

# Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues

Affiliated to ASA SER

Minutes of the AGM and Executive Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 as a Conference Call, starting at 20.00pm. Meeting commenced 20.05 and finished 20.58 hours.

## Attendees

Anne Lee		(Andover)
Cay Brockeorff		(Haslemere)
Chris Lee		(Farnham)
Chris Lintott	Competition and Trophy Sec	(Hart)
Chris Michael		(Wey Valley)
Debra Redpath		(Gosport)
Dennis Miles	Competition Sec – Virtual Galas	(Hart)
Gwen Clifford		(Alton)
Jeni Colborne	Treasurer/Welfare Officer	(Wey Valley)
Julie Roberts		(Hart)
Sharon Chambers		(H&SCL)

1. **Apologies Received from:** Stewart Crowe and John Molyneaux (Fareham), Ken Parry (Waterlooville), David Brazil (Woking) and Louise Fletcher (HSCL Exec Member/Alton).

2. **Minutes of the AGM on December 2013.**

- 2.1. **Accuracy**

- The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

- 2.2. **Matters arising:**

- None

3. **Correspondence**

- 3.1. **ASA Membership**

- The secretary received the annual membership form from the ASA and returned it each year. In 2017 Sharon Chamber's membership has been included.

- 3.2. **Competitions**

- Havant and Waterlooville wrote:

- Our view would be that we need to rationalise the competitions in the face of an increasingly busy calendar. Would it be better to have less that are better attended?

- David Brazil from Woking wrote:

- Please do let me know of any minutes and if any spare jobs are around. I would be more than willing to take on a role.

4. **Chairman's Report**

- The previous chairman has resigned from the league due to other commitments and no report was received.

5. **Secretary Reports**

- 5.1. **League**

- The secretary produced the 2013 AGM minutes and received the annual membership form from the ASA and returned it each year including 2017.

## **5.2. Welfare**

Jeni reported that there no issues in the last year.

## **6. Finance**

### **6.1. Treasurers Report**

The league balance is has fluctuated between £9,500 and £11,500 recently and at present there is no need to change fees as this is considered more than the league needs as a float to run.

In the last twelve months the balanced started at approximately £10,000, rose to £11,500 after fees were received and then dropped to about £9,500 after payment of pool fees. It is currently back at approximately £10,000 after the fees are being received.

A grant was given to Hart towards electronic timing at the new Fleet 8 lane pool.

The invitational meet made as slight profit in 2015.

Jeni is performing the banking role for the league following the death of the previous treasurer. The League needs to find a new treasurer who can keep formal accounts before the Nov 2017 AGM.

### **6.2. Appointment of Independent Examiner**

The appointment of an independent examiner should wait until after a new treasurer is appointed.

## **7. Changes to 2017 Programme and Competition Review**

### **7.1. Proposed Changes to the 2014 Programme and Competitions**

Over the last few years there have been an increasing number of withdrawals from gala due to other commitments.

e.g: In 2017

Gemini

Minor League round 1 – Hamble, Romsey & Totton

Minor League round 2 – Fareham B

Premier Lg/Rother Junior Trophies

Rother League Round 1 – Winchester white, Redhill & Reigate

Junior Cup – Woking, Gosport

The number of days available for H&SCL competitions has become too few, this year, due to the counties and open meets in Jan and Feb plus Surrey school's holidays are on different weeks to other counties. H&SCL dates 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.

In 2017 we took the decision to prioritise the Rother League over the Minor League as there were more clubs in the Rother League. This gave the Rother League dates where there were no known clashes and hopefully remove the risk from one competition rather than have several at risk.

When looking to drop a competition for 2018, we have looked at the Rother League and Minor League as they have the same age range, but they have a different distribution with the Premier league having an extra age group and G/B relays to compensate. We welcome ideas from clubs during 2017 on what they would prefer in 2018, however we do need to reduce the gala count.

H&SCL Trophy Secretaries Report Mar 2017

Since the last report the trophies are approximately in the same state, with a few of the older small shields now becoming full and having to be replaced. One silver cup got mixed up and had a wrong set of engraving on so had a new band on the base in 2016.

Gemini group2 silver cup not confirmed for 6 years – needs further chasing

Minor League group 3 shield still with Epsom since 2010 – needs further chasing  
Rother Lg Div 1 veterans still with Winchester since 2015– needs further chasing  
Rother Lg Div 2 veterans still with Cranleigh since 2013– needs further chasing  
Rother Lg east division all trophies available in 2015, but no confirmation of presentation in 2016  
Rother Lg west division league, senior and junior trophies shown as not moved from 2015 winners to 2016 winners.  
Junior cup div 2 trophy still shown as with 2015 winner and not moved to 2016 winners.  
Junior cup div 3 trophy still shown as with 2015 winner and not moved to 2016 winners.

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

## **7.2. Gemini Trophies**

In 2016 11 clubs entered (11 swam) and in 2017 we had 9 entries, although Andover had to withdrawal due to pool unavailability. In 2017 this gala was very difficult to schedule due to clashes with other events and pool availability. In the end two weekends had to be used to accommodate when clubs could swim and the results had to be moved to the correct group after all the galas were swum.

The 2016 winners were: Div 1 Woking, Div 2 Staines, Div 3 Eastleigh, Div 4 and Div 5 not swum in 2016.

The 2017 winners were: Div 1 Woking, Div 2 Fareham, Div 3 Romsey & Totton, Div 4 and Div 5 not swum in 2016.

## **7.3. Premier League/Rother Trophies**

This remains a popular competition and in 2016 there were 16 entries.

