

Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues
Affiliated to ASA SER

Minutes of the AGM and Executive Committee held on the 17th December 2013 as a Conference Call, starting at 20.00pm. Meeting commenced 20.06 and finished 22.30 hours.

Attendees

Jonathan George	Chairman	(Woking)
Brian Harris	Vice Chairman	(Basingstoke)
Chris Lintott	Competition and Trophy Sec	(Hart)
Dennis Miles	Competition Sec – Virtual Galas	(Hart)
Anne Lee		(Andover)
Caroline Burton		(Fareham)

1. **Apologies Received from:** Jeni Colbourne (Treasurer), Lee Druce (Seagulls) and Louise Fletcher (Exec Member & Alton).

2. **Minutes of the AGM on November 2012.**

2.1. Accuracy

The minutes were approved as an accurate record. The rules were updated as detailed in the 2013 minutes v4.

2.2. Matters arising:

None

3. **Correspondence**

3.1. ASA Membership

The secretary received the annual membership form from the ASA and returned it.

3.2. 2013 Rules

There was a lot of correspondence relating to the approval of the updated rules following comments from SER ASA Rule Coordinator, John Davies. They concerned the aims and objectives of the league and use of virtual meetings. This was mainly dealt with by the chairman, Treasurer and Dennis Miles. These changes are to be included in v5 of the 2013 rules by Dennis Miles and a copy will be distributed with these minutes.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The league continues to run on a shoestring of effort largely centred around Chris without whom none of the galas would run. On behalf of the league my thanks to Chris for his continued efforts and also to Dennis for his efforts on the running of the Virtual Gala Competitions. Thanks also to Jeni for her efforts on the financial side, with a note that she has not (to date) been able to spend the time needed to resolve the completion of the formal accounts and there are some outstanding receipts which need to be claimed.

Thanks also to Teresa (Dennis' daughter) who previously maintained the league website for many years. The league domain has now passed to us and I have created a basic presence and a framework to allow for continued update. However, we have nobody identified to maintain the website on an ongoing basis and I don't personally have the spare time available to devote to this.

There were a number of calendar clashes, specifically with Surrey Schools Galas and we have now have closer communication between the organisations. It is hoped that with closer communication we can avoid major clashes although it is recognised that the calendar is full and that from time to time clashes will occur.

5. Secretary Reports

5.1. League

The secretary produced the 2012 AGM minutes and received the annual membership form from the ASA and returned it.

5.2. Welfare

There is no requirement for the league to provide a welfare officers report.

6. Finance

6.1. Treasurers Report

League balance is approximately £13,000 but this excludes 4 pool hire charges which Andover have sent the previous week and any expenses relating to trophies which are detailed later under trophy secretaries report. Brian Harrison also indicated there may also be another Basingstoke pool hire which is unpaid and this will be checked and if this was incurred on behalf of the league by a host club other than Basingstoke it will be paid.

Basingstoke pool hire rates are increasing by 7 to 8% in 2014 and in future the rate will be the same regardless who books it so bookings won't need to be channelled via the Basingstoke swimming club to obtain preferential rates.

A grant was given to Basingstoke towards a replacement Public Address system.

The invitational meet made a slight profit in 2013.

A formal statement will be forwarded to members following the audit which is still delayed along with accounts for the previous few years whilst details are finalised to the satisfaction of the auditor relating to taking over the accounts from the previous treasurer.

6.2. Appointment of Independent Examiner

It was proposed that Joan Swain, the Surrey County treasurer is appointed for 2012 and 2013 and this was agreed. (Proposer Jonathan George, Seconder Chris Lintott)

7. Proposed Changes to 2014 Programme and Competition Review

7.1. Proposed Changes to the 2014 Programme and Competitions

There were no proposed changes to the programme content for the 2014, however I received many comments and suggestions for tuning the schedule to meet clubs needs and so the galas have been shuffled to meet as many of these as possible.

Bognor may be joining Chichester to form a new combined club in 2014.

