



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 12 September 2018

at
Perivale Community Centre

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| | <p>Those in attendance:- Frances Prentice (President), Gillian Neal, Flo Barnes, Phillip Prentice, Brian Kapp, Leah Pullen, Pam Crofts, Bob Bloomfield, Sam Whitmore, Colin Jones, Fred Willey</p> <p>Apologies for absence:- Norman Edwards, Tony Burton, Trevor Hyde, Wayne Hirst, Andy Woska, Ralph Shortland, Jeanette Edmiston, Tasha Coupland, Sofia Marcal-Whittles and Karin Vazirani</p> | |
| | Meeting opened at 7.15pm. | |
| <p>XC18/042</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(iii)</p> <p>(iv)</p> | <p>Matters Arising from meeting 16 July 2018</p> <p><u>XC18/029(i)</u> It was confirmed that Norman Edwards had passed all the remaining assets from Heston SC over to Hounslow Jets. Pam Crofts asked if Trevor Miller could be informed. Frances Prentice requested that Flo Barnes respond to Trevor Miller.</p> <p><u>XC18/037 (iii)</u> The initial draft letter had been shelved. Frances Prentice commented that we need the goodwill of the LAC. Leah Pullen stated that the LAC was not being very helpful. The member of staff who had been taking dates etc is currently on paternity leave and no-one has taken over. The only dates available for 2019 are 9 and 10 March. This is possibly still in the window of dates for county events to be held (weeks 2-9?).</p> <p>Bob Bloomfield said that there is a difference between dealing with pool operators and politics. Attention needs to be drawn to these problems. Bob confirmed that he would re-draft the letter. Once comments received, the letter could be amended and then sent out.</p> <p><u>XC18/31</u> Ongoing.</p> <p><u>XC18/032</u> Brian Kapp confirmed that he has prepared an Open Water report to be presented at the ACM. Copy attached.</p> | <p>FB</p> <p>BB</p> <p>BK</p> <p>BK</p> |

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| (v) | <p><u>XC18/033</u> Frances Prentice had contacted Jean Cook who advised that affiliation had been handled by Richard Whitehead. Frances contacted Richard and he confirmed that was correct. Since Aquavision is on the list of affiliated Middx clubs, we need to ensure that London Region has affiliated Aquavision correctly. This matter to be referred to the Affiliations Committee (Flo Barnes, Trevor Hyde and officers).</p> | FB, TH, Officers |
| (vi) | <p><u>XC18/036</u> Frances Prentice acknowledged that members of the Swimming Committee would take responsibility for the return of trophies held by their clubs.</p> | |
| (vii) | <p><u>XC18/038</u> Leah Pullen confirmed that British Swimming has finally put something out in connection with GDPR but it is not very clear. London Region has taken the same position as British Swimming.</p> <p>Pam Crofts said that the advice given by British Swimming is that if people do not want their details to be held, then their times cannot go on to rankings. Basically, the new directive is saying that they now cannot take part if details are withheld.</p> <p>It was agreed that the County follows British Swimming and London Region. Leah Pullen will put the relevant paragraph in the conditions.</p> | LP |
| (viii) | <p><u>XC18/039</u> Jahrel has had his operation and all seems to have gone well.</p> | |
| XC18/043 | <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Phillip Prentice has prepared a report which was distributed to all before the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed by Flo Barnes that the draft accounts will go to the auditors after this meeting. Seconded by Bob Bloomfield. Agreed unanimously.</p> | PP |
| XC18/044 | <p>Committee Budgets</p> <p>Phil Prentice stated that only one budget had been received – Swimming Committee. He confirmed that the budgets should be sent direct to him for him to comment on and this was stated to be the correct procedure.</p> <p>Other committees need to send their budgets as soon as possible. Fred Willey confirmed that he would submit a budget as he has inter-county entry fees. He had not thought about medals / hats / t-shirts etc. Pam Crofts will forward her budget to Fred as an example.</p> <p>Phil Prentice said he would remind all committees that they need to present a budget if they want funding for the coming year.</p> <p>Pam Crofts mentioned that the SOC may need a new projector and therefore must produce a budget.</p> | FW / PC PP |
| XC18/045 | <p>Minutes of Committee Meetings</p> <p>(i) Swimming Committee – 5 September 2018</p> <p>The coaches have requested that the County Age Groups are more elite. The entry times for 2019 have been made much harder and, therefore, the</p> | JE |

