Essex Swimming League
AGM

Thursday 2nd October :@ 7pm

Members	In Attendance/Apologies
Chair: Angela Eguakhide	Y
Treasurer: Andy Mullender	Y
League Secretary: Helen Kent-Jackson	Y
Gala Booking Co-ordinator: Neil Read (stepping down)	Apologies
Gala Box Co-ordinator: Chris Manning	Apologies
Officials Co-ordinator: Michale Laniyan	Y
CLUBS	
1. **Basildon:** Pam Georgaksi	Y Apologies Nigel Bear
2. **Braintree:** Sam Underdown	Y
3. Brentwood:	Apologies from Lisa
4. **Colchester**: Charlie Stevens & Emma Jordan	Y
5. **Halstead:** Helen Kent-Jackson	Y
6. **Harwich:** Katie Holmes	Y
7. **Hornchurch:** Frank Gold	Y
8. **Newham:** Michael Laniyan	Y
9. **Runnymede**: Alex Comber	Y Apologies from Andy Rouyer-Brown
10. **Witham:** Ryan Shaw	Apologies

	Item
1.	**Apologies for Absence** **Conflicts of Interest**
	No conflicts to note Apologies confirmed
2.	**Minutes from the previous meeting** ▪ Approval of minutes from Nov 2024 http://wp.essexswimleague.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Essex-Swimming-League-AGM-2024-Minutes.docx
	Minutes approved
3.	**Matters Arising & Chairman's Matters** **Chairs Report and Communication with Members:**
	None to note
4.	**Standing item: Treasurers Report**
	AM presented the accounts, which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. AM noted: ▪ A small error within the document, which would be recirculated with the minutes. ▪ Fees increased in 2024 for clubs and door entry. Affiliation fee would not increase for this year.. Discussion on additional expense potentially expected for 2026 to reflect hire of AOE, however quantum was unknown and AM felt that the accounts could bear this cost for 2026. It was also noted that Swim England

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	Licence fees would be payable for 2026 £25 x 4 rounds x 2 events per round (£200) ▪ No room hire for 2025/6 accounts as AGM was virtual ▪ No web fees had been accounted for in 2024/5 and would roll into 2025/6 accounts ▪ Basildon fees were outstanding
5.	**Standing item:** **2025 Review and Results for the Year**
	AM and HKJ summarised the results and items for consideration for the future: ▪ Div 1 & 2 retained by Basildon and Brentwood ▪ Beginning of Jan date for fixtures didn't allow much time post New Year for training and where possible should be avoided going forward ▪ May date was equally challenging because of the proximity to half term ▪ Licenses had been secured for all events, however due to issues with getting AOE in place none had run. There was the potential for one to have ran in Division 2, however the referee was only J2S and not licenced, a requirement for a Level 3 event ▪ The use of Swim Admin was successful, albeit the extract should be done as close to the start of the event to ensure all names were captured ▪ Going forward planning of referees would be helpful – commitment up front to the agreed dates. **ML agreed to take this forward**
6.	**Club Membership for 2026:**
	Standing down – Romford, Dunmow and Chelmsford Joining – Braintree and Colchester Membership to be 10 clubs for 2026 The divisions would be: Brentwood (winner of Division 2) would be promoted to Div 1 Romford demoted, but have now left As per League Rules, the new clubs join into Division 2, which means that Witham would also be promoted, which means that Witham is also promoted to Division 1 Formation for the first round in 2026: Division One 1. Basildon & Phoenix 2. Newham 3. Runnymede 4. Brentwood 5. Witham Dolphins Division Two 1. Harwich 2. Hornchurch 3. Halstead 4. Braintree 5. Colchester

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7.	**2026 Format**
	Discussion on the format for 2026. Hornchurch raised concerns on swimmers needing to be Cat2. It was clarified that swimers who were Cat1 would be omitted in Rankings submission to ensure that they didn't need to change their membership. Consensus concluded that it would be beneficial to license the events in 2026, this was an attraction for some clubs to remain with the League. **HKJ to progress with gaining licenses for all rounds**
8.	**Rules and Constitution of ESL**
	Approval of League Rules was passed, noting change to accommodate licensed meets
9.	**Dates for 2026**
	Discussion on suggested dates concluded: 1. 31st Jan (Division 1 Romford, Division 2 Braintree) 2. 7th March (Division 1 Beacontree, Division 2 Harrow Lodge) ~~3.~~ 18th April (Division 1 Basildon, Division 2 Braintree) 4. 6th June (Division 1 Romford, Division 2 Beacontree) 5. Reserve 27th June **Neil and Angela to take forward pool bookings**
10.	**Election of Officers:**
	All those apart from the Chair stood down and the following were elected: Chair – Angela Eguakhide (Finished Y1, no need to be re-elected as per League Rules) Treasurer – Andy Mullender IT/Website – Andy Mullender League Secretary – Helen Kent-Jackson Officials Co-ordinator – Michael Laniyan Gala Booking Co-ordinator – vacancy – temporarily to be covered with Angela and Neil Gala Box Co-ordinator – Chris Manning
11.	**AOB**
	No items were raised