

Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues

Affiliated to ASA SER

Minutes of the AGM and Executive Committee held on the 7th February 2018 as a Conference Call, starting at 20.00pm. Meeting commenced 20.05 and finished 21.16 hours.

Attendees

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| Anne Lee | | (Andover) |
| Catherine Lewis | | (Sutton & Cheam) |
| Chris Lintott | Competition and Trophy Sec | (Hart) |
| David Brazil | | (Woking) |
| Dennis Miles | Competition Sec – Virtual Galas | (Hart) |
| Helen Reynolds | | (Haslemere) |
| Jeni Colborne | Treasurer/Welfare Officer | (Wey Valley) |
| Julie Roberts | | (Hart) |
| Ken Parry | | (Havant & Waterlooville) |
| Kilver | | (Basset JSB) |
| Lee Findell | | (Croydon Amphibians) |
| Nicola | | (Eastleigh) |
| Phil Rayner | | (Chichester) |

1. **Apologies Received from:** Sharon Chambers (Chairman), Rebecca Chambers (Secretary), Graham Cawte (Basset JSF).

2. **Minutes of the AGM on 15th March 2017.**

2.1. Accuracy

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

2.2. Matters arising:

None

3. **Correspondence**

3.1. ASA Membership

The secretary returned the membership for 2017 including Sharon Chamber's membership, prior to the 2017 AGM and following the meeting Rebecca Chambers membership was added. The 2018 membership has not been submitted.

3.2. South East Region

John Davies wrote asking for updated league rules and finance information to be provided to the region and on the web site in alignment with the regions requirements.

4. **New Rules and Byelaws**

The new 2018 rules and bylaws were distributed to all clubs along with the AGM agenda. They were discussed by the meeting and approved. They will be distributed again with these minutes and placed on the web site.

5. **Chairman's Report**

No chairman's report was available. Apologies received.

6. **Secretary Reports**

6.1. League

No secretary's report was available. Apologies received.

6.2. Welfare

Jeni reported that there no reportable issues in the last year. The league was notified of an issue with the new Fleet pool where two swimmers hurt their wrists finishing because of a small gutter just under the water surface. We were the first users to hold a galas there without the timing pads inserted. The information was passed to the pool management.

7. Finance

7.1. Treasurers Report

The League operates a competition cycle based on a calendar year; therefore, to aid comprehension of the financial position of the league, simple statements of income and expenditure for the last two calendar years (2016 and 2017) have been prepared (attached).

The recent finance policy has been to run at a deficit in order to reduce the inherited year-end balance in the league account (the reserve) from £10,000 towards a target of £5000. To achieve this objective, team entry fees for galas and spectator door prices were not increased, despite the rising costs of pool hire, and applications for grants encouraged. The attached income/expenditure statements indicate that the deficit policy is being achieved: in 2016 the deficit was £1013.68 and in 2017 it was £1,503.43 and the reserve going into the 2018 competition year was down to £7,782.38. The main differences between the two years were the lack of any grant applications in 2017 (one was paid to Hart in 2016) and the higher cost of the invite meet in 2017 compared to 2016.

Based on the above position, it was recommended to the competition secretary that the deficit policy should be maintained for one further year, therefore, the fees for entries to all competitions in 2018 are the same as for 2017.

For 2019, it is recommended that the fees should be increased; in particular, it is proposed that the fee for the Invite Meet should be increased from £60 to £100 and the fee for other galas should be increased from £10 to £15. The AGM was asked to approve this recommendation and this was approved.

The League has no assets, other than perpetual trophies and cash held in the bank account. Nominated clubs host all the galas. All information is disseminated by email or via the league website. No honoraria are paid to officers; only receipted itemized expenditure is reimbursed.

The income/expenditure statements with associated records were provided to Joan Swain (former treasurer of Surrey County ASA) for independent examination on 13th January. It is anticipated that her findings and recommendations will be available by 11 February.

