



Essex Swimming League



Affiliated to London Region ASA



Annual General Meeting 2015

Held on the 11th October 2015 at Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex

The chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The meeting commenced at 10.05.

Attendees:

M Westwood (Barking & Dagenham Aquatics S.C), C Marshall & A Mullender (Basildon & Phoenix S.C), H McLaughlin (Dunmow Atlantis S.C), G Peddle (Epping Forest S.C), S Sheppard & E Beager (Eltham Stingrays S.C), C Adcroft & L Wiles (Harwich S.C), B Carver & F Gold (Hornchurch S.C), S Westwood (Leyton S.C), S Haynes (Saffron Seals S.C).

Apologies:

Harlow Penguins S.C & Paul Norris (Leyton S.C).

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous AGM were circulated by M Westwood.

It was proposed by H McLaughlin, seconded by B Carver that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All agreed.

Matters arising:

There was one matter arising in respect of an alteration to the rules at last years AGM. It transpires that the rules were altered post meeting but were then not circulated to the members. The rules will be sent out after this meeting with any alterations made at this meeting.

Treasurer report:

A statement of the accounts is attached. A Mullender reported that Loughton pool had become much more expensive this year in order to secure evening bookings. Harlow pool charges were substantially higher than other pools mainly due to the application of 20% VAT. This has been queried and we have been informed by Harlow SC that this is the subject of ongoing discussions between the club and the pool operator. A Mullender further reported that the door income has fallen this year although there was no clear pattern by location or division. There were no new fines levied this year for not providing officials or failure to attend. The league did not receive any expense claims from league appointed officials in 2015. A Mullender believes that with the financial position of the league as it is there is no need to increase the affiliation fees this year however, if the league is formed of 3 divisions this year we are expected to run at a loss for the season. Asked how much, Andy stated that this depended on gala spectator numbers and pool hire increases but could be as much as £1500 so this gap will need to be addressed in the future.

The chairman expressed her thanks to Andy for his hard work in his first year as Treasurer.

The accounts were proposed by G Peddle, seconded by L Wiles. All agreed.

Results of the 2013/2014 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 - Dunmow Atlantis S.C

Division 3 - Epping Forest S.C

The trophies were then presented to the winners of divisions 2 & 3.

2015/2016 competition:

Barking & Dagenham Aquatics S.C & Enfield Swim Squad S.C have resigned from the league.

Emails were read out from both clubs neither club gave any clear reason for the withdrawal. A concern was raised that we as a League need to be careful of clubs withdrawing from the league to enable them to come back into the league in a lower division. S. Westwood explained that he didn't feel this was the case and it was more likely down to internal club politics.

Halstead have not paid their affiliation fee or indicated their participation in next year's competition (note: after the meeting Halstead subsequently confirmed their participation for 2016).

Eltham Stingrays S.C were welcomed to their first AGM.

Formulate 2015/2016 divisions:

There was a discussion about whether to run as a 2 or 3 division league for the coming season as there were only 16 clubs. As we use mostly 8 lane pools we could run as a 2 division league thus save hiring 3 pools over the season therefore being more cost effective. It was decided after discussion that for this year the league would remain as 3 divisions and we would all make an effort to try to get more clubs involved for next season. If not an email would be sent out before the next AGM about the possibility of 2 divisions for the 2016 season.

Division 1

Basildon & Phoenix S.C
Dunmow Atlantis S.C
Halstead S.C
Harlow S.C
Newham S.C
Romford S.C

Division 2

Braintree & Bocking S.C
Canvey Island S.C
Chelmsford S.C
Epping Forest S.C
Witham Dolphins S.C

Division 3

Eltham Stingrays S.C
Harwich S.C
Hornchurch S.C
Leyton S.C
Saffron Seals S.C

Dates:

Divisions 1

9 January 2016
27 February 2016
19 March 2016
4 June 2016

Divisions 2

30 January 2016
27 February 2016
19 March 2016
18 June 2016

Divisions 3

30 January 2016 (If this date is not plausible to Leyton S.C then 18 June 2016 will be used)
27 February 2016
16 April 2016
7 May 2016

Election of the officers and committee:

Chairman: M Westwood

Vice Chairman: G Peddle

Proposed H McLaughlin seconded A Mullender. All agreed

Treasurer: A Mullender

Proposed C Marshall seconded L Wiles. All agreed

Secretary: S Westwood

Proposed L Wiles seconded C Marshall. All agreed

R McGonegle (Enfield Swim Squad) had emailed S Westwood; his email was read out explaining that he was still prepared to remain involved with the management of the league even though his club had withdrawn. It was discussed that if at all possible it was best that the league was managed by people from affiliated clubs. This was agreed by all present. A thank you email will be sent to Richard thanking him for his contribution to the League.

Executive: B Carver, L Wiles, P Norris, G Peddle, C Marshall & F Snow

Proposed S Westwood seconded A Mullender. All agreed

Proposed change to the Rules and Constitution of the League:

There was a discussion on whether the team sheets for event 49 were still required and what real purpose they served. It was decided that as this was the only event that was checked in anyway the rule was not required.

Proposed L Wiles seconded G Peddle. All agreed

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.57hrs.

2014-15 Accounts			
	Current Year		Prior Year
	<i>1st Oct 2014 - 15th Sept 2015</i>		<i>1st Oct 2013 - 30th Sept 2014</i>
		vs. Prior Year	
Cash - Brought forward	£6,540.17		£5,933.25
Current Account	2,710.57		2,104.80
Deposit Account	3,829.60		3,828.45
Income	4,964.91	(254.04)	5,218.95
Fees	850.00		850.00
Fines	100.00		50.00
Door Receipts	4,014.50		4,317.80
Interest	0.41		1.15
Other	-		-
Expenditure	5,241.66	629.63	4,612.03
Pool Hire	4,744.80		4,368.00
Room Hire	66.30		128.80
Stationery	275.87		58.80
Website	94.29		31.43
ASA affiliation	25.00		25.00
Officials Exp	-		-
Equipment	-		-
Gifts	35.40		-
Other	-		-
Season Profit (Loss)	(276.75)	(883.67)	606.92
Balance - c/f	£6,263.42	(276.75)	£6,540.17
Current Account	2,263.39		2,710.57
Deposit Account	4,000.03		3,829.60