



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2025

Via Zoom

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	Those in attendance: - Jeanette Edmiston (Chairperson), Colin Jones, Leah Pullen, Gillian Neal, Pam Crofts, Andy Dixon, John Sadler (Dev Camp) Apologies for absence: Karin Vazirani, Tina Franchi, Brain Kapp	
	Meeting Opened 7.30PM. Majority of the previous meeting minutes from January 21 were connected to notes ahead of the County Championships in February. Issues and updates following the overall event would be discussed during the evening. It was agreed the order of the meeting would be changed so that John Sadler from the Coaching Team could update the committee on a revised approach to a development camp initially discussed at the meeting on January 21.	
	One Day Development Camp Late August/Early September JS-Outlined an approach to a one-day development camp, attendees to be by invitation only which would not only act as a development opportunity for younger swimmers but also act as a teambuilding opportunity for swimmers who would potentially represent the County at the Inter-Counties event in October. Numbers of individuals to be invited – circa 50. The overall cost calculated by JS based on some statistics provided by Barnet to include specific number of hours within the pool, hire of lifeguards, use of studio and gym at Barnet had worked out at approx. £2.1K. It was accepted by those present that this was a view and subject to fluctuations dependant on circumstances. It would be funded by requesting an initial contribution from each swimmer with a potential partial refund dependant on attendance etc. In broad terms it would be hoped the event would be self- funding. It would be made clear to all invited that not everyone would ultimately be invited to be part of the Team travelling to Sheffield. The potential date TBC-at present August 30 or September 6 to be the most ideal dates.	

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	Observations made for which JS provided some initial guidance: Food and refreshments? That swimmers would provide their own food and refreshments. Coaching Team present - TBC How would invitations be structured, issued and when? Begin the invitational selection process once the national qualifying window had closed, possibly up to, depending on numbers to top 6 in age groups. Mindful that the age groups in the Inter- Counties were very specific. Accepted communication process would need to be bottomed out in more detail- when/by whom etc. Persuading those invited to attend? Clearly no guarantees here but for younger swimmers stress the development nature of the day as a selling point. Would the Loughborough stop off on the way to the Sheffield event still be required? Yes, for increased teambuilding, final relay handover practise etc it would still be needed, Approved in principle by those present – move it forwards to full Executive Len Babcock Meet (June) LP- The Licensing application has been sent to London Swimming for approval. Barnet pool already booked on the back of 2024 competition. The normal channels of promoting the event have already taken place, such as correspondence to known clubs who show interest etc, could we utilise other organisations to assist? It was agreed London Swimming would be approached to see if they could include an article on their web site etc. Officials/non-technical volunteer support: JE volunteered to act as the Officials co-ordinator, it was hoped TF would be able to support the recruitment of non-technical volunteers. LP-With a little help possibly from known contacts at a printing company look to redesign the current certificates issued to participants. Plenty of medals and rosettes held in stock. Officials lunch etc- Contact SW to see if she is available to assist on that day.	

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	County Championships 2025 Overall competition went very well, ran to time, few significant issues, all managed without any delays. A number of reflections were raised that might assist the overall 2026 event. LP- Current overall net surplus some £24K, this accepted that discussions were still taking place with Everyone Active on potential costs of the catering for weekend number 2 which were markedly different to those of weekend number 1 with no obvious difference in quantity/content. With this current surplus in mind, consider the possible entry fees for the 2026 event, those being currently £14 per event, £17 for long distance events. That the initial quote provided for the hire costs at the LAC turned out to be higher than that which was actually invoiced. The swim shop had generated some useful income so that we should look to book them again in 2026 if available. Post Championships admin exercise to begin populating the website with trophy winners etc was in progress, however that the recovery process to bring back into the Association the annually awarded trophies needed to begin in earnest. Agreed Jo Martin should be contacted to obtain the full listing of current holders of trophies. It was agreed that communication be maintained with Connor at Everyone Active so that any perceived areas of concern, possible issues could be discussed and cleared well before the end of the year – such as the Catering touched on previously, cost and consistency, security arrangements- Outside company /use of volunteer marshals, possible future % pool hire cost increases. JE volunteered to be the initial contact. LP- Led a discussion on potential replacement(s) to the current permanent trophies issued to event winners at the counties- something a little more resilient and possibly less expensive. Some examples circulated by WhatsApp prior to the meeting – the most popular by vote to be put to the full Executive. Swimming Development Camp March 1 LP- Not actually present on the call but believed all had gone to plan. LP wished to raise a couple of points about the future programme: That moving forwards to the May event and beyond other volunteers would need to come forward and take on some of the responsibility of the future organisation/administration of these days. LP to summarise background activities/JE to draft a suitable note for issue. Potential Level 4 Gala September/October 2025	

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	LP- Thoughts of the Swimming Executive on the possibility of supporting possibly a Level 4 event in the autumn aimed at younger swimmers. A suggestion put to her by members of the coaching team. It was already recognised that Barnet Copthall would not able to accept a pool hire booking for a gala such as this. General consensus was as before with any individual galas being organised by MCASA that unless there was a general agreement from clubs/coaches that these would be supported that it would be unlikely that the Executive would approve given the recent history of low turnouts. Also suggested that by default the number of clubs which could be invited might be limited by number- again making it difficult potentially to source all the required poolside support etc. Agreed to defer until an opportunity to involve clubs in a wider discussion on support and interaction between themselves and MCASA had been organised. AOB SOC- Not connected to this meeting but PC/GN/AD had been in discussion on new guidelines on training policies issued by Swim England – A summarised update would need to be posted to the web site. Role of the Counties London Swimming once again enquiring on this admin process- TBC. Meeting Closed 8.20PM Schedule of remaining planned meetings 2025: Tuesday 29 April 7.30PM Zoom (Next Meeting) Tuesday 10 June 7.30PM In Person Tuesday 23 September 7.30PM Zoom Tuesday 21 October 7.30PM Zoom	

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