

## Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

### Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2021

#### via Zoom

**Those in attendance:** Leah Pullen, Gillian Neal, Chris Reekie (County Coach), Flo Barnes, Pam Crofts (acting Chair), Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Karin Vazirani, Brian Kapp

**Apologies for absence:** Jeanette Edmiston, Wayne Hirst

No:	Matter:	Action:
1	Agreed that PC would Chair the meeting. Meeting opened at 7pm. Minutes from previous meeting were agreed	
2	<u>Hats</u> Possibly order 4 colours with multi-coloured lettering. Agreed to not have the date on the hats.	<b>LP</b>
3	<u>County Championships</u> GN apologised to Chris Reekie (CR) for the County going against his recommendations to stick with the Championships being short course at Southbury Road and the County booking Hillingdon Pool. PC explained why the booking was taken – had tried for over 10 years to get the pool. Also, London Region assisted the County in getting the booking. CR said it would be beneficial to have long course for the swimmers. He said he was confused about the change 2 weeks after agreeing to stay short course. He now understands why the change was made. LP said that we need to get contact details regarding who our contact will be at Hillingdon Pool, who raises invoices, who runs the AOE and how much it will cost. GN suggested it would be Richard Shires and Roger Collings running the AOE. CR said that the pool should be getting new blocks at some point with wedges. Told Chris that the County has its own ledges. PC thinks they are with Bob Bloomfield as he would take them home and dry them.	
4	<u>Spring Development Meet</u> LP wants to keep the same programme. PC asked for dates if it is going to be at Southbury. LC confirmed we have dates – just need to start later on the Saturday due to swimming lessons: 12pm. Will start at 9.30am on Sunday. BK spoke to Southbury manager (Chris). LC said she spoke to Mr Twiggins and the refund is all sorted. BK said that the manager (Chris) admitted he was a long way behind on his e-mails. PC said that CR will have a look at the times for the Spring Development. We should use the County time as the upper limit.	

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5	<p><u>Len Badcock</u></p> <p>Barnet is booked for Len Badcock. We will have 2 lands in the training pool for swim down. Unfortunately no café so we will have to bring their own food. As it is a 10am start, may be able to do a pick-up from Wenzels.</p> <p>CR is happy to let the meet run as it always has as he does not have much of a background in disability swimming.</p> <p>BK said we attract swimmers from all over country so it is a popular event.</p>	
6	<p><u>County Qualifier – October 2022</u></p> <p>PC said we should run it with the same programme as this year.</p> <p>CR said he did not go but he thought it was a bit restrictive. Swimmers were going for 1 swim rather than the whole weekend.</p> <p>SMW said that the times should be more flexible – possible too fast for the current age group as they have to qualify for the age group up.</p> <p>PC said we have the upper time limit only but have the right to scratch if over-booked.</p>	
7	<p><u>Suitable Pools</u></p> <p>PC said that Southbury Road is very much on one side of the County and was it worth looking in to other options.</p> <p>CR said that Hillingdon SC were struggling to get Hillingdon Pool to agree to the meets for the club.</p> <p>BK said that there is a new pool in Hackney. Unfortunately, no parking and it is inside the ULEZ zone. Public transport to it is not good either.</p> <p>Excel Pool – LP said that their timing system is not working and they are unlikely to fix it.</p> <p>Swiss Cottage – better for transport, no parking and inside ULEZ zone.</p> <p>Barnet – they have put up their numbers to 250 on poolside but that includes officials, swimmers, coaches etc. At the last meet, the gallery was full.</p>	
8	<p><u>Trophies</u></p> <p>We will not be presenting trophies at the Championships. The four County Coaches will go to each club and present the trophies. Idea is to get them engraved before being presented.</p> <p>CR is happy with this idea.</p>	CR

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9	<p><u>Development Camps</u></p> <p>No pools have been confirmed as yet but it is a no for Barnet.</p> <p>BK suggested Southgate Pool (run by Fusion). PC suggested the boys' school in Barnet – QE Boys. LP said she has sent an e-mail but heard nothing back as yet.</p> <p>GN suggested St Helen's in Northwood. LP said she would try them. CR will give LP the contact details.</p> <p>SMW asked how the swimmers are selected. CR said he was not sure how they were done before but it should be done on merit.</p> <p>PC stated that CR is in charge and how he wants to make the selection is up to him. She thinks she may have a letter which has been used in the past. She also said that she had never asked for a medical form before; 2 team managers would be needed; medical forms should now be requested. The team managers should be used to give the coaches a break at lunch.</p> <p>CR confirmed he had received some bits from London Region.</p> <p>LP asked if extra courses were going to be run in conjunction such as Team Managers, officials etc. PC confirmed it had not been discussed at the SOC – need to get the swimming bits sorted first. Get the day set up and then we'll have a better idea if we can get something else alongside.</p> <p>PC asked if Swim England had sent through a programme for the day. CR confirmed nothing received as yet.</p> <p>PC suggested that CR speak to Allan Thornton as she thinks Swim England had sent him some stuff before the lockdown.</p>	<p>CR / LP</p> <p>CR</p>
10	<p><u>Overseas / Team Trip</u></p> <p>LP and CR have been looking at Scottish and Irish competitions.</p> <p>CR said that there was nothing up on any Scottish websites.</p> <p>LP said she had been looking at other club websites to see if they are going anywhere and then backtracking to the meets.</p> <p>PC confirmed that the team is selected from the rankings and usually 28-34 swimmers are taken.</p> <p>It was confirmed to CR that to be selected for a County team, the swimmer must have taken part in a County competition during that year.</p>	
	<p><b>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm</b></p>	

<b>No:</b>	<b>Matter:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> <b>Wednesday, 19 January 2022 @ 7pm via Zoom</b>	

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair (Acting)