

# Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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## Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 16 March 2022

Via  
Zoom

**Those in attendance:** Pam Crofts (President), Leah Pullen, Gillian Neal, Colin Jones (President Elect), Flo Barnes, Jo Martin, Ann O’Leary, Marc Barrott, Maria Abrams, Brian Kapp, Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Jeanette Edmiston, Sam Whitmore, Susie Breslin, Phillip Prentice and Frances Prentice

**Apologies for absence:** Karin Vazirani, Trevor Hyde, Tasha Coupland, Andy Woska, Fred Willey, Suzette Muhammad, Ian Woollard and Tony Burton

No:	Matter:	Action:
	Pam Crofts opened the meeting at 7.05pm	
XC22/010	The Minutes from the Exec Meeting of 19 January 2022 were accepted.	
XC22/011	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Open Water – London Region</u></p> <p>Gillian Neal outlined the response received from Richard Whitehead (London Region) behind LR going to Norwich. Only those swimmers attending the Norwich meet (with Eastern Region) will be eligible to qualify for Nationals. Leah Pullen confirmed she would put a link onto the MCASA website when info was available. Pam Crofts suggested sending an e-mail to clubs to tell them to keep an eye open for the details on both London Region and Eastern Region websites.</p> <p>Gillian Neal is to ask Richard Whitehead to keep MCASA updated as to details (signing up, cut-off dates etc).</p> <p><u>LAC</u></p> <p>Leah Pullen asked if the Exec was happy for us to get Chris Ogen’s assistance so Pam Crofts gave an overview of the e-mail received from Chris Ogden of Hackney and his offer to try and assist the County in getting access to the LAC. Unanimously agreed by the Exec that we would accept the help. Leah Pullen to confirm to Chris Ogden.</p>	<p>LP</p> <p><b>BK</b></p> <p>GN</p> <p>LP</p>
XC22/012	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>Phil Prentice said there were two items which he wanted to add. The bank has changed the account from a community account to a charitable account. This now incurs a £5 per month fee. There are also other fees which can be incurred: 0.4% for counter transactions etc. There is nothing we can do about this. Sam Whitmore confirmed that the banks are all doing this now as they are not making any money from the community accounts.</p> <p>Phil wanted to let the Exec know that Norman Edwards is now in a home in Brighton, near to his daughter. Norman’s family have been in touch with Phil. Phil wanted to nominate Norman to <del>receive become</del> an <del>h</del>Honorary <del>!Life membership</del> President to the</p>	

	<p>County. Gillian Neal also suggested that as Ralph was also stepping back from a lot, it would be nice to offer to Ralph as well. The proposal was put to the Exec and it was agreed unanimously. At the 2022 ACM, it will be put forward as it has to be done through the ACM. <u>Frances Prentice pointed out after the meeting that “Nominations as Hon. Life Presidents shall be proposed by those Past Presidents as are members of the Executive and referred to the Council for approval.” Frances commented that the proposal was agreed in principle but the action must be taken in accordance with the County’s Constitution.</u></p>	
<b>XC22/013</b>	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p><u>Swimming Committee Report – 9 March 2022</u></p> <p>The Minutes have been circulated.</p> <p>Jo Martin commented that the 4 missing trophies have now been received by her. Unfortunately, one is badly damaged (in 4 pieces!). Jo will arrange to get the trophy to Flo Barnes and Flo will take it to see if it can be mended. Exec agreed the cost is to be passed back to the family.</p> <p>No other reports have been received.</p>	<b>JM / FB</b>
<b>XC22/014</b>	<p><b>Spring Development Meet</b></p> <p>Gillian Neal commented that there is nowhere near enough officials to run the meet. Only 9 for session 1 and 14 for session 2 had signed up. The problem seemed to be the clash with London Region (we had obtained the licence first and Jean Scott told London Region we had a meet already).</p> <p>Pam Crofts suggested writing to the clubs to ask if they were intending to support the County Qualifier in October. Leah Pullen suggested that we move the meet to May / June and make it an open meet.</p> <p>Pam proposed that we cancel the whole weekend of 19/20 March – agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Pam proposed that we cancel the whole weekend of 2/3 April – agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Pam proposed we look into holding an open meet in May instead – agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Gillian and Leah are to send e-mails out cancelling the meet and to ask if clubs would support a meet in May. <u>Following the meeting, e-mails sent out to clubs and individually to officials who had offered help. LP put in suggested open meet in May. Feedback generally good – request to make it age as at and include 9yr olds so they could get times for following year Counties. Rhys Gormley’s response was very critical and accused the County of being “money grabbing”. GN will respond in a few days to see if more clubs voice their opinions on open meet suggestion.</u></p>	<b>GN / LP</b>  <b>GN</b>
<b>XC22/015</b>	<p><b>Overseas Trip</b></p> <p>Chris Reekie and Leah Pullen are still looking. Edinburgh meet had looked good but it clashed with London Regions.</p>	<b>CR / LP</b>

