2020

By Zoom

Item	<p>Those in attendance: :- :- Brian Kapp (President), Flo Barnes, Jeanette Edmiston, Leah Pullen, Pam Crofts, Wayne Hirst, Susie Breslin, Phillip Prentice, Frances Prentice, Maria Abrams, Trevor Hyde, , Jo Martin, Sofia Marcel Whittles, Erol Baduma, Taj Randhawa, Karin Vazarini , Zak Andreos, Saranya Ramasamy. Sam Whitmore, Colin Jones ,Gillian Neal</p> <p>Apologies for absence, , Andy Woska, Fred Willey, Tony Burton, Ralph Shortland.</p> <p>Not on line: Ian Woollard, Minju Kim Al-Hajj, Bob Bloomfield, Tasha Coupland, Suzette Muhammad, Norman Edwards</p>	Action
XC 20/024	<p>Before the meeting started, the Secretary announced that Brian had accepted the Committee’s offer of a second term of office as President due to the unusual circumstances of this year</p> <p>The President opened the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting 11th March 2020</p> <p>The minutes were agreed by the people present at the meeting.</p>	
XC20/025	<p>Matters arising from these minutes</p> <p>Indemnity At the last meeting, members were asking what indemnity was in place. The secretary read out the clause which is in the constitution. Section 21</p> <p>Indemnity Every member of the Executive shall be indemnified by the Association and its members jointly and severally for any act authorised by the Executive which they do on behalf of the Association and which is written within the scope of the Rules for the time being of the Association.</p> <p>The President asked the Secretary to confirm with Swim England that this is sufficient to cover the members.</p> <p>Relays</p> <p>The original suggestion to put to the coaches was to put aside a day for relays to be swum for the trophies in October. This obviously will not happen.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>GG</p>

	<p>The coaches are not in favour of running relays in the Championships because it over swims their swimmers and would extend the timings. Wayne proposed that we ask the Head coach to contact the coaches to get ideas as to how we want / do not want to swim relays for the trophies in the Autumn development meet for next year. This was agreed.</p> <p>If the coaches agreed then, as the trophies are meant for the Championships, Wayne said that we would possibly have to have 2 licences which would cover sanctioning swimming for trophies</p> <p>Handbook</p> <p>Frances asked about the handbook – the Secretary reported that it had not gone to the printers because the dates and competitions were not accurate.</p> <p>A copy of the 2020 handbook is on the website for information.</p>	
<p>XC20/026</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>i) Letter sent to the Treasurer from Fusion saying that when they get guidance from the Government that they can open, they will be in touch re bookings etc. No action can be taken yet.</p> <p>ii) Discussion re the proposed letter to Clubs asking them to write to their local MP for support for the opening of pools.</p> <p>Pam suggested we wait until the end of the week to see if the Prime Minister has taken any action following a lobby from Swim England. If no progress then the letter should be sent to clubs.</p>	<p>FB</p>
<p>XC20/27</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>The Treasurer had sent his reports for the periods ending May and June 2020.</p> <p>These was noted and the Treasurer reported that there will be a deficit at the end of the year as we have had no income this year since March but there are still monthly standing orders to be paid.</p> <p>Pam remarked that it was obvious we would have a deficit this year as the competitions which bring in the revenue were not happening. Also if the overseas camp had been held, the deficit would have been greater.</p> <p>Agreed that when competitions recommence that we continue with the collection of the entry fees in operation as we did last year at LAC.</p> <p>It was mentioned that we have a lot of stock in hand which will hopefully reduce spending next year. Jo said that there would be a roll over of medals and rosettes for use next year. The Treasurer said that he</p>	

	<p>would do a stock check for this year's accounts and no orders after the stock-take would be counted or paid for in this year.</p> <p>Discussion on the item mentioned as bank charges which the Treasurer said was a re-imburement from Hillingdon received last year but relating to this year.</p> <p>Sam said that it could not be put as Bank charges and suggested a category of reimbursement or fees collected. The treasurer said that he would look into it and agreed that this would be changed.</p>	PP
XC20/028	<p>Standing Committee reports</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings held on March 5th, April 29th and June 24th had been circulated.</p> <p>Frances pointed out the correction needed of name - Jean Cook not Jan Cook.</p> <p>Frances remarked that she found it very depressing that we had no pools available for competitions. Jeanette pointed out that the Swimming committee had been in touch with LAC and other pools before lockdown but now everyone was in the same dilemma until pools opened and staff were back.</p> <p>Much discussion took place about allocation of pool time at LAC and the fact that there is an order of priorities from International meets down to local club competitions and unfortunately Counties are low down in the order.</p> <p>Trevor mentioned that as Middlesex was the only County completely in London Region that we should get priority over Kent, Surrey and Essex.</p> <p>Jeanette assured the meeting that all the points mentioned had been addressed before but that all efforts will be resumed to get pools once they are open for business.</p> <p>Wayne stated that it may be that we run the Championships short course next year if a 50m pool was not available. Again no decisions can be made until we have any reassurance of what is possible.</p> <p>The President asked that as our next meeting is not scheduled until September that if decisions were necessary, an extra meeting should be called. Agreed.</p> <p>SOC</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June had been circulated.</p> <p>Wayne reported that qualifications and courses for J1 candidates are now on line and that there will be no final assessment. The Course tutor will sign off each section. There is a general feeling that standards might go down but we will have to wait and see.</p> <p>Pam suggested that with the correct briefing of the principles of men-</p>	JE Swimming Committee