Following presentation of the report a discussion took place on missing 2017 income. The executive committee informed members that they were aware of which gala receipts and membership fees were outstanding and were chasing clubs for them.

The meeting also discussed the spectator entry fees to gala which had remained unchanged for a long time, regardless of rising pool costs and it was agreed that the fees should be raised from £3 to £4.

7.2. Appointment of Independent Examiner

The appointment of Joan Swain as an independent examiner for 2018 was also approved.

8. 2018 League Programme and Competition Review

8.1. Competition Secretaries Report

In 2018 there continued to be a high number of withdrawals from galas due to other commitments. e.g:

Minor League round 1 – Gosport

Minor League round 2 – Sutton Atlantis, Andover

Rother League Round 3 – Sutton Atlantis

Junior Cup – Leatherhead, Beau Sejour, Alton, Hamble, Fareham B

The number of days available for H&SCL competitions continued to be a challenge this year. As the counties and open meets in Jan and Feb, the H&SCL dates are now restricted to Mar to Nov hence proposed rule changes relating to the H&SCL league year. Also helpers are busy in Nov so proposed AGM date change.

There was a real issue with pool bookings in 2017. The Gemini had to be split over two weekends due to pool availability. The short notice booking was the main issue for this. Also late in the year bookings we thought were firm turned out not to be and we were faced with three very short notice moves. A gala was moved from Fleet to Portsmouth, another from Fleet to Guildford and another from Godalming to Camberley.

In 2018 we took the decision to prioritise the multi-round competitions over the single round competitions to maximise entries. Most single round competitions are for similar age groups so anyone missing one can often choose another on another date.

In 2018, there are only sufficient entries for one division of the Minor League. This means the first round has no value as it normally is used to seed round 2. We could run it as a single round or give each round league points and sum them together. I will write to the teams who have entered and seek their opinion.

8.2. Gemini Trophies

In 2017 9 clubs entered (8 swam) and in 2018 we had 8 entries.

The 2017 winners were: Div 1 Woking, Div 2 Fareham, Div 3 Romsey & Totton, Div 4 and Div 5 not swum in 2017.

8.3. Premier League/Rother Trophies

This remained a popular competition and in 2017 with 19 entries, however this has dropped to 14 with one other team showing interest in swimming again this year, but they have not yet entered. This drop in entry is because this year's programme restored Rother League round 2 to June at the request of several clubs, which means the only available date for this competition clashes with the Sussex league.

The 2017 winners were: Premier League Div 1 Winchester, Premier League Div 2 not swum, Premier League div 3 not swum, Rother Junior Trophies East Haslemere and Rother Junior Trophies West Fareham.

In 2017 there are 19 entries.

8.4. Minor League.

In 2017 there were 11 entries, but only 10 swam, while in 2018 there are only 6 entries which is insufficient for the current two round format where round 1 seeds which group you swim in for round 2. The AGM discussed this issue and agreed the competition secretary should write to the 6 teams and ask if they want to swim a single round or swim two rounds and use a different format for scoring so that the two rounds act as league.

The 2017 winners were: Premier League Group 1 Haslemere, Premier League Div 2 Woking

8.5. Junior Cup

In 2017 19 teams entered and again in 2018 19 teams have entered.

The 2017 winners were: Junior cup Group 1 Winchester Black, Junior Cup group 2 Elmbridge, Junior cup Group 3 Romsey & Totton.

In 2017 there are 19 entries and no postal entries from the Channel Islands.

8.6. Rother League

In 2017 20 teams entered, while in 2018, 18 entries have been received and two more clubs have indicated they expect to enter again this year. Although it would have been possible to swim a similar format as 2017 using 8 lane pools for the east and west galas and three divisions rather than 4, the four division format has been chosen as several clubs in the east and west galas complained last year that the difference between the best teams and the rest in the 8 team east and west divisions was too wide.

The 2017 winners were: Rother League Div 1 Sutton & Cheam, Rother League East Div Haslemere and Rother West Div Havant and Waterlooville.

