



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19th May 2022

By
Zoom

Item		Action
	<p>Those in attendance:- Pam Crofts (President), Phillip Prentice, Leah Pullen, Flo Barnes, Maria Abrams, Colin Jones, Brian Kapp, Trevor Hyde, Sam Whitmore, Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Jo Martin, Frances Prentice, Suzette Muhammad, Fred Willey, Marc Ballot, Ann O'Leary.</p> <p>Apologies for absence:- Gillian Neal, Karin Vazirani, Susie Breslin, Tasha Coupland, Charlotte Lea, Jeanette Edmiston, Andy Woska, Ian Woollard</p>	
	<p>The President opened the meeting and mentioned that Items 8 -17 on the Agenda were meant for the next Swimming Committee meeting.</p>	
<p>XC22/023</p>	<p>Minutes of last meeting.</p> <p>Minutes agreed as accurate as they had been circulated</p>	
<p>XC22/024</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>LAC response Leah was asked to clarify the response. We have two weekends booked for the championships next year - January 14/15 and March 5/6. Leah will confirm which is at LAC, the other is Hillingdon.</p> <p>Open Water. Brian was asked to confirm the Open Water event which LR are joining with East Region. Date 10th July in Norfolk. Southern Region is running an event in Chichester on 17th July and we have been invited to attend. Times at this event will not qualify for Nationals.</p> <p>Overseas trip Confirmed as attending a Scottish International meet in Aberdeen. Chris has selected the team, Sharon Austin is Team Manager and is liaising with Chris re travel arrangements. There was some discussion re the voucher we have with BA but it was decided to let Sharon investigate prices with EasyJet and do some comparisons. Accommodation is booked at the University. Trevor asked where they fly from and if we would require a coach but Pam said that usually the team meet at the airport wherever it is.</p>	

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	<p>Inter-Counties competition Sofia confirmed that it will be held on 2nd October 2022 in Sheffield Leah confirmed that the coach, hotel and use of the Loughborough University pool have been booked.</p> <p>Coaches Passes Flo confirmed that the request for passes was now coming via the web-site and is much easier. The passes were completed for the first day and 3 more were ready for this weekend.</p>	
XC22/025	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>None from Gillian</p> <p>Pam had received an email from Andy Woska identifying 4 points.</p> <p>1.Item on the minutes. From the replies of the Coaches survey, there had been some adverse comments about the Open Meet we were organising but it was agreed that although there was no misrepresentation intended, it is inappropriate to identify actual names and Gillian will be asked to amend this on the previous minutes. Trevor asked, if as the minutes had been agreed, was this possible. Pam said technically, it wasn't but because the email had been received after the minutes had been agreed and had made a valid point, it should be allowed.</p> <p>2 Andy had spoken to a couple of coaches and there appeared to be some disquiet about the number of meets the County was offering. Pam answered this by saying that a questionnaire had been sent to 40 clubs asking for their views after we had to cancel the Spring Development There had been 19 replies (some from the same club as junior coaches had been included) and Leah had collated the replies which would be discussed at the Swimming committee meeting. Pam said it was difficult to get all the coaches together for a meeting. Sam suggested that maybe it would be possible by zoom. Agreed to follow up this idea.</p> <p>The replies ranged from 'we are doing a good job to not so good'. Some clubs would like us to do more for the elite swimmers, this will be discussed but may be for the region to address this</p> <p>3 Clash with Masters meet, Andy was asking how this happened. Leah replied that she had only received the date of the Masters after the Open meet dates had been agreed and circulated to clubs and the licence received.</p> <p>4. Finally Andy mentioned that other Counties only run Championships and that we do far more. That is good but perhaps we could do better!</p>	
XC22/026	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Phil had sent the up-to-date figures and said that we were in a better situation from the last couple of years due to the success of the Open Meet. Pam commented that as this was good, we should not need to put up entry prices this year.</p>	

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	<p>He said that the Spring Development, which had been cancelled, was obviously not popular with the coaches. Sam said as the Open Meet was successful, should we consider running a similar meet in May next year. Leah said that she was suggesting that the October meet be Open so that 9 year olds could enter and she would give preference to County swimmers. Agreed that the Swimming committee should discuss a May meet next year. Phil suggested we run at level 2. Sofia asked if 1st come 1st served would be considered as C & W had a lot of rejections at one meet and therefore had not entered this one. Leah said that she and Chris were discussing a 4 day meet which would lessen the number of rejections.</p> <p>Phil also asked for confirmation that we had agreed for Sam to take over as Assistant Treasurer, be on the mandate and accepted as a trustee.</p> <p>This had been agreed at the ACM.</p>	
<p>XC22/027</p>	<p>Standing Committees</p> <p>Water Polo</p> <p>Trevor reported that the Water Polo Nationals had taken place in Coventry and Otter ladies had participated.</p> <p>Men's champions were Manchester, Women's were Liverpool</p> <p>Artistic</p> <p>No report but Charlotte was at training so assumed something is happening.</p> <p>Diving</p> <p>No report but Pam said that Richard had a waiting list at Haringey so again something is happening in the County</p>	
	<p>Swimming</p> <p>All covered in previous items</p> <p>SOC</p> <p>No meetings recently but Pam reported that the committee needs some new members.</p> <hr/> <p>Open water</p> <p>Brian reported that a Development Day in Chigwell had taken place but with minimal attendance because the venue was not very appealing.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam bought up the issue of personnel to do various jobs. <p>Yet again it is being left to a few people to run the meets.</p> <p>We need the clubs to take more part in helping.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that a greater effort has to be made to recruit new members.</p> <p>Pam to bring the President's chain to the Open meet and make an appeal. Brian is willing to talk to parents in the gallery.</p> <p>Any other suggestions as to how we tackle this problem to the next meeting please.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.25pm</p> <p>Next meeting is Wednesday 13th July 2022 at Perivale Residents Association HQ, Horsenden Lane South, Perivale – 7.15 pm</p>	

Signed..... Date.....