

MINUTES OF SWIM ENGLAND ESSEX AGM

Date: 19 January 2023
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Virtual meeting

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

Item		Action by
Attendees	Keith Bridge; Norman Edgell; Angela Eguakhide; Cheryl Ellis; Martin Fenner; Amanda Goodman; Jane Howell; Michael Laniyan; Kay McGuire, Neil McGuire, Lyndsey Motin, Phil Nice; Tim Rayner; Sandra Spooner; Helen Stephens; Henry Watkinson (Chair); Dan Watley; Richard Whitehead	
Apologies	Lisa Richard and Dean Walker	
1. Minutes of last meeting	HW took the chair and welcomed everyone to the AGM, noting it was slightly delayed from last year. Minutes of the AGM on 9 Dec 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record.	
2. Matters Arising	There were no matters arising from these minutes.	
3. To consider Annual Reports	LR annual report as Chair was distributed and shared on screen. Other reports were given verbally at this meeting. Officials – JH reported J1 online training going well and more people coming through. The online courses appear to make it easier for people to come forward and train. Welfare – CW reported that it had been a challenging year but we are moving in the right direction. Swimming Events – LM reported the winter champs were very busy and successful. We are trying to find an alternative pool for next year as we need an earlier start time. The coaches asked for a different programme of events for counties, so this has been actioned. All sessions are very busy.	
4. To approve the Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2022	- KB summarised the report which had been circulated prior to this meeting and explained that things are slowly returning to normal. We are showing a healthy balance of approx. £164,000. KB thanked Smith Accountancy for doing the accounts free of charge. Difficult to compare to previous year as due to covid things had not yet returned to normal. - MF queried why LAC is not being used when we have so much money in the bank? The cost of LAC for one day is in excess of £20k and it was decided this was too expensive. MF asked which coaches had been consulted in regards to change of programme – AE explained all coaches were approached. MF stated that it was important to find a 50 metre pool to allow the swimmers an opportunity to swim long course. Kent county hire LAC for all their championships. HW explained this will all be looked at and comments had been taken on board. AG queried the cost of pool hire and the amount charged for catering – AE explained we were tied in to using their catering and did not have a choice. It worked out at	

	£16.50 per head for catering at LAC. Entry amounts were slightly different at LAC to BSV. Spectators were charged £5 per day at LAC and by the session at BSV – this is because it is too difficult to clear the spectators gallery at LAC between each session. HW confirmed the committee will look into a long course option for 2024 championships – it is too late now for 2023. Proposal to approve the accounts by KM and seconded by NE.																																					
5. To appoint an Examiner for the accounts	The appointment of Smiths Accountancy Services on a pro bono basis was approved. Proposed by HW and seconded by CE. Thanks to Smiths Accountancy recorded by KB and the committee. CE thanked KB for producing the accounts and managing the finances on behalf of the county.	KB																																				
6. Proposed resolution of changes to the existing Constitution	There were no proposed resolutions to change the existing constitution.																																					
7. Election of Officers and Management Committee for 2023	At this point, the Committee stood down. HW thanked DW for his work as President this year and LR for her role as President Elect for the year. Phil Nice was welcomed to the role of President for 2023 and wish him the best of luck for the year ahead. There was only one nomination for posts shown below and two elected representatives. All nominations were duly approved. Proposed by CE and seconded by NE. <u>Officers</u> <table><tr><td>President</td><td>Phil Nice</td></tr><tr><td>President Elect</td><td>TBC</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Angela Eguakhide</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Keith Bridge</td></tr></table> <u>Section Managers</u> <table><tr><td>Swimming Manager</td><td>Helen Stephens</td></tr><tr><td>Diving</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>Synchronized Swimming</td><td>Laura Neary</td></tr><tr><td>Water Polo</td><td>Dean Walker</td></tr><tr><td>Disabilities</td><td>Chris Pagan</td></tr><tr><td>Masters</td><td>Doug Drake</td></tr><tr><td>Open Water</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>Swimming Events</td><td>Lyndsey Motin</td></tr><tr><td>Trophy Officer</td><td>Vacant</td></tr><tr><td>Officials</td><td>Jane Howell</td></tr><tr><td>Welfare</td><td>Cheryl Ellis</td></tr></table> <u>Other Elected Members of the Committee</u> <table><tr><td>Minutes Secretary</td><td>Sandra Spooner</td></tr><tr><td>Records Officer</td><td>Keith Bridge</td></tr></table> <u>Elected Representatives</u> <table><tr><td>Mrs Lisa Richards</td><td>Mr Michael Laniyan</td></tr></table>	President	Phil Nice	President Elect	TBC	Secretary	Angela Eguakhide	Treasurer	Keith Bridge	Swimming Manager	Helen Stephens	Diving	Vacant	Synchronized Swimming	Laura Neary	Water Polo	Dean Walker	Disabilities	Chris Pagan	Masters	Doug Drake	Open Water	Vacant	Swimming Events	Lyndsey Motin	Trophy Officer	Vacant	Officials	Jane Howell	Welfare	Cheryl Ellis	Minutes Secretary	Sandra Spooner	Records Officer	Keith Bridge	Mrs Lisa Richards	Mr Michael Laniyan	
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	<u>Co-opted Members</u> Jonathan Chan Web Manager HW asked if anyone is interested in vacant roles, please contact AE. HW welcomed everyone to the committee.	
8. Any other Business	AG asked if there were any plans for the £164k – could it be used for development of swimmers. HW explained that back in 2002 the county were almost bankrupt and since then had worked hard to maintain a healthy balance. Whilst not a profit making organisation, the committee have recently reduced costs of entries and set up a bursary fund of £30k to help the cost of training new coaches. AE to send AG details of bursary application. There is currently still £13k of this fund available for use. HW confirmed this was available across all disciplines, not just swimming. HW also confirmed that there is funding for the development programme for 11 year olds and also the Inter-Counties event at Sheffield is funded from this pot.	AE
9. Close	The meeting closed at 8.24pm. HW thanked everyone for their contributions. The Executive were asked to stay on the call for the first Management meeting of the year.	Comm