



Essex Swimming League



Affiliated to London Region ASA



Annual General Meeting 2013

Held on the 29 September 2013 at Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The meeting commenced at 10.10.

Attendees:

J George & M Westwood (Barking & Dagenham Aquatics S.C), A Mullender, D Campbell & C Marshall (Basildon & Phoenix S.C), J Lowe & M Woods (Braintree & Bocking), A Simmons & H McLaughlin (Dunmow Atlantis S.C), G Peddle (Epping Forest S.C) L Wiles (Harwich S.C), B Carver (Hornchurch S.C), S Westwood & P Norris (Leyton S.C), Giuseppe (Newham S.C), A Ward (Romford S.C), F Snow & J Bright (Saffron Seals S.C), C Flight & J Bentley (Witham S.C) & B Kapp.

Apologies:

Chelmsford S.C, Enfield Swim Squad S.C, Halstead S.C and Ray Jupp.

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated by M Westwood.
It was proposed by B.Carver, seconded by J.George that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All agreed.

Matters arising:

Licensing of the league had been looked into and A Mullender would report on this later on in the meeting.
S Westwood stated that affiliation fees were now overdue and before the meeting continue he wanted assurance from clubs present that they would be taking part or there was no point in continuing the meeting as there would be no league. Those present said they would all be taking part so it was agreed that the meeting would continue and all outstanding fees would be paid by 7 October 2013.

Treasurer report:

A statement of the accounts is attached. B Kapp stated that the finances were down £1800 from last year some due to the cost of a sound system but that was just £200 but mainly down to a bad deficit on door entry money verse pool hire costs. He stated that the affiliation fee would probably need to be increased next year. It was proposed by L Wiles that we put up the admission fee to the galas to £3 for adults and £1 for children & OAPs, as they had been the same for a long time. This was seconded by S Westwood and all agreed. B Kapp also stated that he had received in the door takings a receipt for bottled water used at a gala. He reminded clubs that host clubs finance the cost of providing drinks. It was also suggested that we looked into which pools we use and try not to hire the expensive ones but it was stated that the extra spend was a price worth paying as the pools we now used were good. The accounts were proposed by A Mullender, seconded by J.Bright. All agreed.

B Kapp said he would be standing down as treasurer next year so if there was anyone wishing to shadow him this year to see if they wanted to become treasurer next year could they let him know.

Results of the 2012/2013 competition:

The results of the year's competition were read out.
Winners of each division are as follows:

- Division 1 – Romford Town S.C
- Division 2 - Witham S.C
- Division 3 – Harlow S.C
- Division 4 – Basildon & Phoenix B S.C

2012/2013 competition:

Killerwhales S.C and Waltham Forest S.C have resigned from the league.

Eltham have stated that if the circulated gala dates cannot be change they will need to be withdrawn from the league as they cannot make any of the dates. All present at the meeting stated that they were able to do the proposed dates thus Eltham's withdrawal was accepted. Basildon & Phoenix registered a request to withdraw their A Team from Division One but also asked that their B team stay in Division 3. A Mullender explained that for one year they ran as two separate teams, then last year combined the teams to take part in the league as A & B teams. This year they have promoted their A team to enter the Arena League and the B team from last year would remain in the Essex league. It was proposed by C Marshall, seconded by D Campbell. All agreed.

Applications from clubs who wish to join the league:

It was stated that Braintree & Bocking S.C wanted to re-join the league for the 2013/2014 season and Barking & Dagenham wanted to enter a B Team. It was proposed by C Marshall seconded by D Campbell and all agreed they would be happy to accept these clubs into the league.

S Westwood then welcomed Braintree & Bocking S.C who was attending their first meeting.

Witham Dolphins request:

Witham Dolphins requested to not be promoted to Division One. L Wiles said that the rule of the league is that the top club of each division will be promoted and the bottom club will be relegated and we can't pick and chose if we want to do this as it would make the league very difficult to organise. C Flight said that he has lost a lot of swimmers and now has many new ones that would find it hard to compete in Division 1. S Westwood stated that the divisions would need to be changed a lot this year due to 4 teams withdrawing so C Flight agreed to accept where his team were placed.

