

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

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Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 22nd November, 2012

Those present: -

Norman Edwards (The President & Heston SC), Trevor Hyde (PP & Ealing), Ralph Shortland, (PP) David Barnes,(PP & Ealing), Ian Woollard(PP & Barnet Copthall) John Whelan, (PP), Andy Woska (Barnet Copthall SC), Tony Burton (Brent Dolphins), Florence Barnes, (Ealing SC), Stephen Baker (W London Penguins), Wayne Hirst (Ruislip & Northwood Masters), Denis Collen, Suzette Muhammed (Harrow S C), Gina Hobson (Otter), Colin Jones, Gillian Neal(Sea Byrds SC), Richard Lerman (Haringey Aquatics) and for the Presentations - Gill Turner, Albie Duffy, Paul Duffy & Dominic McLaughlin.

1. Convening the Meeting

The President, Norman Edwards, opened the meeting.

Gill Turner, then presented the A Van Beets trophy for outstanding achievement in Water Polo in 2012 to Albie Duffy. Stephen Baker read out the citation, which documented Albie's work and achievements in the GB squad, that led to him being nominated for the Award.

The President then presented the President's Plate for 2012 to Florence Barnes for her work as County Secretary.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Maria Abrams, Len Badcock, Susie Breslin, Pam Crofts ,Vernon Davies, Charlotte Hedge, Daphne Short, Maurice Short, Hugh Turner, Katie Ward (Hackney Aquatics)

Dave Barnes gave a brief update on the health of Vernon Davies and Mick Blunstone.

3. Minutes of last Council Meeting – November 24th 2011

Proposed by Trevor Hyde and seconded by Andy Woska. Adoption of the minutes was agreed unanimously

4. Matters arising –

There were no matters arising

5. Report of the Executive 2011/12

The President commented that it could be seen that from the reports, the County had been very successful in the various disciplines this year and he was particularly delighted with the revival of the Diving section and congratulated Richard Lerman in making this possible. A very successful Diving competition had been held in October with clubs from within the County and a couple from outside and medals were awarded for both the Open and Closed sections.

Adoption of the Report was proposed by Gillian Neal, seconded by Trevor Hyde, and agreed unanimously after noting the following comments:

- An Addition to the Water Polo report of the extra members who had volunteered to help at the Olympics.
- Charlotte Hedge had sent a message that the Synchro Clubs in the County and Region are improving so she is hopeful that more development work will take place next year.
- Andy Woska asked for mention in the Report of the achievements of 2 swimmers from Barnet Copthall , Anum Bandey who represented Pakistan in the Olympics and James O'Shea who was 4th in the final of the SB5 100m Breaststroke event in the Paralympics.

- Gina Hobson also asked for mention of Susannah Rogers from Otter SC who was a medal winner in the Paralympics.
- John Whelan asked that a note be sent to Clubs asking them to keep the Secretary up-to-date with individual achievements within their clubs. The President added that individuals and clubs should also remember to claim County records when achieved.

6. Financial report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Norman Edwards said that he would try to answer any questions. Hugh, in his report, had said that the year's accounts were very similar to last year and that the finances of the County were very healthy.

John Whelan commented that the amount in the Current Account was rather large and from a security risk and to gain a little more interest, it would be better transferred to the Deposit Account. Norman to speak to Hugh about this.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by John Whelan and seconded by Colin Jones. The report was adopted unanimously.

7. Election of Officers, Office Holders and Executive for 2011/12

The President then installed Andy Woska as President for 2012/13. The new President then presented the Past President's Jewel to the Norman Edwards and Andy thanked and congratulated him on the amount of voluntary time and work he had done for the County in over 20 years and hoped that he would continue to be active for the County.

The new President then took the Chair.

There had only been one nomination for the posts and Andy read the list

President Elect - Tony Burton (Brent Dolphins SC)
Secretary – Flo Barnes (Ealing)
Assistant Secretary – Charlotte Hedge Seymour Synchro)
Hon Treasurer - Hugh Turner (Otters SC)
Assistant Treasurer – Norman Edwards
Swimming Competitions Co-ordinator – Leah Pullen (Ealing SC)
Secretary Masters Committee – Ian Woollard (Barnet Cophall SC)
Secretary Swimming Committee – Pam Crofts (Haringey Aquatics)
Secretary Swimming Officials Committee – Ralph Shortland (Harrow SC)
Secretary Synchronised Swimming Committee – Charlotte Hedge (Seymour Synchro)
Secretary Diving Committee – Richard Lerman (Haringey Aquatics)
Trophies Secretary – Sarah Miller (Haringey Aquatics)
Secretary Water Polo Committee – Trevor Hyde (Ealing SC)
Medical Officer – **Secretary to contact Dr David Sopher to see if he is still willing.**
Welfare Officer – Maria Abrams (Ealing SC)

The president asked if these persons should be elected en bloc. Agreed and all were elected unopposed unanimously.

The following posts remained vacant ;

Legal Advice Officer
Secretary Disability Committee.*
Norman mentioned that it is the duty of each discipline to encourage Disabled members to join in their Sections .

The following were elected to the Executive Committee

Wayne Hirst (Hillingdon SC), Susie Breslin (Barnet Cophall SC), Stephen Baker (West London Penguins & WPC), Colin Jones (Seabyrds SC), Gillian Neal (Seabyrds SC), Denis Collen(Harrow).

Dominic McLaughlin then arrived and the proceedings were halted so that the 2nd presentation could take place.

Gill Turner presented the 'Ron Turner Memorial Trophy' (donated by MCASA in his memory) to Dominic McLaughlin for being the most improved Junior Water Polo player of 2012

Stephen Baker gave a citation of Dominic's achievements throughout the year which was very impressive.

8. Constitutional Amendments

The President explained that the changes to the Rules were a tidying up procedure. Len Badcock, Trevor Hyde and Maurice Short had undertaken the job and Trevor was asked to comment on what they were recommending.

Trevor said that the Executive had asked for a revision of the Rules and that it was mainly a case of bringing them up-to-date and correcting the typo errors and grammar. He also said that this should be an on-going procedure and that members should bring to the notice of the Executive any issues in the County Rules which should be looked at.

Ralph asked why the Affiliations and Discipline Committees had been removed. After some discussion, it was agreed that these should be re-instated. The Acting Chairman and Regional Director have asked to meet with the Executive to discuss London Region issues which affect the County including affiliations.

Consequential amendments meant that the Affiliations Committee item should become (i) and the Discipline Committee item (j) and that the second paragraph of the Affiliations item should read 'The Committee shall **recommend approval** (or otherwise) affiliations. It shall also **recommend approval** (or otherwise) changes to the names of affiliated clubs'.

The amendments were proposed by Ralph Shortland and seconded by Dave Barnes. Agreed unanimously

The adoption of the amended Rules was proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Ralph Shortland. Agreed unanimously.

The issue of County Badges for Past Presidents and for anyone who qualified (see Rule 19) was mentioned and the Secretary agreed to look into getting some.

9 Appointment of Independent Examiners

It was unanimously agreed that Smith Malhotra Limited be appointed as the County's Independent Examiners for the forthcoming year. Proposed Andy Woska Seconded Wayne Hirst,/Denis Collen.

The President closed the meeting at 8.35pm

President