Several clubs pulled out in 2013 as they had insufficient swimmers. Clubs should note they need a minimum of 5 sets of 4 swimmers i.e. 20 swimmers to enter most league competitions and twice that number for the Gemini trophies.

There is no minimum qualifying time for H&SC galas so we can't help smaller clubs by adjusting qualifying times.

7.2. Gemini Trophies

The Gemini galas all went very smoothly again this year, although Hart, Rushmoor and Ringwood withdrew at short notice leaving only one team in group 2. Moving Group 1 to swim in the group 2 gala at Waterlooville made the gala viable, but we already had Woking pool booked and unused. The last minute shuffle also meant there was not time to re-route trophies to the correct locations. Of the 4 trophies that should have been presented I only had one positive confirmation that a trophy was presented

and emails informing me the others were sent to the correct team after the gala. In 2013 15 clubs entered (12 swam) and in 2013 we currently have 15 entries, all from clubs who entered in 2011.

The winners were: Div 1 Staines, Div 2 Havant & Waterlooville, Div 3 Wey Valley Div 4 Andover Div 5 Not swum in 2013.

7.3. Premier League/Rother Trophies

This remains a very popular competition and in 2013 there were 25 entries.

The winners were: Premier League Div 1 Staines, Premier League Div 2 Winchester, Premier League div 3 – not swum in 2013, Rother Junior Trophies East Epsom and Rother Trophies West Andover.

7.4. Minor League.

In 2013 12 teams entered I made an error in the round 1 seeding which I only realised after the gala and all the strong teams had swum together and all the weaker teams together. The error was corrected by placing the times from the galas into the correctly seeded galas which then gave me the round 2 seeding. In 2013 13 teams have entered.

The winners were: Premier League Group 1 Hamble, Premier League Div 2 Winchester B

7.5. Junior Cup

19 teams entered including two postal entries from the Channel Islands, although Beau Sejour withdrew just before the gala. The pool for the group 2 became a real issue when Guildford was not available and Cranleigh could not staff the gala. Waterlooville was found to be free and Wey Valley ran the gala there.

The winners were: Junior cup Group 1 Staines, Junior Cup group 2 Sutton & Cheam, Junior cup Group 3 Guernsey (Andover 2nd are gala cup winners)

7.6. Rother League

In 2013 20 teams entered. In 2014, there are only 14 entries which makes the round 1 seeding meaningless for Div 1. I also need to add a completion rule for div east and west stating their round 1 seeding is created by treating eastern teams as higher than west to prevent the first round becoming a repeat of the other rounds.

The Rother east and west division got new trophies in 2013 as the format has now been stable for a number of years.

The winners were: Rother League Div 1 Woking, Rother League Div 2 Alton, Premier League div 3 – Not swum in 2011, Rother League East Div Leatherhead and Rother West Div Winchester.

7.7. Virtual Competitions

7.7.1. Virtual Gala

Six teams entered event times by the closure date, with Beau Sejour taking first place and the Team trophy. The Meet format used indicated over one hundred 'medal' and QT swims for the Clubs to be able to acknowledge with Congratulation Certificate awards.

Event times were also provided a little late (unfortunately after the issue of a formal league table) by Guernsey, but were entered into the table so that their swimmer performances (they did rather well) could still be Club acknowledged.