The 2016 winners were: Premier League Div 1 Winchester, Premier League Div 2 not swum, Premier League div 3 not swum, Rother Junior Trophies East Woking and Rother Junior Trophies West Alton.

In 2017 there are 19 entries.

## **7.4. Minor League.**

In 2016 there were 14 entries, but only 12 swam, so round 3 was reduced to a two gala format and the DNS entries from round 1 were not allowed to swim round 2 only.

The 2016 winners were: Premier League Group 1 Rushmoor Royals, Premier League Div 2 Hart

In 2017 there are 11 entries. In 2017 this competition clashes with several other events.

## **7.5. Junior Cup**

IN 2016 19 teams entered, however unlike previous years there were no postal entries from the Channel Islands.

The 2016 winners were: Junior cup Group 1 Sutton & Cheam, Junior Cup group 2 Fareham A, Junior cup Group 3 Wey Valley.

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

## **7.6. Rother League**

In 2016 20 teams entered, while in 2017, there is also 20 entries, however the mix of east and west teams has made it easier to schedule a div 1 6 team gala, and then two 7 team galas for the east and west divisions. This was also possible as we were able to secure two 8 lane pools for all three rounds. Again this makes the round 1 seeding meaningless for Div 1 so as we have done in previous years we will take the div 1 round 1 results and treat it as two three team galas to keep the scoring scheme the same. I also

need to add a completion rule for div east and west stating their round 1 seeding is created by seeding east division teams before west division teams to provide consistency in seeding.

The 2016 winners were: Rother League Div 1 Sutton & Cheam, Rother League Div 2 Winchester Black, Premier League div 3 – Not swum in 2016, Rother League East Div Worthing and Rother West Div Romsey & Totton.

### **7.7. Virtual Competitions**

There were insufficient entries to the 2015 competitions so the Long Distance Gala will cease to be run and the Virtual Gala changed to the format below.

Effectively the base gala programme is replaced by Virtual Supplements to some of the basic League galas. For this calendar year they are the Gemini, Minor League (Rd 1), Premier League (including, same program, Rother Trophies) and Junior Cup. Entry constraints (ages, distances, time limits etc) will be those of the specific League Competition. Swimmer rank will be table shown in accordance with the Club times for each event with highlighted ‘medal’ positions! Award Certificates for Club annotation, will be made available.

Virtual Gala Supplement entry is automatic, and free, to the basic gala competitors. Postal Swimming is also available, for the usual reasons (travel cost, fixture clash) at the same fee as the Base Gala (plus the H&SC League entry requirement). There is still time to enter one of the remaining three Virtual Supplements this year.

The usual Postal Swim conditions apply. Times must be obtained and submitted in the Month up to, and including, the base gala event. With only a few gala lanes in use the events may be swum with odd and even events simultaneously, to reduce gala time. Our ‘overseas’ Clubs (CI and IoW!) may be able to take advantage of this concession.

Dennis

The above subject to AGM agreement.

### **7.8. Invitational Meet**

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

## **8. Trophy Secretary Report**

- Virtual gala winner and long distance gala winners sent a keepsake trophy.
- Group 1 1 Gemini trophy presented, two sent on after the gala
- Premier League/Rother trophies, Premier Div 1 was not at the gala, but winners Staines should already have it. Premier div 2 was sent to the gala by Woking for presentation, but receipt not confirmed from host club or winners Winchester. Rother Junior trophies are new perpetual trophies replacing keepsake ones issued since new east and west divisions formed.
- The Rother League Boys and Girls IM trophies were all now keepsake trophies and sent for presentation. One team indicated their trophy had wrong division engraving, but I was unable to get any further responses from the affected club or the winner of the trophy they said they had to see if I had made a mistake packing them or there was an engraving error. East and West divisions now presented with perpetual trophies first time since their creation five years ago. All Div 1 and 2 other trophies are passed on ok. One of the five new Div 2 trophies purchased in 2012 had its history added and two more are at the engravers this week. There are two others that still need the history adding and I will aim to complete that next year. None of the missing trophies for which the five were replacements have been located.
- Minor League. Hamble won Group 1 and Winchester group 2. I have no records as to whether the trophies were presented or received.
- Junior Cup – Group 3 was won by Guernsey and they were sent a keepsake trophy, while Andover was presented with the group 3 trophy. Staines won group 1 and Sutton and Cheam group 2, but I have no evidence of whether the trophies were passed to the winners..
- Invitational meet. All the trophies were believed to be presented as expected but I have record of the winners

With so much to do running the galas and other activities I really have not had the time to keep chasing clubs.

## 9. Rules

The 2013 rule changes were discussed under correspondence and there were no further issues or updates required for 2014. The updated rules are on the Web site.

## 10. Election of Officers

<u>Post</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Sharon Chambers	Chris Lintott	Gwen Clifford
Vice Chairman	Gwen Clifford	Chris Lintott	Anne Lee
Treasurer	Jeni Colboure	(meeting approved continuation)	
Secretary	Rebecca Chambers	Sharon Chambers	Chris Lintott
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 as AGM was delayed)		
Trophy Secretary	Chris Lintott (continuation approved)		

The following executive members were endorsed by the meeting.

Executive: Louise Fletcher, Alton (Check Louise is willing to continue)

Executive Hon Life Member: Dennis Miles, Hart

## 11. AOB

No AOB received..

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

Provisional dates of future meetings:

The next AGM will be in Nov 2017. The secretary will identify the best day and time to suit clubs as many clubs have training sessions on Wednesday evenings.

The next Executive meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 20:00 via conference call.