

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 22 July 2021

By Zoom

Those in attendance: Brian Kapp (President), Flo Barnes, Leah Pullen, Susie Breslin, Phillip Prentice, Frances Prentice, Gillian Neal, Colin Jones, Pam Crofts, Jeanette Edmiston, Jo Martin, Karin Vazirani, Andy Woska, Marc Barrot, Saranya Ramasamy, Tony Burton

Apologies for absence: Trevor Hyde, Fred Willey, Maria Abrams, Wayne Hirst

No:	Matter:	Action:
XC21/033	Brian opened the meeting at 7.35pm	
XC21/034	<p>Matters arising from Minutes</p> <p>Brian Kapp referred to the trophy secretary and confirmed that he and Jo Martin would be in conversation very soon regarding the handover of the role to Jo. He confirmed he is still chasing the return of one trophy from a swimmer who has changed clubs and will continue to try to make contact with her parents.</p> <p>Brian Kapp asked Jeanette Edmiston if she had managed to speak / make contact with the new coach at Hillingdon SC. Jeanette confirmed that she had spoken with Chris Reekie at the meet at Northolt and found him very helpful and accommodating. Seems problems regarding previous coach refusing to assist are no longer an issue.</p>	
XC21/035	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Gillian Neal received an e-mail from Kelly Stannard regarding London Strategy weekend in October. Brian Kapp confirmed he was willing to go and his name was passed to Kelly. Tony Burton said that as he had attended for the preceding 4 years, he would also like to attend, just the meeting, and Gillian confirmed she would send his details to Kelly too. <u>GN sent e-mail to Kelly on 23.07.21 to request TB be allowed to attend meeting. Kelly has confirmed that is fine.</u></p> <p>Maria Abrams sent GN an e-mail to say she was already booked on another meeting so would not be able to attend but she wanted GN to let the Exec know that there had been a few reports of swimmers self-harming and this was something that she was dealing with. Pam Crofts queried whether Maria should be in contact with the welfare officers of all clubs in order to make them aware. It was generally thought this was a good idea.</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>MA</p>
XC21/036	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Nothing to add to the report provided by Phillip Prentice. Everyone was happy to accept the report as drafted.</p> <p>Gillian Neal asked if PP had managed to get any information from Sam Whitmore regarding high-interest accounts. PP confirmed that he had e-mailed SW but had not had a response. PP commented that Rishi Sunak (Chancellor) was bringing out new</p>	

	<p>investment accounts (Green Investment Bond) which would probably have a good interest rate and this was possibly something the County could invest in.</p> <p>Pam Crofts commented that, from PP's report, she was pleasantly surprised to see that the galas at Northolt and Southbury Road had made a small profit and not a loss. PP confirmed that the bill for Northolt was still to come in but we should still be at a profit. Leah Pullen stated, however, that that was not correct as there were still lots of refunds to be made due to Covid withdrawals so it was highly unlikely that a profit was made. LP also stated that she was spending most evenings trying to get the figures sorted. Andy Woska said that we will get the figures when we get them – LP should not rush to get them done. Ideally, we should just reflect at this meeting how the meet ran not worry about the figures at this time.</p> <p>Phil Prentice confirmed to the County that a new asset had been acquired. A new laptop had to be purchased for Leah Pullen so she could run the meet. Exec agreed it had to be purchased and were happy with the speed it was purchased due to the £200 discount which was obtained.</p>	
<p>XC21/037</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Swimming Committee</u></p> <p>Jeanette Edmiston confirmed that she had not had time to produce a report from the meets at the weekend as yet. She commented that the committee wanted an “in person” debrief as soon as possible.</p> <p>JE commented that she was not sure how the autumn meet would run if we were still under the same or similar restrictions as we are now.</p> <p>The meet at Northolt overran as there were quite a few technical problems.</p> <p>Southbury Road ran very well. The manager was helpful and the Centre was clean and tidy. Unfortunately, subsequently two children had reported positive tests. Clubs and officials have been notified of the positive results.</p> <p>Overall, it was good to get the meets done and back into the swing of things.</p> <p>Brian Kapp confirmed that on Sunday he had to negotiate a smooth path for the children, which was done. He confirmed that the attitude of the staff was so much better.</p> <p>Leah Pullen confirmed that Northolt overran by approximately 1 hour 15 mins as the Centre staff would not let her in to set up before 12.40pm, which was not what had been agreed previously. Pam Crofts stated that the attitude of the Northolt staff left a lot to be desired. She also said that having the children in the gallery at Southbury Road gave a much better atmosphere. Also, the marshalls at both pools did a fantastic job in getting the swimmers to the poolside in a timely manner and should be commended for their hard work.</p> <p><u>Swimming Officials Committee</u></p> <p>Wayne Hirst had sent Minutes of their last meeting which had</p>	

