

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on 7 September 2022

via Zoom at 7.30pm

Those in attendance: Jeanette Edmiston (JE – Chair), Leah Pullen (LP), Gillian Neal (GN), Pam Crofts (PC), Brian Kapp (BK), Jo Martin (JM) and Chris Pullen ()

Apologies for absence: Karin Vazirani and Chris Reekie

No:	Matter:	Action:
	<p>JE opened the meeting at 7.30.</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting were agreed</p>	
1	<p>Matters Arising / Actions</p> <p>GN is to send an e-mail to Barnet re the lower fees for the Len Badcock meet. LP to give GN the e-mail addresses.</p> <p>We have been chasing for helpers for the October meet. JE has sent a note to clubs warning them the list will be coming out after the closing date.</p> <p>PC will send another letter encouraging people to come to the ACM to joining the Exec.</p>	<p>LP / GN</p> <p>JE</p> <p>PC</p>
2	<p>Autumn Dev Meet</p> <p>Everything has been done – just waiting for entries. Sam Whitmore is doing the catering.</p> <p>LP has again confirmed dates, timings and requirements to Southbury Road.</p> <p>BK has confirmed he will take the urn etc and lap cards. Someone else will need to bring milk.</p> <p>Officials – ask Sofia to collate officials for both weekends. GN to send e-mail to her. GN e-mailed Sofia and Sofia agreed to collate officials who had offered to help.</p>	<p>GN</p>
3	<p>2023 County Championships</p> <p>LP has sent the schedule out. All looks good. Team events are back in – 4x100f/s and 4x100 medley (open). Time needs to be allocated for presentations – conditions to be amended.</p> <p>Timing Equipment – need to take this to the Exec net week. Northolt is not looking to share the cost. The timing equipment and scoreboard will work everywhere except Southbury Road.</p> <p>BK said that if we were hiring the equipment out, we would need to have an equipment monitor. We could hire out radios, ledges as well as the timing equipment. Following the meeting, at the Exec meeting, the e-mail with the quotation was sent out. General consensus from the Exec was that it was too expensive as it would take approx. £27,000 out of County funds.</p>	

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4	<p>Inter-Counties</p> <p>The hotel has been booked in the wrong location! Premier Inn took it as Angel Islington rather than Angel Street, Sheffield. A new hotel has been found but it is 2.5 miles from Ponds Forge. The coach company has agreed to take the team to the pool.</p> <p>The team has been selected.</p> <p>Following the meeting, Chris Reekie handed in his notice with immediate effect (22.09.22) which left us in the lurch. C&W coach, Lisa, stepped in to take his place. Awaiting a report from Sharon as to how the team / trip went.</p>	
5	<p>County Coach Update / Development Days</p> <p>With regard to the training camps, did we have any update? Chris Pullen was not sure as he had not heard from Chris Reekie.</p> <p>LP – Hillingdon Pool was having problems with the 2 swim sessions. LP is trying to get hold of Chris Parker (manager) as the message he left was garbled. The first date is in November.</p> <p>Chris Pullen (CP) did not know whether swimmers have been selected. He will start to get some names together.</p> <p>PC queried whether the coaches get paid. Gues speakers get paid but no idea as to how much. CP asked what the budget was. PC said to ask Phil what was paid last time. She thinks the coaches were given £60 for the day but no idea about the speakers. We will need to go back to 2019. Suggested that Allan Thornton may remember.</p> <p>JE said that CP should report back at the next meeting.</p>	CP
6	<p>Expanding Committee</p> <p>The Chair and Secretary do not have to be re-elected if they are happy to stand again.</p> <p>Jo Martin is to be co-opted onto the committee.</p> <p>JM said that the only club to send her receipts for the trophies was Anaconda. Other clubs have given their receipts to other committee members. PC said she got the coaches to sign a receipt. PC still has Brompton's trophies – they did not want them. BK said he still has Hackney's trophies. Ealing trophies are still in the store.</p> <p>BK has confirmed he will collect in the trophies.</p> <p>With regard to getting people to deal with specific jobs, JE said that we need to say what the job is and it entails. Suggested jobs needing covering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Officials – getting and collating before meets; 2 Non-tech volunteers – getting and collating before meets; 3 Trophies (if continue to use); 4 Medals – ordering and ensuring they are taken to meets; 5 Catering / refreshments : tea, coffee water etc 	

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	<p>6 Front of house marshal – letting in swimmers / spectators</p> <p>Suggested that the front of house could be covered by the clubs attending.</p>	
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>BK said he has just had his second cataract operation and it is difficult for him to see. The majority of swimmers who qualified for the open water nationals went. He will go through the results when his eyesight is better.</p> <p>LP said she had talked to Jean Scott regarding Swim England putting licensing meets on hold. Jean told LP that SE are re-drafting the licensing officers' duties. Licence issuing is suspended until new guidelines are issued. LP confirmed that we do not currently have the licence for 2023 County Championships. Following the meeting, it was revealed that from 2023, all L1 and L2 meets MUST have a second strobe. LP has looked into getting one for the County and this has been ordered with 30m of cabling to cover a 10-lane pool.</p> <p>PC suggested LP chase Swim England as we have to have the licence. JE suggested speaking to Tony Burton to see if he knows any more about the suspension.</p> <p>FB said that there was a typo in the list of jobs – it should refer to meet manager.</p>	BK
	<p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.47pm</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Monday, 10 October 2022. Via Zoom at 7.30pm</p>	

Signed _____

Date _____

Chair

Dear Gillian and Middlesex Swimming

It is with disappointment that I am resigning from my position with Middlesex Swimming with immediate affect.

I have also just resigned from Hillingdon Swimming Club. This decision was completely personal and private and not an easy decision to make.

The announcement was sent out to Hillingdon last night and so I am now able to send this through to you and the rest of the committee.

I apologies for this being short notice and I know there are a number of things coming up that I was supposed to be doing with the county.

I hope that you and the rest of the committee can understand my decision and I wish you and the swimmers within Middlesex all the best for upcoming competition and the remainder of this season.

With leaving Hillingdon Swimming club my email address will no longer be monitored and so won't be able to reply to any further emails.

Chris Reekie