



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

(www.middlesexswimming.com)

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 23 April 2024

At

Perivale Residents Association at 7.30pm

Item		Action
	Those in attendance: - Jeanette Edmiston (Chairperson), Colin Jones, Leah Pullen, Brian Kapp, Gillian Neal, Andy Dixon Apologies for absence: Pam Crofts, Jo Martin, Karen Vazirani, Evelyn Ingleton	
	Meeting Opened 7.30PM. CJ – An initial apology to all for the error on the issued agenda identifying the meeting as being 23 MAY. GN/AD- Congratulations to Jacek Reder in passing his referee's practical examination.	
	Southbury Road- New Management Team LP-Together with PC, attended Southbury Road to discuss the new pricing arrangements given to MCASA for future events. New management team already aware that the pricing structure at Barnet, operated by the same company is already in the possession of MCASA. Management team asked to reconsider their existing position with prices for hire etc being quoted, discussion to be continued. Examples of variations: May 12 Development Day – Hire-Barnet £882 Enfield £1562 June 2 One day Meet – Hire- Barnet £3339 Enfield £4051 plus then the standalone electronics hire costs of £800. Initial outcome AGREED to book Barnet if at all possible for upcoming events with fallback position of Southbury Road should Barnet not be available. At present it would be difficult to make a surplus at Southbury Road if current pricing policy is not altered.	

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	Confirmation of next events: Sunday June 2 One Day Sprints Meet Barnet Sunday June 23 Len Babcock Disability Meet Barnet Sunday September 29 One Day Middle Distance/Relays Meet Venue TBC LP-Waiting for information on potential costs from Barnet & Hillingdon-revised view from Enfield is £5568 for a weekend- Enfield SC latest forecast for hiring timing equipment, blocks & backstroke ledgers would be £1600 for a weekend- latest LAC forecast - £18000 for a weekend.	
	County Championships Hotel Arrangements Current policy guidelines discussed at the March meeting, CJ had since spoken with Phil P, appears any existing policy would have been created over 10 years ago possibly by Norman E and no copy was easily available. AGREED Finance Committee should draft a new policy for circulation/approval. Following circulation of the initial draft minutes PC identified minutes from the Swimming Committee meeting in January 2015 which noted the agreement reached for the computer operator and Sunday principal referee if working both days should be allowed to book accommodation. County Championships- 2024 Surplus JE requested current surplus generated at the event be advised in writing to the full executive so that the question would not be raised again at the next full Executive meeting. CJ to contact SW to organise. Budgets 2024- Financial Forecasts JE- Aware that since Covid no forward-looking forecasts had been attempted to try and approximate a financial position for a particular period of time/ a full calendar year. Although clearly a lot of moving parts it would at least potentially avoid any nasty shocks when final published accounts are created and presented. LP- With recent dramatic rises in some specific costs for hire etc estimating gala surplus might not be straight forward. CJ- Applying a broad-brush approach and keeping any exercise at a relatively high level it should be possible to come up with a view, which could be amended over time. CJ will discuss with SW. LP- Purchase of Quickbooks to assist in managing the accounts still in progress.	

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	London Swimming ACM- Feedback GN-Meeting itself was brief, all over within half an hour. GN unsuccessful in her attempt to be voted onto the London Swimming Board. Ralph S was re-selected to serve another term of office. County Development Day May 12 Barnet LP- Summary of planned activities etc in place – thanks to Ann O’Leary for volunteering to come along as the additional Team Manager required for the day. Feedback will be given at next Swimming Executive Meeting. CC2024 Trophies- Recovery/Planned Presentations JE-Plan in place to present on Saturday 27 April at the London Regions Event -Due to collect trophies from JM on Thursday April 25- However, not absolutely sure on what the most recent summary is of returned/to be returned on the day/still with 2023 recipient(s). CJ to ask JM to update JE with current status. JE- Updated those present at the meeting with the news that Jo M will be standing down at the ACM from the Trophies/Medals position due to increasing work commitments. Process to identify a volunteer willing to take on the role to begin. Medal Redesign LP- Example provided of a medal which could be sourced from a new provider – cheaper than existing ones – Greater the number purchased the cheaper they become-Stencilling on the medals could differentiate the various event(s)/different coloured ribbons could be provided as well. Where practical existing design medals will be used up however re-stocking of County Championship Medals will need to take place before that event takes place. AGREED to move to new provider – Make known to full Executive Meeting in May. County Championships 2025 LP- Initial discussions with new management team at the LAC (Everyone Active), too early to be aware of potential hire costs – as previously we would need to use their Catering/Security providers- revised dates now identified due to pool availability for CC2025 with both weekends now to be at the LAC. February 8/9 2025 and February 15/16 2025. Qualifying times exercise with support of County Coaches team in progress. With revised dates entry deadline would move to January 2 2025.	

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	MCASA would still be able to have swim shops present /sell hats, hoodies as previously. JE-If Hillingdon not to be used for a CC event in 2025 it would still be prudent to use for an alternative event(s) later in the year as it took so long to be able to use the facility in the first instance. London Region- Role of the Counties JE- At some point London Swimming would come chasing again – review current work carried out to date with CJ. AOB JE- Inter County Selection Policy In order that we have the opportunity to select the strongest possible team for the event could the wording on the existing policy be amended slightly so that we did not exclude anyone who had intended to /but could not participate in the Counties due to illness. AGREED. LP- Polo shirts in storage A number of the older red polos shirts/some odd misc sizes held in storage are now not fit for purpose – permission to pass onto to a charity. AGREED. A number of the newer ‘quick dry’ shirts would require purchasing ahead of the 2025 events. AGREED. Rosettes- AGREED- that if the stock held in storage is still useable that they should be offered to persons finishing 4th to 8th in at least the first one day meet to use them up. BK -County Radios Exercise ongoing on the potential purchase/hire/borrow of radios to replace/supplement those already held by MCASA. Quick round the table discussion capturing individual’s current thoughts on the subject. BK- Open Water BK somewhat surprised by the tome of a letter received from the Chair of the London Region Open Water Committee asking if MCASA actively promoted the regional event each year. Results in recent years clearly identified that the majority of participating swimmers were from Middlesex registered clubs. AD- Officials in Training Current new interest received for: J2 X 8 candidates J2S x 6 candidates	

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	CJ- Handbook 2024 Looking to update the handbook currently held on the web-site, may require the assistance of others on the Committee as required Meeting Closed at 9.30PM Next Meeting Tuesday June 25 Via Zoom	

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