8.7. Virtual Competitions

At no cost to the League or participating Clubs, six League Competitions have been supplemented this year by a Virtual Results Table. This offered a concise set of the formal League gala time and overall places for direct interest to both coaches and swimmers; an event first-place in a 5 or 6-team gala can go to a nice enhancement of 'first' in an 18 or more team gala!

The Table has been accompanied by a Universal, Virtual swimmer, certificate to allow Clubs to acknowledge swimmer, or swimmer team, 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any of the 50 or so events; 240 or so medallist certificates in a competition round!

No complaints have been received.

For the coming year, therefore, it is proposed to continue the competition supplement, probably to apply a practical limit to the certificate awards, perhaps to just the bottom age-group events (an introduction to League swimming) with concession to all ages for the lower rank clubs. Personalisation of Winners Certificates by club or parent, with a swimmer photograph is also available; this is a unique opportunity, probably only through these Leagues.

A Squadron Relay Winners Certificate in photo or multi-name form, for up to ten swimmers, can also be provided.

Lastly can I remind our 'overseas' friends that Postal Competition, allowing gala swimming at their home pool thereby eliminating cost and administration of sea travel! This is offered in one or two galas in the Virtual supplement format. League and relevant Competition membership fees are applicable, plus gala times on or, better, before the mainland gala. League Membership will also be required.
Dennis: VG Gala Comp Sec.

8.8. Invitational Meet

2013 Woking ran the meet again this year. This returned a small profit to the league. 8 clubs entered but one withdrew.

9. Trophy Secretary Report

Since the last report the trophies are approximately in the same state. One trophy has been missing several years and a new shield was provided for the Junior Cup group 3.

- Gemini group2 silver cup not confirmed for 6 years was found at Waterlooville. I have no confirmation that Group 2 and 3 cups were passed to 2017 winners.
- Minor League group 1 trophy I have no confirmation that trophy was passed from Woking to Haslemere in 2017
- Premier League/Rother trophies, Premier Div 1 was retained by Winchester. Premier div 2 was not swum and trophy should still be with Winchester since 2015. Rother Junior trophies east trophy was presented to Haslemere, but Rother Junior trophies west shield was not presented to Fareham as it was still at Alton. I have no confirmation it has been passed on yet.
- Rother Lg Div 1, East and West - I have no confirmation that trophy was passed on in 2017
- Junior cup div1 and 2 trophies presented to winners, div 3 trophy – new trophy provided.
- Invitational meet. All the trophies were believed to be presented as expected but I have record of the winners

This main issue is getting clubs to report trophy being present and presentations as part of the results they return to the league.

10. By-Laws – proposed competition rule amendments

10.1. Should entry time restrictions for Rother League

A discussion was held on introducing entry times for the Rother League to restrict use of a clubs best swimmers, however the members again decided to keep the current status providing we try to minimise the use of 8 team east and west divisions.

A discussion was also held about the veterans race as sometimes the number of entries are limited, however again clubs wished to keep this as is.

11. Election of Officers

| <u>Post</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Seconded</u> |
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| Chairman | Sharon Chambers | Chris Lintott | Helen Reynolds |
| Vice Chairman | Graham Cawte | Chris Lintott | Jeni Colbourne |
| Treasurer | Jeni Colboure | (meeting approved continuation) | |
| Secretary | Rebecca Chambers | Chris Lintott | Helen Reynolds |
| Competition Sec | Chris Lintott (meeting approved continuation). Dennis Miles will continue to run the virtual gala) | | |
| Meet Secretary | David Brazil (Appointment agreed by Exec before the meeting) | | |
| Trophy Secretary | Chris Lintott (continuation approved) | | |

The following executive members were endorsed by the meeting.

Executive: Catherine Lewis, Sutton & Cheam

Executive Hon Life Member: Dennis Miles, Hart

12. AOB

No AOB received.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Provisional dates of future meetings:

The next AGM will be in first week of February 2019. The secretary will identify the best day and time to suit clubs.

The next Executive meeting will be decided by the executive committee.