***Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues***

***Affiliated to Swim England SER***

Minutes of the AGM held on 19th February 2025 as a Zoom virtual Meeting. Meeting commenced at 20.05pm and finished at 20:36pm

**Attendees**:

Graham Cawte Chairperson (Bassett)

Chris Lintott Competition Secretary (Hart)

Anne Lee Executive Member (Andover)

Jonathan Lee Treasurer (Andover)

Elaine Cinquegrana (Dorking)

Catherine Lewis Executive Member (Sutton & Cheam)

Marcus Robst (Chichester)

Sarah Bassindale Secretary (Gosport Dolphins)

1. **Apologies** –

Richard Fawn (Dick) Welfare Officer (Rushmoor Royals)

Martin Greenbank Executive Member (Wey Valley)

Steve Harrison Executive Member (Romsey & Totton)

Graham opened the meeting, and spoke about a successful 2024 season.

1. **Minutes of AGM 31st January 2024**
   1. Accuracy – The minutes were agreed as an accurate record
   2. Matters Arising – None
2. **Correspondence** - None received.
3. **Chairman’s Report** – It was a tough but successful year for the league last year, and I thank everyone who helps to run the league, it is a merry band of just a few. However, this will probably be my last year as Chair due to other commitments within swimming I have.
4. **Secretary Reports**

**Competition Secretary** – As per distribution, and available on the website.

Chris reported that last year’s league was very successful.

There wasn’t enough teams entered into the Gemini Trophy, and from the 2 teams entered, only 1 team actually swam. Consideration to not hold the Gemini trophy this year.

**League Secretary –** No report as covered in other areas.

1. **Welfare Officer** – No report, as no concerns or incidents reported.
2. **Finance –** Report distributed via email and available on the website
   * 1. The League made a small surplus last year
     2. 2 clubs have already paid for 2025, however awaiting more entries before billing.
     3. Independent Examiner has audited the accounts and Jonathan proposes using them again next year – Smith Newman Accountants - Agreed
3. **New 2024 Competitions, Competition Conditions, Calendar and Prices:**

* Chris was able to get the new calendar of gala’s put together and sent out before Christmas
* There is a small increase, using 2024 costs.
* Website has been fully updated and awaiting more entries
* There was a clash with Rother R2 and a few local open meets. It was proposed to move R2 to 21st June. This would help with best fit pools and seeding. Action: Andover and Stains to check this date is still OK for their clubs, as they entered with the old dates.

1. **Trophy Secretary report** –

* There is currently 2 trophies with Graham that are to be distributed from last year. Division 1 Veterans Team trophy – Portsmouth Northsea, Gemini Cup – RATS – Graham will give these out at Counties at the weekend

1. **Election of Officers:**

* Chairperson: Graham is happy to remain in post – Agreed
* Vice Chair – Vacant and not had for a while, not necessary to be filled at present
* Secretary - Sarah Bassindale to remain for another year - Agreed
* Treasurer – Jonathan Lane is happy to stay in post – Agreed
* Competition Secretary – Chris to stay on in post supported by Catherine Lewis as a lot of work involved – Both agreed
* Welfare Officer – Dick Fawn to stay on for another year - Agreed
* Trophy Secretary – Could do with a separate person to take this on, however Chris will continue with the support of Graham.
* Executive Members of Ann Lee, Catherine Lewis, Martin Greenbank and Steven Harrison to stay on this year but just need to check with Tom Blakeley if he wishes to continue.

1. **A.O.B**

* Staines have use of a new pool facility, however this is proving problematic for the club and is probably not suitable for galas. There is a lack of space around the pool, no backstroke flags, and an unwillingness from the operators to allow hire bookings.
* It was reported some clubs haven’t joined this year due to the speeding tickets in Rother R1. There was a discussion with those present, and it was suggested that the Rother should have the same rules across the 3 rounds, and that the Junior Cup may be better suited for speeding tickets. This was agreed as a suitable compromise, however this would not be discussed in preparation for 2026, due to the already advertised galas and conditions.
* Sutton and Cheam may withdraw this year due to the pool. Chris is going to look at the suitable pools within the areas as Dorking will also be in the same league. Sutton and Cheam will confirm at a later date if they will be entering.
* Complaint from PNSC regarding the way R3 and the results were handled on the night. They were told on the night they had won, then the next day it was announced another team had won. It is believed there were issues with the scoring on the night which meant the results weren’t fully accurate.
* Interest from a new team to enter, Hart.
* Suggested that a meeting after R3 would be beneficial to get feedback from the participating clubs. This was agreed and a provisional date of Weds 15th October at 8pm has been chosen.

Graham closed the meeting at 20:36pm