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Virtual Gala

Year 2013

Affiliated ASA SER			Club	Beau Sejour	Isle of Wight A	West Wight	Andover A	Isle of Wight B	Andover B	Guernsey A	Guernsey B
Rank			Points	1	6	4	5	7	8	2	3
Event			Points	255	172	184	173	75	66	235	207
				Event Positions							
1	G	U13	100m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	B	U13	Freestyle	1	7	3	2	8	4	6	5
3	G	U12	50m	3	2	QT	5	7	6	1	4
4	B	U12	Backstroke	2	6	4	5	8	7	3	1
5	G	U11	50m	QT	4	2	QT	6	5	1	3
6	B	U11	Breaststroke	QT	5	2	4	6	NS	3	1
7	G	9	25m	QT	4	6	3	NS	5	1	2
8	B	9	Butterfly	QT	2	4	DQ	NS	NS	3	1
9	G	U13	100m	4	3	2	6	5	NS	1	7
10	B	U13	Ind Medley	3	1	7	2	6	5	8	4
11	G	U12	50m	4	5	1	6	7	8	2	3
12	B	U12	Freestyle	4	6	1	3	7	8	2	5
13	G	U11	50m	QT	5	4	QT	6	1	2	3
14	B	U11	Backstroke	3	5	6	3	7	NS	2	1
15	G	9	50m	4	7	2	5	8	6	1	3
16	B	9	Breaststroke	1	4	DQ	DQ	5	NS	3	2
17	G	U13	100m	QT	5	3	4	6	NS	1	2
18	B	U13	Butterfly	QT	3	DQ	NS	NS	NS	1	2
19	G	U12	100m	2	5	4	6	7	8	1	3
20	B	U12	Ind Medley	1	5	2	3	7	8	6	4
21	G	U11	50m	1	5	2	6	7	8	3	4
22	B	U11	Freestyle	1	5	6	3	7	8	4	2
23	G	9	50m	3	4	DQ	5	7	6	2	1
24	B	9	Backstroke	2	4	6	5	7	NS	3	1
25	G	U13	100m	3	5	4	2	7	NS	6	1
26	B	U13	Breaststroke	1	7	4	5	8	6	2	3
27	G	U12	50m	QT	3	5	4	6	7	1	2
28	B	U12	Butterfly	1	6	2	3	7	8	4	5
29	G	U11	50m	1	6	2	4	NS	5	3	7
30	B	U11	Butterfly	1	4	2	3	NS	NS	5	6
31	G	9	50m	QT	3	4	5	7	6	1	2
32	B	9	Freestyle	4	2	5	6	7	NS	1	3
33	G	U13	100m	2	3	8	5	4	7	1	6
34	B	U13	Backstroke	3	6	5	4	7	NS	1	2
35	G	U12	50m	DQ	1	4	2	6	5	3	7
36	B	U12	Breaststroke	3	6	2	5	8	7	1	4
37	G/ B		Squadron Relay	1	5	4	3	7	DQ	2	6

Entry encouragement is always made by H&SC with emphasis on the low cost from no entry fee, little or no travel, and a wide entry date time band. Further, the B level program is directed towards the swimmers missing out on the dominant County Championship arrangements in the early year.

In addition to the Club advantages it must be emphasised that the competition arrangements are attractive to the League with its low cost (League membership fee covers cost of keepsake trophy) and ease of running. Conventional League arrangements are quite time demanding (ask Chris!) while the VG is simplicity itself simply requiring little more than a 'copy and paste' action from the set of Club times to a pre-programmed League table. With the present shortage of members prepared for active involvement this simplicity should help to find a keen volunteer happy to run and, perhaps, make the VG more popular? There is no practical limitation to its size, Single or Multi-Division; the present League table accepts up to 24 clubs!

7.7.2. Virtual Long Distance Trophies.

Both Junior Girl and Junior Boy Trophies were won by Beau Sejour swimmers this year; congratulations to Courtney Butcher and Will Mansell.

However only three clubs took part (file to be shown), all 'overseas' members, Beau Sejour, Guernsey and the IOW appreciating the advantages of no travel!

This is really too low and entrants would like more competitors to be compared with for the Competition to be viable. Long Distance swimming suffers from the shortage of events (none in League galas, and few in Meets due to cost dominated time constraints) and this competition was put forward to minimise those problems and provide interest and a useful supplement to the County Championships. A few more entries by the end of January would be appreciated and it requires no more than the submission of a few (even one will help) from Club Championships or simple time trials.

Free entry is for 800m girls and 1500m boys, in age groups of 13, 14 and 15 years old on 31st January. Silver perpetual trophies are available for presentation to the Junior Age Winners.