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| | <p>number of entries will be greatly reduced. Pam Crofts is anxious about the roll-on effect of reduced income.</p> <p>The Development Camp has approximately 30 swimmers booked. This is slightly lower than anticipated. The smaller clubs are not taking up the option as they are only invited to send one swimmer and they feel it would be too daunting for that swimmer to go on their own at 11. There are approximately 8 spaces. Two trainee coaches are also attending. The guest speaker is Para-Olympian, Ellie Simmonds. A Team Manager 1 course is also running in the morning.</p> <p>Inter-Counties: Karin Vazirani is to be team manager. Marianna Giordani will be a second team manager. The whole team has replied and all are going. The event will be streamed live on the British Swimming website.</p> <p>Frances Prentice queried if the pools had been booked for the Championships. Leah Pullen confirmed that Southbury Road has been booked as a back-up but that Jeanette Edmiston is trying to get Guildford.</p> | |
| (ii) | <p>Swimming Officials – 19 August 2018</p> <p>Ralph Shortland has served notice on the County that he will stand down from this committee in the coming year. It was suggested that the numbers could be increased – there are currently 7 members (6 elected plus committee secretary).</p> | RS |
| (iii) | <p>Open Water</p> <p>Brian Kapp has produced a report of the results from this year – see attached.</p> | |
| (iv) | <p>Water Polo</p> <p>The Exec welcomed Fred Willey.</p> <p>Fred said that there were preparations for the 2018 London Swimming Inter-Counties Invitation Tournament for the U14 and U16 mixed events in November. He said that the entry fee is a maximum of £150 per event and there will probably be a maximum of 5 events in the year.</p> <p>Leah Pullen told Fred Willey that any news items for the website need to be sent to her and that Water Polo has its own page. Fred Willey said that he has someone who runs his club's website (Andy Rolle) and he will liaise with Leah and Andy.</p> | LP & FW |
| (v) | <p>Synchro</p> <p>Frances Prentice said that she had tried to get competition dates but nothing has been forthcoming.</p> <p>Frances had also spoken to Richard Whitehead. He agreed that most events were run by London Region because there were not enough clubs to support synchro at county level.</p> | |
| (vi) | <p>Diving</p> <p>Frances Prentice stated that this is a similar situation to synchro. There are only two clubs in the County and once Barnet Cophall Pool closes, this could reduce further.</p> | |

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| | It was suggested that this be raised with London Region to assist in moving forward with both synchro and diving in the County. | FP |
| XC18/046 | <p>Trophies</p> <p>Frances Prentice said that the current relay cups were not suitable for re-assignment. An alternative solution would be to re-use the 100IM cups. Pam Crofts pointed out that we could go back to using short-course pools at any time and, therefore, that event would be re-instated.</p> <p>Leah Pullen suggested that we purchase new cups – 7 are needed in total.</p> <p>Frances Prentice said that she and Phil will donate a cup for the Boy's 800f/s.</p> <p>Norman Edwards has confirmed he will donate a cup for the Men's 800f/s.</p> <p>Three cups will be in memory of past presidents: Maurice & Daphne Short, Mick Blunstone and Len Badcock.</p> <p>Frances will produce an updated report.</p> | |
| XC18/047 | <p>London Region</p> <p>The London Region ACM was very poorly attended with only four Middlesex delegates present. The ACM was preceded by the presentation of awards, all four of which went to Middlesex clubs:</p> <p>Jeff Cook Salver: Hackney Aquatics Athlete of Year: Rosie Rallings, Aquavision Flo Barnes: Isabella Rose and Aivian Durcan, Hackney Aquatics Dave Barnes: John Lake, West London Penguins</p> <p><u>Mayor of London's Draft Strategy for Sport in London</u></p> <p>Bob Bloomfield raised this issue and gave a quick overview.</p> <p>Swimming is not mentioned in the Mayor's Strategy. Swimming pool is only mentioned once! There is a set of 10 questions and London Region is going to write a response. London Region stated that it would prefer more letters to go in rather than submitting one combined response.</p> <p>Bob is happy to draft something. The letter has to be in by 12 October. If the letter is coming from the County, then it has to cover all disciplines. It should also cover pools, pool time, lane availability, lack of deep water etc.</p> | BB |
| XC18/048 | <p>County Awards</p> <p>Nominations were made for the Ron Turner and Van Beets Trophies.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to award both trophies to Emma Cogni of Otter Ladies.</p> <p>There were no nominations for the Van Beets boys' trophy.</p> | |
| XC18/028 | <p>AOB</p> <p>None.</p> | |

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| | Meeting closed at 9.55pm Next meeting is <u>Thursday, 18 October 2018</u> at Perivale Community Centre – 7pm | |

Signed:

Date:

Frances Prentice – President

OPEN WATER REPORT 2018

Our major event this year was the London Region Open Water Championships on 30 June. The day dawned with clear blue skies and a light wind. Conditions at Surrey Docs produced a water temperature in excess of 20 degrees which negated any controversy about swimsuits or wetsuits.

The entry from our County consisted of 9 Middx clubs out of the 26 entered from the Region. This resulted in 50 swimmers competing against the overall entry of 161.

