



Essex Swimming League

Affiliated to Swim England London Region



Minutes – Annual General Meeting 2023

Held on 15th October 2023 at the Chantry Centre, Billericay CM11 2AP

The Treasurer, Andy Mullender, opened the meeting at 10.00am and thanked everyone for coming.

Attendees

League Officers: Chair - Angela Eguakhide (Romford), Secretary - Mike Stagg, Treasurer - Andy Mullender
Club Representatives: Chris Manning (Basildon Phoenix), Jacqui Owen (Runnymede), Steve Hart (Witham Dolphins), Lisa McLachlan (Brentwood), Frank Gold (Hornchurch), Lorraine Rate (Woodham Ferrers), Jamie McLaughlin (Dunmow), Helen Kent-Jackson (Halstead), Mark Greenbaum (Chelmsford), Paul Norris (Leyton), [Katie Holmes \(Harwich\)](#).

Guests: Steve Westwood, Marion Westwood

1. Apologies for Absence

Neil Read (Runnymede SC), Sean Eveleigh (Chelmsford SC), Rebecca Mann (Chelmsford SC).

2. Minutes of the previous AGM - No outstanding actions or objections.

3. Matters arising - No matters were raised.

4. Treasurers Report

- Andy Mullender provided a copy of the 2020-2023 accounts to the attendees.
- Current Year Cash Balance carried forward £9,549.78.
- 2022 /23 Profit £1,188.16.
- Loss expected in 2023 -2024 season due to the introduction of two divisions but this would be containable within current funds.

5. Results of 2022/2023 Competition

- 1st Basildon & Phoenix SC- 40 points
- 2nd Romford Town SC- 35 Points
- 3rd Runnymede SC- 30 points

6. Presentation of thanks to Steve & Marion Westwood

Steve and Marion were presented with some flowers and a £100 meal voucher to recognise the outstanding contribution they made to the league as in a variety of roles (including Chairperson and Secretary) from 2000 until 2021.

7. Confirmation of new clubs and agree formulation of Divisions for new season

- New applications from Dunmow Atlantis, Halstead, Chelmsford, Leyton, Barking & Dagenham Aquatics.
- It was agreed to have two divisions consisting of 6 clubs in each division with new clubs entering the lower division as per the league rules.
Update: After the meeting an application has been received from Barking and Dagenham Aquatics to join the league. This has been accepted.
 - *Division 1* – Basildon & Phoenix, Romford Town, Runnymede, Witham Dolphins, Brentwood, Harwich.
 - *Division 2* – Hornchurch, Woodam Ferrers, Dunmow Atlantis, Halstead, Chelmsford, Leyton, Barking & Dagenham Aquatics.
- A request was made for the rules to be changed to allow clubs to provide two qualified timekeepers instead of 'one competent Judge' (e.g. J1/J2) and one timekeeper which is the current requirement.
- A number of the smaller club's struggle supplying J1's.
- Andy commented that provision of a TK would always better than nobody, but if all multiple clubs did this it would cause problems for the referee(s) in having sufficient people to act in stroke and turn roles. He also said that a TK who had completed the Turns theory training (now available online) would be acceptable.
- This proposal was rejected. It was noted that some of the larger clubs (i.e. Basildon & Phoenix, Romford) can often supply additional J1's if required.

8. Agreement of proposed dates for 2023/2024

- The following provisional dates were proposed with potential pools identified –
 - 3rd February 2024 – Romford + TBD
 - 2nd March 2024 – Becontree + TBD
 - 20th April 2024 – Basildon +TBD
 - 15th June – Chelmsford & Becontree
 - Reserve Dates 23rd March 2024, 6th July 2024.
- The dates above are subject to change depending on clashes with regional competitions, mini leagues and other ESL member club galas.
- Dates and locations will be confirmed later when pool bookings have been made by Neil Read.
- A proposal was made to have the two divisions running in consecutive sessions on the same date & venue.
- Many attendees agreed this was a good proposal, but concerns were raised regarding the availability of sufficient officials to cover both sessions, possible car park capacity issues etc.
- The committee agreed to carry out further investigations, with the intent of running at least one round in this format in the 2023/2024 season.