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Long Distance Trophies: Year 2013

Under ASA Law & Technical Rules

Virtual Meet

Junior Cup	Junior Girls				
	14	13	800 metres Freestyle	Age	
1	1		Courtney Butcher	14	Beau Sejour 09:23.27
2	2		Annalise Munro	14	Beau Sejour 09:32.32
3	3		Gemma Wall	14	ISLE OF WIGHT 10:45.64
4		1	Eleanor King	13	ISLE OF WIGHT 11:22.03
5		2	Amy Ryan	13	Guernsey 11:23.90
6			Beth Crockford	15	ISLE OF WIGHT 12:01.45
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Junior Cup	Junior Boys				
	14	13	1500 metres Freestyle	Age	
1			Will Mansell	15	Beau Sejour 17:40.76
2	1		Tom Nightingale	14	Beau Sejour 20:07.00
3		1	Lewis Winberg	13	Beau Sejour 20:29.21
4	2		Brett Hewlett	14	Beau Sejour 20:32.34
5	3		Callum Penney	14	Guernsey 22:22.53
6	4		Harry Rann	14	ISLE OF WIGHT 24:08.67
7			Sam Elliott	15	ISLE OF WIGHT 25:06.53
8		2	Michael Joyce	13	ISLE OF WIGHT 25:23.67
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The meeting discussed the future of the virtual long distance gala with low numbers of entries and recommended it is not offered in 2015 if there are not more than 4 entrants in 2014. Dennis was to write to clubs reminding them the times can be part of club championships or any other competition providing the swims are performed between the completion start and end dates.

Post Meeting note: This has been done and we were pleased to have 35 swimmer-time entries from 5 clubs. The results are on our Website.

7.8. Invitational Meet

2013 Woking ran the meet for the 2nd year. This returned a small profit to the league of approx. £100. 12 clubs entered but issues with the snow meant that only 10 competed on the day itself.

For 2014 we have 9 Clubs entered allowing us accommodate 14 swimmers per club, the meet capacity for the time available generally dictates the number of swimmers. In 2013 the time was tight and meet ran over which gave for a late finish and we are looking to avoid this in 2014.

There was some later discussion about the timing of this meet, the issue is largely one of finding a suitable slot in the calendar and given the meet is licensed allowing for achieved times to be used as county qualifying times.

Whilst the standard of the gala doesn't clash with other events (e.g. Zonals), it does potentially effect the availability of backoffice/admin staff.

Woking are happy to continue to host the meet around the same date, although this isn't cast in stone and if any other club wishes to host the meet then any such offer would be welcomed.

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 were 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	Jonathan George	Chris Lintott	Caroline Burton
Vice Chairman	Brian Harrison	Chris Lintott	Caroline Burton
Treasurer	Jeni Colboure	Jonathan George	Brian Harrison
Secretary	Chris Lintott	Jonathan George	Caroline Burton
Minute Secretary	Davina Druce	Davina indicated she would be willing to help with the admin but was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that Chris Lintott should ask her to perform this role.	
Competition Sec	Chris Lintott (meeting approved continuation with assistance from Brian Harrison). Dennis Miles will continue to run the virtual gala)		
Meet Secretary	Jonathan George (Continuation approved)		
Trophy Secretary	Chris Lintott (continuation approved with assistance from Brian Harrison in locating trophies)		

The following executive members were endorsed by the meeting.

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

Executive: Caroline Burton Dennis Miles Jonathan George

Executive Hon Life Member: Dennis Miles, Hart

11. AOB

Brian Harrison is now Hampshire Trophy secretary, Chris Lintott to pass him a list of H&SC trophies and holders, plus details of missing items so he can request details from holders at the same time as he requests details about Hampshire trophy holdings.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Provisional dates of future meetings:

The next AGM will be on Wed 5th Nov 2014 at 20:00 via conference call.

The next Executive meeting will be on 23rd July 2014 at 20:00 via conference call.