	<p>been circulated.</p> <p>Tony Burton said that he was hoping to get some in person courses running in the autumn. Both J1 and J2 trainees currently do not have to have a final assessment. Course leaders can sign them off as qualified. He also confirmed that Andy Dixon is still waiting to have his referee's practical assessment. Andy Woska has been in contact and a couple of attempts have fallen through. Looking likely that it will not be done until the autumn now.</p>	
XC21/038	<p>London Region</p> <p>Nothing from Ralph.</p> <p>Flo Barnes confirmed that the AGM is in September and will be by Zoom.</p> <p>Gillian Neal confirmed that the County's nomination of FB to be President Elect due to her previous time being cut short was welcomed by London and accepted.</p>	
XC21/039	<p>Welfare</p> <p>As previously mentioned, Maria Abrams just wanted the County to be aware of increased numbers of self-harming at the moment.</p>	
XC21/040	<p>AOB</p> <p>(i) Colin Jones wanted to let the County know about the demise of Sea-Byrds. He said that the loss of their home pool (William Byrd) in March 2020 started the problem. There was no possibility of the pool re-opening at all which meant that 85% of their pool time was lost. They tried to hang on until the level 4 lockdown at Christmas. When things re-opened, Botwell pool only gave the club one session a week – hence swimmers were lost. There were too many negatives against the club with no positives at all. He has managed to find members new clubs: Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow have taken swimmers. <u>To date some former members have joined Hillingdon. Details provided to former members on Ealing & Hounslow for them to consider if these clubs might be of interest to them.</u> Very sad but probably not the only club to have had to close.</p> <p>(ii) Tony Burton said that he completed his complete review of the Constitution in February and that Gillian Neal had re-formatted the document to make it easier to read. TB asked for the draft to be sent out to everyone now as it has to be sent to London Region to be agreed and the ACM is creeping up on us. Brian Kapp said that he was still waiting to get assistance from someone on a few points and he will try and chase this again next week. If BK does not get this resolved, then GN is to send it out. Phil Prentice commented that he needs to make changes regarding the limit on spending from £2,000 to £12,000. He has already made the change with the bank but this needs to be reflected in the Constitution. TB said that he should make the change with the draft comes out. TB said that that comment was meant for everyone – please read the draft and let him have any comments quickly.</p> <p>(iii) Flo Barnes said that she was late to the meeting as she had</p>	<p>BK</p> <p>GN / TB</p> <p>All Exec</p>

	<p>been attending another meeting in relation to keeping the Perivale Library open. The point of that was that the library had rooms which they would hire out. Possible new venue for face-to-face meetings?</p> <p>(iv) Flo Barnes asked whether anyone wanted a printed version of the 2021 handbook, which was now ready to go on the website. Everyone agreed that a printed version was not necessary and a copy should be kept in the archive system we have in place.</p> <p>(v) Frances Prentice asked what the plans were for the Len Badcock meet – was it still planned for the autumn? Brian Kapp confirmed that it was not looking good at the moment and no date had been set. The situation was still too fraught for the swimmers likely to attend – most of them are classed as vulnerable. BK is in close talks with a medical professional with regard to this meet and will keep the Exec updated. In this regard, Flo Barnes confirmed that Marie Badcock had now moved to Devon in order to be closer to her daughter.</p>	<p>FB</p> <p>BK</p>
	There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 8.27pm	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 9 September 2021 @ 7.30pm via Zoom Any changes will be notified.</p>	

Signed _____ Date _____

President