<p><b>XC22/016</b></p>	<p><b>County Records</b></p> <p>Pam Crofts said that London Region has changed its procedure so that swimmers are now responsible for claiming records and suggested that as a County we should do the same. Leah Pullen has created a form which she circulated for people to look at.</p> <p>Frances Prentice confirmed that she would step down as records secretary.</p> <p>Pam Crofts said that unless and until Swim England says otherwise, we must accept the records and asked Frances as County President and on behalf of the Executive if she would put up the records as per her previous e-mails where she was disputing the eligibility of the swimmers. Frances agreed to do this and then someone else would need to take over as she had no intention of putting any further records up. <u>Frances stated after the meeting that she has been unable to comply with the request as her access to edit the County records is no longer working.</u></p> <p>Sofia Marcal-Whittles said that the Harrow boys had always been registered with and members of Chelsea &amp; Westminster so she could not understand why there was an issue.</p> <p>Pam proposed that swimmers claim their own records going forward – unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Sam Whitmore and <del>Jo Martin</del> <u>Jeanette Edmiston</u> will both verify the forms once sent in by swimmers.</p>	
<p><b>XC22/017</b></p>	<p><b>Len Badcock</b></p> <p>Brian Kapp has managed to get an international IPC referee to attend the meet – Dave Harman.</p> <p>Leah Pullen confirmed that she has had quite a bit of interest in the meet so far so it is looking good.</p>	
<p><b>XC22/018</b></p>	<p><b>Open Water</b></p> <p>Brian Kapp said that he had spoken to the South East Region and they are very happy to welcome the Middlesex swimmers to their meet in Chichester. They are investigating <u>whether they can award any Middx swimmers with a special medal provided by them</u> if they finish in top 3. Brian said they are being very welcoming.</p> <p>Suggested to the Exec that the County swimmers are offered both events and they can choose which one to go to and then the results are merged in order to get County result. Need to make sure swimmers are aware that they can only qualify for Nationals from the Eastern Region event in Norwich.</p>	
<p><b>XC22/019</b></p>	<p><b>London Board</b></p> <p>The London Board ACM is on Saturday, 26 March at 10.30am via Zoom. Sofia Marcal-Whittles has put herself forward to go on the Board. Jeanette Edmiston said that we need to put forward to the Board proportional representation as currently Middlesex only has Ralph Shortland <del>and he is standing down.</del> <u>Ralph has resigned from the Swimming Committee Chair post and also from the Events Team BUT he is still a member of the Board, still London Region Health &amp; Safety Rep and Regional Swimming Officials Coordinator</u> If Sofia does not get voted on <u>to the Board</u>, then we</p>	

	will <u>still</u> have <del>every little</del> representation <del>at all</del> . Jeanette also confirmed that you have to actually attend the meeting in order for your vote to count.	
<b>XC22/020</b>	<b>Welfare</b> Maria Abrams confirmed there was nothing to report.	
<b>XC22/021</b>	<b>Inter-Counties</b> We still have no idea whether this is happening. Leah Pullen spoke to Premier Inn. They said to go back to them when we have confirmed dates. Sofia Marcal-Whittles will go back to Swim England and try to get confirmation. Pam Crofts suggested badgering Swim England to get a response. Sofia confirmed she will contact both Helen Akers and Helen Weeks. <b>Sofia has confirmed that the inter-counties will run on 2 October so the swimmers will be picked up on 1 October for the over-night stay as in previous years. Leah will book hotel and coach hire.</b>	<b>SMW</b>  <b>LP</b>
<b>XC22/022</b>	<b>AOB</b> Flo Barnes confirmed that the handbook would not be printed in hard copy as it was too expensive to only produce a few and it will be ready by the end of the month to go on the website. Phil Prentice said he was still waiting for the final medal numbers from the Championships. Leah Pullen confirmed that she had already sent him a week or so ago but would re-send and did so there and then. Phil confirmed receipt. Leah Pullen asked Flo Barnes with regard to the coaches passes, can they do an on-line form which she could then download? Flo was not sure so Leah said she would go round and show her.	<b>LP / FB</b>
	<b>There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 8.55pm</b>	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>Thursday, 19 May 2022 @ 7.00pm via Zoom</b> <b>Any changes will be notified.</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

President