

Hants & South Coast Swimming Leagues (Affiliated ASASE Region)

AGM – January 31st 8pm via Zoom

Attendance: Graham Cawte (Chair), Chris Lintott (Competition Secretary), Jonathan Lee (Treasurer), Richard Fawne (Welfare Officer), Sarah Bassindale (Minutes), Sue Dewar (H&WSC), Emma Merrell (Redhill & Reigate), Anne Lee (Andover), Paul Rutherford (Eastleigh), Catherine Lewis (Sutton & Cheam), Steve Harrison (Romsey & Totton)

Apologies: Emma Daly (Gosport Dolphins), Lynda Reid (Locks Heath), Tom Blakesley (Basingstoke), Martin Greenbank (Wey Valley), Zoe Stemp (Winchester City Penguins)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Shared at the meeting and agreed as a true record. No matters arising.

3. **Correspondence** – No correspondence received

4. **Chairman's Report** – Distributed with meeting invites

5. **Secretary Reports:**

- League Secretary – As per distributed report.
- Welfare Officer – No incidents to report.

Nothing to add to the above reports.

6. **Finance:**

- Treasurers Report – As per distributed with agenda.
- Finance report was presented and discussed.
Main concern is the league are currently using the reserves, would this affect the minimum operating amount? If the league have another year, like last year it may be a struggle. It was noted at previous AGM that reserves are likely to deplete now the league is running at full operational activity since COVID, and the facility hire charges have increased.
Chris has looked at the costs needed to run the league. It was suggested that the club entry fees would be increased.
- Appointment of Independent Examiner – Agreed by attendees.

7. **New 2024 competitions, competition conditions, calendar and prices:**

- **2024 Competitions:** Suggestion was put forward to change the length of relays for the older age categories from 25m to 50m. It was agreed this change would be beneficial due to several factors (shallow end take overs, clashes of swimmers especially on fly etc). This change will be implemented for the U16 and Open age category in Rother Round 3 to 4 x 50m relays. All divisions to swim the same lengths. **Action: Chris to add to competition guidelines.**
- **Trophies:** The last of the missing trophies have been replaced. Due to COVID, no clubs were swimming and some clubs had the wrong trophies. There is currently only 1 trophy missing – Gemini Div 2, which Chris is still chasing.
- No Show and late withdrawals have a profound impact on gala's and other teams. Last year a gala ran with just 2 teams (1 team travelled 2 hours to get to the venue), which had a negative impact on the gala itself, loss of revenue and also wasn't fair on the 2 clubs and

swimmers who did turn up. There was a statement in the previous League format which stated clubs who did not show up would receive a fine. This was discussed and agreed the condition should be re-instated. A fine of not to exceed £100 will be applied to clubs who do not show up. It was suggested that maybe restricting the Junior cup gala's to 8 teams to reduce the impact and only 1 venue would be needed. When clubs enter the Arena League, there is a fine system in place.

Action: Chris to re-instate condition back into competition conditions

- Host clubs should be contacting attending clubs before the gala to ensure everything is ok, and to also ask about officials.

Election of Officers:

- **Chairman** – Graham Cawte
- **Vice Chair** – Vacant (although not needed)
- **Secretary and Minute Secretary** – Sarah Bassindale
- **Treasurer** – Jonathan Lee
- **Competition Secretary** – Chris Lintott
- **Welfare Officer** – Richard Fawne (Dick)
- **Executive Officers:** Catherine Lewis, Anne Lee, Tom Blakesley, Martin Greenbank, Steve Harrison

All above roles were unanimously re-elected.

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- Possibility that PNSC will join the league as per conversations with Chris & Graham
- Graham contacted SE regarding the new Team Manager ratio's and guidelines. A club can only do what they can do. If a club believes they are unable to follow the guidelines, a risk assessment must be completed by the club and passed to their welfare Officer. This will cover clubs if needed.
- Sue has the Junior Cup Group 1 trophy which needs engraving with Sutton & Cheam. Sue will pass the trophy to Graham (at Counties) who will then give to Sutton & Cheam at the Cranleigh meet.
- How soon do we need to know about booking pools? The first round is in May and clubs have till end of Feb to enter. Hopefully will have an idea of pool bookings in March.
- There hasn't been as sufficient entries as yet. Chris will chase clubs in the coming weeks.

Meeting closed at 20.53pm