	<p>toring from Swim England it will work.</p> <p>Gillian said that she felt that if Swim England received enough feedback, then they may re-assess.</p> <p>Wayne reported that all training is delayed until the pools open.</p> <p>Extension has been granted to the present J1 candidates for 6 months after the pools reopen.</p> <p>Frances expressed a regret that there had not been a referee’s briefing for a while although it was pointed out that there had been Fina updates etc.</p> <p>Wayne pointed out that the new conditions had only been published this year and everyone was trying to understand them.</p> <p>The President said that SW region had been asked to pilot the new regulations but he didn’t know how they had gone. Pam said that as they were started in October, possibly no one had finished before the lockdown had started.</p> <p>Ralph had been planning a meeting for all referees in April. It was suggested that Wayne asks Ralph if it is possible to arrange a Zoom meeting for Referees to update them.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed that the County does not know who has been signed off as J1. Ralph to be asked to contact Swim England to find out this information.</p> <p>Frances asked about a potential new referee. Wayne reported that it had not been signed off because of lockdown but an extension had been granted.</p> <p>Water Polo</p> <p>Since the meeting, which Fred was trying to get in, he has reported to the Secretary that, although like everything water polo is on hold, new guidelines on training have been issued but nothing on competitive matches.</p>	<p>WH</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>XC20/029</p>	<p>Trophy secretary’s report</p> <p>Frances had sent a report which had been circulated.</p> <p>She reported that it had been difficult this year for the President to present the trophies and expressed dismay that some clubs did not seem interested in receiving cups. She felt that the younger swimmers would like them.</p> <p>Suggestion that individual trophies be given to winners if they wanted them and that Clubs be invited to collect any trophies.</p> <p>There has been a suggestion of setting up a ‘Hall of Fame’. This to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Frances also expressed disappointment that as Trophy Secretary she was not a member of the Swimming Committee. The Secretary read from the handbook that there was no mention of the Trophy Secretary being a member of the Swimming Committee. Trevor pointed out that the Trophy Secretary should represent all disciplines not just swimming. It was pointed out that the Trophy Secretary is automatically a</p>	

	<p>member of the Executive and therefore reports to them.</p> <p>Frances said that if she was not entitled to be on the swimming Committee then she would resign from the post.</p> <p>The President asked the Secretary to look at the constitution and report back.</p> <p>Subsequently Frances has resigned as Trophy Secretary</p> <p>Frances also asked to bring up another matter about records as she felt that she did not have a voice anywhere else. She asked that the Junior 4 x 50m relay record be removed from the County records as it is not swum now. There was some heated discussion regarding the historic value of records and whether they should be kept. Frances said that it was a big job keeping the records up-to date.</p> <p>The President presented a motion that this relay record be archived. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated by 7 votes to 10 with 3 abstentions.</p> <p>At this point Frances said that we would have to find someone to keep the records for the County.</p>	FB
LXC20/030	<p>London Board</p> <p>Swim England & Swim England London have cancelled all competitions this year.</p> <p>Since the meeting the Secretary has been informed that Swim England London AGM will be on Zoom on September 5th at 10.30 am. Club delegates will need to complete a form and send it to lon-don@swimming.org by 21st August 2020.</p> <p>Nominations are required for the Jeff Cook salver for services to Aquatics, Dave Barnes plate for Volunteer of the year and Flo Barnes plate for Young volunteer of the year by the end of July. Suggestions to the Secretary asap, please</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
XC20/031	<p>Welfare</p> <p>Maria reported that Swim England London had a pilot meeting for Chairs and Welfare officers to look at the role of Welfare officers. 14/15 clubs attended.</p> <p>This is now being put out generally to other clubs. She said it will be interesting to see the response.</p> <p>Other than that as Clubs are not operating, it has been very quiet.</p>	
XC20/032	<p>Health & Safety</p> <p>Nothing reported</p>	
XC20/033	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretary reported that she has the Insurance certificate if anyone needs a copy. It is assumed that the next meeting will be on Zoom but Frances suggested that when we get back to face to face meetings we hold them at the Resident's Association HQ (where we hold 	

	<p>the ACM). Decision to be made later.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trevor gave his apologies for the next meeting. <p>Date of Next Meeting Wednesday, September 9th 2020 by Zoom at 7pm Any changes will be notified.</p>	
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President