Success came from across the range of events and age groups. Our haul of regional medals was, again, very impressive:

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| 2K | 12 yrs | Diana Bernetskaya | Gold |
| | | Billy Bainbridge | Gold |
| | 13 yrs | Betsy Griffith | Bronze |
| | | Daniel Drienovsky | Silver |
| | 14-16 yrs | Ella Train | Gold |
| | | Emily Whitmore | Silver |
| | 19-24 yrs | Josh Kirlow | Gold |
| | 25+ yrs | Jessica Needham | Silver |
| | | Ambro Finotello | Bronze |
| 3K | 14 yrs | James Harrington | Silver |
| | | Joe Overton | Bronze |
| | | Ella-Rose Walton | Bronze |
| | 15 yrs | Dillon Chana | Silver |
| | | Cara O'Toole | Gold |
| | | Emily Driver | Bronze |
| | 16-18 yrs | Amelia Field-Gould | Gold |
| 5K | 16 yrs | Tom Park | Gold |
| | | Kelton Ryland | Bronze |
| | 17-18 yrs | Rohan Vazirani | Gold |
| | 40+ | Jesse Kelly | Gold |

A total of 20 medal out of the 52 awarded.

Full results of the competition can be found on the Region's website under "News".

Competition for the Middlesex County Open Water Championship was held in conjunction with this event. Swimmers were presented with medals by our County President as follows:

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| 2K | 12 yrs | Diana Bernetskaya | Gold | Hillingdon |
| | | Aoifa O'Leary | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Billy Bainbridge | Gold | Teddington |
| | 13 yrs | Jamie Ismatullaev | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Jacob Sennis | Bronze | Ealing |
| | | Betsy Griffith | Gold | Chelsea & Westminster |
| | | Emma Ortiz | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Poppy Kreuzer | Bronze | Teddington |

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| | | Daniel Drienovsky | Gold | Barnet |
| | | Alexander Williams | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | James Brady | Bronze | Teddington |
| | 14-16 yrs | Ella Train | Gold | Ealing |
| | | Emily Whitmore | Silver | Ealing |
| | 19-24 yrs | Josh Kirlow | Gold | Enfield |
| 3K | 14 yrs | Ella-Rose Walton | Gold | Teddington |
| | | Madison Taylor | Silver | Hackney |
| | | James Harrington | Gold | Hillingdon |
| | | Joe Overton | Silver | Enfield |
| | | Ahaan Saini | Bronze | Barnet |
| | 15 yrs | Cara O'Toole | Gold | Hillingdon |
| | | Emily Driver | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Suki Griffiths | Bronze | Chelsea & Westminster |
| | | Dillon Chana | Gold | Hillingdon |
| | | Luca Martin-McKevitt | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Jordan Hui | Bronze | Hillingdon |
| | 16-18 yrs | Amelia Field-Gould | Gold | Enfield |
| 5K | 16 yrs | Kelton Ryland | Gold | Haringey |
| | | Joanne Neal | Silver | Hillingdon |
| | | Tom Park | Gold | Teddington |
| | 17-18 yrs | Rose Pepperday | Gold | Haringey |
| | | Rohan Vazirani | Gold | Ealing |
| | 30-39 yrs | Vito Palladino | Gold | WL Penguins |
| | 40+ | Jesse Kelly | Gold | WL Penguins |

Those that gained the first three Regional places in each event / eligible age group were advised to Swim England for inclusion in the National Championships which were held at Rother Valley (near Sheffield) on 28/29 July 2018.

This resulted in 11 competing in what proved to be a very tough event. Whilst our swimmers appeared to finish well down the field, overall once the results had been categorised into age groups, the situation was revised dramatically.

The results were as follows based on their age groups:

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| 2K | 12 yrs | Diana Bernatskova (34.14mins) | 21 st | Hillingdon |
| | 13 yrs | Brandon Biss (27.42mins) | 10 th | Camden |
| | | Daniel Drienovsky (28.14mins) | 17 th | Barnet |
| 3K | 14 yrs | James Harrington (38.26mins) | 5 th | Hillingdon |
| | | Joe Overton (41.13mins) | 18 th | Enfield |
| | 15 yrs | Cara O'Toole (40.35mins) | 5 th | Hillingdon |
| | | Emily Driver (40.50mins) | 9 th | Hillingdon |
| 5K | 16 yrs | Kelton Ryland (75.42mins) | 20 th | Haringey |

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| | Tom Park (69.56mins) | 14 th | Teddington |
| 17-18 yrs | Rohan Vazirani (67.15mins) | 20 th | Ealing |
| 19 yrs + | Jesse Kelly (71.10 mins) | 13 th | WL Penguins |

Bearing in mind that these swimmers were competing against the best of England and Wales, we must congratulate them for their achievements and trust that with encouragement from parents and coaches, we are able to perform even better next year.

Looking forward to Summer 2019.

Brian Kapp
Open Water Secretary