



Essex Swimming League



Affiliated to London Region ASA



Annual General Meeting 2018

Held on the 7th October 2018 at Basildon Sporting Village, Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, Essex

The chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming. The meeting commenced at 10.07.

Attendees:

M Westwood (Barking & Dagenham Aquatics S.C), P Waller & A Mullender (Basildon & Phoenix S.C), P Eveleigh (Brentwood S.C), C Adcroft & L Wiles (Harwich S.C), F Gold (Hornchurch S.C), S Winnell (Runnymede S.C), S Haynes (Saffron Seals S.C).

Apologies:

M Stringer (Harlow S.C), Paul Norris & S Westwood (Leyton S.C), S Wood (Witham S.C)

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated.

It was proposed by L Wiles, seconded by S F Gold that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. All agreed.

Matters arising:

A Mullender informed the meeting that the league could become licensed if they wished to be. It would cost £25 a gala plus two extra officials would need to be appointed to license a gala level 4. Swimmers do not have to be category 2 registered to take part at level. Advanced team sheets would need to be provided although you could if necessary change swimmers on the night as long as the correct procedure were followed. A Mullender feels that this would be an advantage as we could get more clubs wishing to enter the league to get there qualifying times. After some discussion about who would be able to take this on, it was agreed that it would be put out to the host clubs and if they were willing to take on the work to license their gala they could, however they would need to coordinate with A Mullender.

Treasurer report:

A statement of the accounts is attached. A Mullender reported that financially the league was in a good position overall, there was a small profit this year mainly due to the fact that there were only 8 galas again. A Mullender reminded the meeting that we need to keep enough money in the account as the pools have to be paid for before the galas are held. He also stated that the fees and door entrance at galas would remain the same as there was no need to change them.

The accounts were proposed by S Haynes, seconded by C Adcroft. All agreed.

Results of the 2017/2018 competition:

The results of the year's competition were read out.

Winners of each division are as follows:

Division 1 - Basildon & Phoenix S.C

Division 2 – Barking & Dagenham S.C

2018/2019 competition:

An emailed was read out from Harlow S.C stating that they were thinking of pulling out of the league. It indicated that it would depend on what was agreed at this meeting in regards to the format as to what they decide to do.

Saffron Seals Proposals

The proposal was read out and S Haynes explained what it was all about. There was a lengthy discussion and different permutations and variations on the proposal were considered. Emails were read out from clubs that were unable to attend giving their opinions too. All present agreed that it would be a good idea to change the format with the final decision being to adopt the Saffron Seals proposal. All agreed it would make it more enjoyable and challenging for the children as they would be swimming against some different clubs every gala.

The new format is as follows:

First round teams will be allocated into separate divisions based on their final placings at the end of the prior season competition.

After BOTH the first and second galas, the two highest placed teams in division 2 will be promoted to swim in division 1 for the next round. The lowest scoring two teams of division 1 will be relegated to swim in division 2 for the next round.

The fourth round will be considered the final. Teams will be placed in the gala based on the total number of league points awarded during the first three rounds. In the event of a draw on league points then places will be awarded based on total swim points earned during the first three rounds.

The league points will be awarded from 11-1. The team finishing first in the first division will be awarded 11 points and the team finishing last in the bottom division will be awarded 1 point. In the final these league points are doubled. In the event of a draw on swim points for any individual gala the teams involved will share the league points equally.

The programme of events would remain as they are now with separate programmes for each division.

Proposed S Haynes seconded S Winnell. All agreed

Formulate 2018/2019 divisions:

A Mullender said that he had contacted clubs within Essex inviting them to join the league but unfortunately only received one reply from Thurrock S.C who said that at this time participation wasn't something that was of interest to the club. After a short discussion the divisions were agreed.

Division 1

Barking and Dagenham Aquatics S.C
Basildon & Phoenix S.C
Brentwood S.C
Harlow S.C
Romford S.C
Witham Dolphins S.C

Division 2

Harwich S.C
Hornchurch S.C
Leyton S.C
Runnymede S.C
Saffron Seals S.C

Dates: Divisions 1 & 2

23 February 2019
23 March 2019
27 April 2019
18 May 2019

S Westwood would find out the availability of the pools and book them ASAP.

Election of the officers and committee:

Chairman: M Westwood
Treasurer: A Mullender

Secretary: S Westwood

All positions: Proposed L Wiles seconded F Gold. All agreed

Executive: L Wiles, P Eveleigh, S Haynes, F Gold
Proposed: A Mullender seconded C Adcroft. All agreed

Data Protection Policy.

A form was read out by M Westwood in regard to the new data protection rules which would be sent to each member club to fill in. L Wiles felt that the wording about if you were not happy your name could be removed should be slightly changed to add HOWEVER the league MUST always have a main contact for your club.

Rule Change

It was felt that the league rule on the quorum needed at the AGM should be changed to 50% of the affiliated clubs from the previous season plus one additional member it was also decided that a vice chairperson would only be appointed if elected. Additionally the quorum for a meeting of the management committee should be altered to four.

Open Forum

P Waller asked that Walthamstow Pool be only used for division 1 galas as the swimmers were unable to dive in from one end of the pool due to the slap boards that were in place so would have a big effect on the division 2 galas as there are a number of 4x1 relay races. A Mullender stated that these boards needed to be in place for the safety of the swimmers. It was agreed to only use the pool for division 1 galas.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.28hrs

Appendix

Attachment 1: Statement of Accounts 2017-18

	2017-18 Accounts			
	Current Year		Prior Year - 2017	
	16th Sept 2017 - 15th Sept 2018		16th Sept 2016 - 15th Sept 2017	
		vs. Prior Year		vs. Prior Year
Cash - Brought forward	£ 6,914.59	(368.49)	£ 7,283.08	1,019.66
Current Account	2,912.08		3,281.25	
Deposit Account	4,002.51		4,001.83	
Income	3,300.97	(905.21)	4,206.18	(665.14)
Fees	500.00	(150.00)	650.00	(150.00)
Fines	50.00	(100.00)	150.00	150.00
Door Receipts	2,749.25	(656.25)	3,405.50	(664.02)
Interest	1.72	1.04	0.68	(1.12)
Other	-		-	
Expenditure	2,945.67	(1,629.00)	4,574.67	(401.99)
Pool Hire	2,770.60	(457.45)	3,228.05	(1,430.95)
Room Hire	70.90	1.70	69.20	1.20
Stationery	39.60	(44.40)	84.00	(39.10)
Website	39.57	(3.85)	43.42	43.42
ASA Affiliation	25.00	-	25.00	-
Officials Expenses	-	-	-	(15.00)
Equipment	-	-	-	(86.56)
Recognition	-	-	-	0.00
Prior Season costs	-	(1,125.00)	1,125.00	-
memo: Season Profit (Loss)	355.30	(401.21)	756.51	861.85
Uninvoiced Debts	-	-	-	(1,125.00)
Cash Balance - c/f	£ 7,269.89	355.30	£ 6,914.59	(368.49)
Current Account	3,265.66		2,912.08	
Deposit Account	4,004.23		4,002.51	

Note: 2017 Prior Season costs were for Becontree Pool hire - 3 galas in 2015-16 season paid in Dec 2016