



Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

(www.middlesexswimming.com)

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 26 Sept 2023

Via
Zoom at 7.30pm

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	<p>Those in attendance: - Jeanette Edmiston (Chairperson), Colin Jones (President), Pam Crofts, Leah Pullen, Andy Dixon, Brian Kapp, Flo Barnes, Ann O’Leary, Jo Martin, Evelyn Ingleton</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Gillian Neal</p>	
	<p>No current Secretary of the committee so CJ volunteered to take the minutes</p>	
	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting 27/6/23</p> <p>JE- Nothing to add to the previous meeting minutes, number of topics discussed then were also on this evening’s agenda.</p>	
	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>JE Together with CJ a meeting was held with Chris Parker at Hillingdon Pool on July 19- Try and agree a number of points to avoid any confusion/issues developing at or around the planned county championship weekend in early February 2024.</p> <p>Parking Arrangements – Chris P to provide permits for each day, ideally circa 40 which could be used by officials- distribution to individuals would need to be agreed by the executive.</p> <p>Depending on numbers of officials/volunteers attending some might need to pay for parking and claim back on expenses afterwards.</p> <p>Chris P aware a new app for parking is being developed but might not be ready in time – currently cash or card can be used for payment.</p> <p>Chris P trying to have the current arrangement of a 4hour time limit on parking with no return for 1 hour lifted.</p>	

Pool Hire- Venue booked- Currently 7AM to 7PM- Blocks at one end only – Current quote for hire is £8142- this excludes a potential increase TBC by the operator which will not be known until November. The costs of lost lessons will not be established until nearer the time but Chris believes it should be lower than the cost in 2023. Chris would look to invoice MCASA in 2 stages – hire then lost lessons costs.

Swimshop/Other concessions – Chris has no issues with outside companies being present – assumption is that they will be positioned in the venue as per 2023.

Catering Outlet will be open until 8PM- JE for information purposes trying to get quotes on official's lunches/other refreshments options.

Entry Times- Chris P- Nearer the time could we confirm to him planned entry times for Officials-Swimmers-Spectators

Sundry Equipment Requirements – Short summary to be provided – chairs/tables required- Number and positioning within the pool area/upstairs in the foyer/within the outside creche facility.

Hillingdon SC- Contact and confirm hire arrangements and costs as in previous years.

Spectators- Venue holds 380 in total, 84 on the upstairs gallery but assumption is only one section downstairs will be open to the public- rest required by clubs.

Autumn County Qualifier

LP- Interest much lower than hoped for – entries total circa £9K

11 clubs confirmed non-attendance – Various reasons – Planned alternative galas taking place in Middlesex etc

Revised start/anticipated close of gala to reflect confirmed entry circulated.

LP-Potentially in the spring move away from the traditional weekend gala format to 2 single days with a gap in between which might generate more interest.

PC- Depending on circumstances on the day a potential J2S assessment may take place.

Concerns raised on the number of confirmed officials to date.

JE/JM- Work on recreating the Whatsapp group previously held by Marc B for club volunteer co-ordinators.

Other general points raised:

LP-Initial coaches forum meeting via zoom organised by Gerry from Enfield only attracted 3 participants- very disappointing.

Brief discussion on how best to try and attract new volunteers onto the Swimming Committee- agreed where necessary co-opt as required between now and the ACM.

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	<p>Development Camp 2023/24</p> <p>LP-Confirmed attendees with exception of representative's from Eaton Square, 1 boy from Chelsea & Westminster/1 boy from Teddington.</p> <p>Lack of response to date on names of coaches who may be attending to support their members.</p> <p>Other details in hand- venues, programme for the day(s) being developed.</p> <p>Inter Counties 2023</p> <p>LP- Team now finalised – 28 swimmers, 2 coaches, 3 TM's, GN to represent Middlesex president.</p> <p>AD-Not now able to travel as an official due to work commitments. Agreed Harrow would be approached to check for possible alternative individuals who might have been travelling to support the event anyway to see if they could stand in.</p> <p>County Championships 2024</p> <p>Hillingdon- Points covered previously.</p> <p>LAC- LP- Venue booking confirmed – Security/First aid attendance TBC- Reviewing options on first aid cover. Other details in progress.</p> <p>LP-Looking to use County Coaching team to agree the programme running order (to include all 50M events).</p> <p>LP- Deadline for receipt of entries into the competition now extended to 24 December 2023.</p> <p>JM-Permission to order permanent trophies for 2024 County Championships- AGREED</p> <p>JM- Initiated debate on presentation of individual/team trophies in 2024- following Swimming Executive meeting in June- take all to regional event? - Continue as in 2023 to take as required to individual clubs? – No clear decision- Carry forward to next meeting.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>LP-Banner to take to Inter-Counties? Should be one in the store.</p> <p>BK-Received results from the National Open Water event in July- Working through them to provide a small summary of success by Middlesex swimmers for the web site.</p> <p>CJ- Van Beets Nominations – Process for identifying recipients?</p> <p>Following discussion 2 names put forward for the boy's trophy- Once upper age limit on the award is checked put name(s) forward for ratification at the Executive Meeting on October 10.</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 8.45PM Next Meeting Tuesday October 24 (Zoom)</p>	

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