Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues

**Affiliated to Swim England SER**

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on the 27th October 2021 as a Zoom Virtual Meeting. Meeting commenced 19.00 and finished 20.34 hours.

#  Attendees

Anne Lee (Andover)

Catherine Lewis (Sutton & Cheam)

Chris Lintott Secretary, Competition and Trophy Sec (Hart)

Graham Cawte Chairman (Bassett JSF)

Martin Greenbank (Wey Valley)

#  Unable to connect to meeting

Jeni Colbourne Treasurer/Welfare Officer (Wey Valley)

# Apologies Received from: None

# Finance

Chris Lintott updated the executive on progress with moving bank account from TSB. A new bank account has been opened with Lloyds and all the money, except £5 has been transferred. Jeni is progressing moving the last amount and closing the TSB account.

# Next Years Competitions.

Chris Lintott explained that the main purpose of the meeting was to kick start the activity to sort out what competitions should be offered in 2022. However, the other attendees had already done much of the groundwork and were ready to discuss the issue. Graham then led the meeting in the discussion. A summary of the results of the discussion are shown below.

The Arena junior league is now in place and overlaps some of the HSCL offerings and also takes away available dates.

The real missing offering is in the Junior/Novice category.

Most clubs like the relay galas as it is an offering not provided elsewhere.

Multiple round competitions are difficult for all clubs to be able to make all dates.

With the above in mind it was decided the following changes to competitions should be made in the 2022 calendar:

* Invitational meet – drop (We have been struggling to get enough entries to break even in recent years and had to cancel the 2020 offering)
* Minor League – drop (entries had dropped to 6 teams in 2020 and so this two round competition was no longer viable.
* Gemini - retain This is a two team competition and there is core number of clubs who it. (6 teams showed interest in 2020, but only 5 could make the same date). It was decided we would keep it and see if there is sufficient interest as a two team competition is attractive to some clubs.
* Rother League. – change This three round competition was believed to be in need of some changes to meet future needs:
	+ Teams should be free to enter any number of events, but overall trophy is retained for clubs that do enter all three.
	+ Final round is fine and has separate Junior, senior and veterans’ trophies which we can retain.
	+ Relay gala should be just that and U14 100m I,M, should be moved to another round. It will need a new set of trophies (shields) to support relays. (CL Note post meeting I think we should leave the U14 IMs here for 2022 as it is not easy to fit into other rounds without stretching U14 swimmers.
	+ Round 1 should be removed as by mixing divisions it means clubs have to travel a long way. Also there was a feeling it should have less open content. The rother Junior trophies/Premier Lg, which used to be the fourth round of the Rother League should become round 1. We have the Rother Junior trophies trophies for all divisions to support this. We should limit swimmers to not obtaining the Hampshire county qualifying time for the stroke in their age group. Fast swimmers can swim up in an age group where they don’t have a qualifying time. Those who exceed the time will be given a speeding ticket.
* Junior Cup - retain (We decided to leave this offering late in the calendar for Junior swimmers as it is well supported and does not conflict with anything else.)

# Actions.

# Chris Lintott to circulate minutes

Chris Lintott to work out what changes to competitions rules would be needed.

Other exec members to comment on proposals and seek feedback from contacts, circulating exec members with details.

Chris Lintott to create a draft calendar.

# Date of Next Meeting

A further exec meeting will be held once we have worked through these proposals so we can agree them, hopefully within 2 weeks. (Proposed date 10/11/21 19:00)