Formulate 2013/2014 divisions:

There was a discussion on the make up of the Divisions for the coming season. It was suggested by M Westwood that as there were only 18 teams now, we should run the league with 3 divisions with 6 teams in each. All agreed to this and it was decided for this year only, that no team would be relegated as there was such a dramatic change in the divisions. It was agreed that this would be the 2013/2014 Divisions

Division 1

Enfield S.C
Halstead S.C
Leyton S.C
Newham S.C
Romford S.C
Witham S.C

Division 2

Barking & Dagenham A S.C
Basildon & Phoenix S.C
Clacton S.C
Dunmow Atlantis S.C
Epping Forest S.C
Harlow S.C

Division 3

Barking & Dagenham B S.C *
Braintree & Bocking S.C*
Chelmsford S.C
Harwich S.C
Hornchurch S.C
Saffron Seals S.C

* New Club

Dates:

Divisions 1 & 3

25 January 2014
1 February 2014
5 April 2014
17 May 2014

Divisions 2

18 January 2014
1 February 2014
1 March 2014
17 May 2014

Proposed change to the rules and constitution of the league

It was proposed by B Kapp that due the issues surrounds certain clubs lack of swimmers we change rule 7 so that all swimmers in all divisions can swim 2 individual events and any number of relay events. Seconded by L Wiles. All agreed.

It was further proposed by B Kapp due to some clubs concerns about swimmers abilities and the tougher division 2 programme that the longer lengths programme be for Division 1 only. Seconded by A Ward. All agreed.

It was proposed by P Norris that the 15 & U and the 13 & U individual butterfly events be changed from 100m to 50m Seconded by L Wiles. Voting 16 for, 1 against. Proposal carried.

A Mullender report re licensing the league.

There is a lot of misunderstanding about licensing. Swimmers only need to be registered at Category 1 not Category 2. We would be expected to avoid county dates for our League galas and they could qualify for Essex during league galas. All results would have to be sent electronically with signed evidence that they had swum. All swimmers details would need to be known in advance of the gala. B Kapp said he would get in touch with one of his contacts to find out if it's the host club or the league that needs to be licensed as some of the divisions in the Arena league are now licence. M Westwood said it would involve a lot of hard work and if the member clubs wanted this to happen then they would need to provide people willing to take on the work. A Mullender said it would be better for the league if we were licensed. G Peddle thanks A Mullender for his hard work in looking into this subject. It was agreed to wait for clarification in 2014.

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Proposal by the Executive Committee

Travel Expenses:

- a) Mileage Expenses are claimable by ASA licensed officials where the individual has been requested to attend a gala as one of the league-appointed officials (i.e. Referee or Starter) and are attending the event solely for this purpose (e.g. does not have a child competing at that gala).
- b) Fuel costs are reclaimable at a rate up to 25p per mile, or at the latest mileage rate determined by the Essex League management committee or AGM. The individual's home address will be considered the start and return point for the purposes of calculating maximum claimable mileage.
- c) Parking charges for the period of the gala will be refunded on production of a receipt and providing that there was no practical cheaper alternative available.
- d) All expense claims shall be made in writing to the Essex League Treasurer.
- e) League Officials will be appointed from individuals not requiring payment as far as is reasonably practical.
- f) Officials are required to declare their intent to claim expenses along with confirmation of availability to officiate.

An email was read out from S Whitehead saying that the last 2 points (E & F) of this rule change should be taken out as it discriminates against officials who wish to claim. It was proposed by S Whitehead, seconded by J Bright. Voting 15 for, 1 against. Proposal carried

Election of the officers and committee:

Chairman: A Mullender

Proposed C Marshall seconded J Bright. All agreed

Vice Chairman: M Westwood

Proposed S Westwood seconded B Kapp. All agreed

Treasurer: B Kapp

Proposed A. Mullender seconded C Marshall. All agreed

Secretary: S Westwood

Proposed M Westwood seconded B Kapp. All agreed

Executive: B Carver, C Flight, L Wiles, J George, P Norris & F Snow

Proposed S Westwood seconded B Kapp. All agreed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.20hrs.