9. Proposed rule changes

- Event 49 Squadron Relay – Swim order.
 - *Rule: Squadron Freestyle Relay, one swimmer from each Age Group, alternating Girls then Boys, 8 swimmers, to be swum in ascending age order.*
 - It had been reported there were a some of infringements to this rule during the 2023/2023 competition, but no disqualifications were made. Clubs were asked to ensure their coaches were aware of the sequence and if they were unable to comply that they should notify the referee in advance (in writing) that their team would be swimming for no points in that event.
 - It was agreed no changes should be made to this rule.
- Relays – Leaving the water during competition.
 - Suggestions had been made that the league disqualify swimmers for leaving the pool at the end of the relay. It was noted that WA rules state swimmers should leave the pool at the end of their race or leg (without impeding another swimmer) and therefore to implement this suggestion would put us in conflict with WA rules. It was agreed the clubs would be asked to consider it good practice for the final relay swimmer to stay in the pool until the last team has finished but it would not be a DQ matter..
 - It was agreed there should be no change to this rule.
- Use of 50m legs or races where pool depth is less than 1.35m.
 - To keep things simple it was agreed to change Event 25,26 & 49 from 25m to 50m legs for all galas.
 - **Action – Chris Manning – Programmes to be updated to reflect changes to events 25, 26 & 49..**
 - **Action: Andy Mullender – Update league rules and recoding sheets to reflect changes to events 25, 26 & 49.**

10. Election of Offices and Committee

- **League Officers**
 - Chairperson- **Angela Eguakhide** (no change).
 - Secretary – Michael Stagg requested to stand down and will be replaced by **Chris Manning**.
 - Treasurer – **Andy Mullender** (no change).
- **Committee Roles**
 - Gala Booking Coordinator – **Neil Read** (no change).
 - Gala Box Coordinator – Chris Manning requested to stand down and will be replaced by **Helen Kent-Jackson**.
 - Officials Coordinator- **Angela Eguakhide** offered to jointly perform this role with **Andy Mullender**.
 - Website / IT Manager – **Andy Mullender** (no change).

11. Open Forum for 2023 /2024 Competition

- It was agreed that if clubs could not field a full team of eligible swimmers for all events, ineligible swimmers could still compete but need to be declared (in writing) to the referee as ‘swimming for no points’ before the event.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.10 hrs.

Final Essex Swimming League 2020-23 Statement of Accounts

2020-23 Accounts						
	Current Year <i>16th Sept 2020 - 16th Oct 2023</i>		Prior Year 2020 <i>16th Sept 2019 - 15th Sept 2020</i>		Prior Year 2019 <i>16th Sept 2018 - 15th Sept 2019</i>	
		vs. Prior Year		vs. Prior Year		vs. Prior Year
Cash - Brought forward	£7,861.62	221.45	£7,640.17	370.28	£7,269.89	355.30
Current Account	3,843.81	16-Sep-20	3,628.46	15-Sep-20	3,265.66	15-Sep-19
Deposit Account	4,017.81	16-Sep-20	4,011.71	15-Sep-20	4,004.23	15-Sep-19
Income	3,247.99	2,158.89	1,089.10	(2,576.54)	3,665.64	364.67
Affiliation Fees	400.00	100.00	300.00	(300.00)	600.00	100.00
Fines	-	(200.00)	200.00	150.00	50.00	-
Door Receipts	2,274.27	1,691.27	583.00	(2,325.16)	2,908.16	158.91
Interest	43.22	37.12	6.10	(1.38)	7.48	5.76
Advance Fees	500.00	500.00	-	(100.00)	100.00	100.00
Other	30.50	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure	1,559.83	692.18	867.65	(2,427.71)	3,295.36	349.69
Pool Hire	1,979.30	1,170.15	809.15	(2,218.45)	3,027.60	257.00
Room Hire	50.00	50.00	-	(166.00)	166.00	95.10
Stationery	36.00	7.50	28.50	(8.70)	37.20	(2.40)
Website	16.80	16.80	-	(39.56)	39.56	(0.01)
SE Affiliation	110.00	80.00	30.00	5.00	25.00	-
Officials Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	62.18	62.18	-	-	-	-
Recognition	111.50	111.50	-	-	-	-
Prior Season costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gala Credits used	- 805.95	(805.95)	-	-	-	-
<i>memo: Season Profit (Loss)</i>	1,188.16	966.71	221.45	(48.83)	270.28	(85.02)
Liabilities	20.00	20.00	-	-	-	-
Gala Invoice Credits	-	(836.45)	836.45	836.45	-	-
Cash Balance - c/f	£9,549.78	1,688.16	£7,861.62	221.45	£7,640.17	370.28
Current Account	5,488.75	16-Oct-23	3,843.81	15-Sep-20	3,628.46	15-Sep-19
Deposit Account	4,061.03	15-Oct-23	4,017.81	15-Sep-20	4,011.71	15-Sep-19

Note: Season Profit excludes any Advance Fees paid and Prior Season costs. Current year expanded to include Lge shutdown period