

Annual Council Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of Swim England South East (formally ASA South East Region) Annual Council Meeting held on Saturday 16 September 2017 commencing at 12.25pm at Holiday Inn, Guildford

Present: Around 150 people were present including 43 delegates.

The Chair: The Chairman of the Regional Management Board, Roger Penfold, was in the Chair.

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Hailsham Swimming Club, Ivan Horsfall Tuner (Board Member/Beacon SC), William Long (Board Member / Beacon SC) & Diane Hughes (Synchronised Swimming Manager / Reading Royals SC).

2 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting particularly those who were present for the Regional Awards.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10 September 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 ASA Business

4.1 ASA Annual Report and Accounts 2016 - 2017 and Financial Review for the Period ended 31 March 2017

The Chairman requested that delegates "star" any pages within the report for discussion. The following pages were 'starred':

ASA Annual Report

Page 4 Within the SGB Chairman's Report it was noted that Jenny Grey was included in the Queen's Honours list however Sally Minty also received honours. Should all swimming recipients not be included? (Jim Boucher – Guildford City Water Polo Club)

ASA Accounts

No queries were raised on the Accounts.

It was decided that relevant points would be referred to ASA Council under 'starred items'.

4.2 Proposals for changes to ASA laws.

Proposal to enable to ASA in incorporate as a company in the hopes that charitable status might also be approved. The Regional Management Board have not taken a formal decision on the proposal however it is felt that the majority were supportive. No comments were raised on the proposal.

5 Swim England South East Region Annual Report 2016-17

Council received the Annual Report of Swim England South East for the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

No questions were received in advance of the meeting.

The Report was **accepted** *nem con*.

6 ASA South East Region Financial Statements 2016-2017

Council received the Annual Accounts of Swim England South East for the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

The Annual Accounts were **accepted** *nem con*.

7 Motions to Council

7.1 Proposals to change Regional Rules:

None received

7.2 Additional proposals to change Regional Rules:

None received

7.3 Other Motions

Proposal by Regional Management Board

In the event of the ASA Council passing a resolution for the incorporation of the ASA, the Regional Management Board be authorised to make the requisite arrangements to facilitate any necessary appointments before the Region's ACM in September 2018.

If the ASA passes this resolution there will be a group appointed currently known as 'the members' who will act in a role that could be likened to shareholders, this will be made up of delegates from the Regions. Those persons will elect the 4 representative Board members that will go on to make up the Swim England Board. This proposal was put forward so that should this resolution be passed the Region will not need to hold a Special General Meeting and will instead make the necessary arrangements and report back to at the Region's Council meeting in September 2018.

It was confirmed by Chris Lee (Farnham SC) that Swim England will be seeking to become a company limited by guarantee and will not have shareholders. There would be terms and conditions in place which mean that assets won't go to members, this would be covered in the articles of association. There is no value to the membership and members could not vote to close Swim England.

The motion was **agreed** *nem com*.

8 Awards

8.1 Regional Aquatic Awards

The Regional Aquatic Awards were announced by Chris Lee (Farnham SC) who thanked everyone for their attendance. The President, Jane Davies, presented the following awards:

Teacher of the Year

3rd Gillian Button
2nd Dee Denehan
1st Ros Einchcombe

Coach of the Year

3rd Emma Sticka – Redhill & Reigate SC
2nd Carolyn Heeley – Mid Sussex Marlins
1st Kevin Brooks – Wycombe District SC

Service to Aquatics

2nd John White
2nd Jo Murphy
1st Margaret Tuppen

Disabled Participant of the Year

2nd Danny Fielden
2nd Janka Penter
1st Matthew Davis

Senior Achievement Award

3rd Dorothy May
2nd Jillian Parker
1st Kathy Batts (unable to attend)

Youth Achievement Award

The following were highly commended:

Eleanor Lawrence, Emilia Robertson, Amy Strode & Oscar Coggins (unable to attend)

3rd Solent Swimmers
2nd Mia Burns
1st Richard Allen (unable to attend)

Club of the Year

2nd Wycombe District SC
2nd Beachfield Swimming Squad
1st Four Shires SC

Learn to Swim

3rd Cian Gilligan

3rd Elijah Pond
1st Sidrah Ali
1st Myles Mistry-Lubbock

The following awards were presented by Ray Hedger, Past President and Past President of the Amateur Swimming Association:

Volunteer of the Year

Doug Gatland & Brian Harrison were highly commended.

1st Elizabeth Rowley (unable to attend)
1st Claire Newell
1st Daran Jones

Young Volunteer of the Year

3rd Sarah Brown
2nd Danielle Richards
1st Emma Button (unable to attend)

8.2 President's Plate (Jeff Cook Memorial Plate)

The President, Jane Davies presented the Jeff Cook Memorial Plate. The Jeff Cook Memorial Plate recognises outstanding contributions to the Region. The Plate was awarded to Rosa Gallop. Rosa has been involved in the sport for many years and has done work with a variety of disciplines. Rosa has been instrumental in setting up the Region's Club Networks and getting clubs to work together.

Replica plates were presented to previous recipients of the plate.

2014 Eileen Adams
2015 Helen Mack
2016 Ray Hedger
2017 Rosa Gallop

9 Elections and Installations

9.1 President 2017 – 2018

Eileen Adams (Amersham SC) was elected as President for 2017-18.

Council endorsed the installation.

Eileen Adams presented Jane Davies with a Past President's Medal.

9.2 Vice President 2017-18

No nomination had been received.

Council authorised the Regional Management Board to arrange the appointment of the Vice President.

9.3 Members of the Regional Management Board (4)

Elected to serve until 2020:

George Adamson (City of Southampton SC)
Brian Deval (Brighton Dolphin SC)
Ivan Horsfall Turner (Beacon SC)
Chris Lee (Farnham SC)

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Darren Wilmshurst for his time on the Regional Management Board.

No election was necessary.

9.4 Regional Delegates to the ASA Council Meeting (14)

Eileen Adams (Amersham SC)
Kenneth Adams (Amersham SC)
Jane Davies (Black Lion SC)
John Davies (Black Lion SC)
Susan Harrison (Slough & Eton Dolphin SC)
Janet Hedger (Woking SC)
Ray Hedger (Woking SC)
Chris Lee (Farnham SC)
Alan Lewis (Leatherhead SC)
Mollie Lewis (Leatherhead SC)
Roger Penfold (Reading SC)
Geoff Stokes (Rushmoor Royals SC)

No election was necessary. Council authorised the Regional Management Board to appoint two further delegates.

The two further delegates will be, Regional Management Board Members Brian Deval & Shelley Robinson.

10 Appointments

10.1 Examiner(s) (or Auditor(s) as appropriate) of the Regions Accounts

Council **agreed** the Regional Management Board's recommendation to re-appoint Charterhouse Accountants of Beaconsfield.

10.2 Custodians of the Region's Property

Mrs S Green, Mr E Lyne, Mr J Ramsay and Mrs M Tuppen remained in post.

11 Vote of thanks to the Scrutineers

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Janet Hedger and Mollie Lewis.

The meeting closed at 13:55