

Annual Council Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of Swim England South East (formally ASA South East Region) Annual Council Meeting held on Saturday 15 September 2018 commencing at 12.15pm at Holiday Inn, Guildford

Present: Around 118 people were present including 28 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 Jane Davies (Black Lion SC), John Davies (Board Member / Black Lion SC), William Long (Board Member / Beacon SC), Medway Mermaids Synchro Club, Terry Norris (Chalfont Otters SC), Oxford University Water Polo Club, Royal Tunbridge Wells Masters SC, Margaret Tuppen (Trustee / Brighton SC), Christina Victor (Guildford City 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 16 September 2017 were approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Please see Appendix 1.

4 The Amateur Swimming Association (Swim England) Ltd Business

4.1 Swim England Annual Report and Accounts 2017 - 2018 and Financial Review for the Period ended 31 March 2018

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

Swim England ASA Annual Report

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| Page 38 | The report contains very short reports. The Masters report is only four lines long: why is it so short and what does it mean? (Jim Boucher – Guildford Water Polo Club) |
| Page 44 | There are only fleeting references to Volunteers in the report. (Roger Prior – Eton College SC) |
| General | It was raised at the last ASA Annual Council Meeting that a Safeguarding report should be included in the Annual Report, but this has not been taken on board. (Shelley Robinson – Sevenoaks SC) |
| General | There are very limited references in the report to the backbone of the sport, the Clubs, Counties and Regions. (John Davies – Black Lion SC) |

Swim England ASA Accounts

No queries were raised on the Accounts.

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

4.2 Proposals for changes to Swim England ASA laws.

No proposed law changes had been received.

5 Swim England South East Region Annual Report 2017-18

Council received the Annual Report of Swim England South East for the period 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

No questions were received in advance of the meeting.

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

6 ASA South East Region Financial Statements 2017-2018

Council received the Annual Accounts of Swim England South East for the period 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

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

7 Motions to Council

7.1 Proposals to change Regional Rules:

- a. Throughout, delete references to Amateur Swimming Association or ASA and substitute Amateur Swimming Association (Swim England) Ltd or Swim England, except where otherwise specified.
- b. Article 1 The formal title of the organisation shall be Swim England South East Region
- c. Article 5.1.1.3 Delete reference to the ASA bodies and substitute the Swim England Board
- d. Article 6.3 Delete reference to the Sport Governing Board and substitute *to be inserted*. RFP proposed to amend this to 'a body nominated by Swim England'
- e. Article 11.2.2 Delete reference to the Sport Governing Board and add Swim England Members' Forum, and allow deletion of ASA Council, when the latter ceases to exist
- f. Article 13.2.7 Delete reference to ASA Council, when it ceases to exist

The Chair, Roger Penfold, proposed the motion. No seconder was required as this was proposed by Regional Management Board.

The changes to Regional Rules were **accepted** *nem con*.

7.2 Additional proposals to change Regional Rules:

11.2.2 Establish that the President and the Chairman of the Regional Management Board are automatically Members of the Swim England Members' Forum

George Adamson (Regional Management Board) moved the motion. No seconder was required as this was proposed by the Regional Management Board.

The change was **accepted** *nem con*.

7.3 Other Motions

Proposal by Regional Management Board

Provide for the Annual Report and Accounts to be published only on the Region's website.

The Chair, Roger Penfold, proposed the motion.

Shelley Robinson (Sevenoaks SC) requested that all papers were emailed out to Club Secretaries, not just added to the website.

Mike Lambert (Basingstoke Bluefins SC) added that such information should also be included in the Newsletter.

Brian Deval (Brighton SC) responded that the information does go out on social media, on the newsletter and in the post, so should reach around 2000 people.

Chris Lee (Farnham SC) reminded those present that they can sign up to the newsletter through the Region's website.

Ray Zaberte (Woking SC) asked if these items were being done online if the Region could start also accepting delegation forms by email.

Roger Penfold (Chairman) responded that this item only related to the Annual Report and Accounts: however, the Regional Management Board would consider the request.

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, Eileen Adams, presented the following awards:

Teacher of the Year

3rd Ann Chamberlain

2nd Alan Amore (unable to attend)

1st Ross Sherwood (unable to attend)

Coach of the Year

3rd Ivo Mandradzhiyski

2nd Josh Atkins

1st Richard Reed (unable to attend, award collected by Farnham SC swimmers)

Adult Achievement Award

1st Stuart Nisbet

Personal Achievement Award

3rd Molly Lawrence (unable to attend)

2nd Martha Jones (unable to attend)

1st Francesca Feast

Club of the Year

3rd Portsmouth City Water Polo

2nd Wycombe District SC

1st Electric Eels SC

Learn to Swim

3rd Elenor Wilby-Gilroy

3rd Dylan Genower

2nd Emmie Rixon

1st Ernest Watson

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

Volunteer of the Year

3rd Neil Lacey

2nd Louise Sansome (unable to attend)

1st Ken Adams

Young Volunteer of the Year

3rd William Cavanagh (unable to attend)

2nd Lily Patey (unable to attend)

1st Eva Porter

The remaining awards presented by The President, Eileen Adams:

Services to Aquatics

3rd Charlotte Durham (unable to attend)

2nd Trevor Jones

1st Lisa Bishop (unable to attend)

Water Polo Player of the Year

3rd Lucy Mai Helliwell

2nd Katy Cutler (unable to attend)

1st U16 Girls Water Polo Team – Amelia Mcalister (unable to attend), Audrey Tala (unable to attend), Caitlin Silk (unable to attend), Charlotte Apps, Grace Byford (unable to attend), Lucy Bullock, Lucy-Mai Halliwell, Madeline Calthrop, Nicole Fawcett, Ewan Partridge (Coach), Helen Bullock (Team Manager)

Open Water Swimmer of the Year

2nd Alice Davies

1st Elliot Morpuss

Diver of the Year

3rd Gemma Mcarthur (unable to attend)

2nd Tanya Watson (unable to attend)

1st Emily Martin

Disabled Participant of the Year

2nd Katie Crowhurst

2nd Tyler Ioannou

1st Fabienne Andre

Synchronised Swimmer of the Year

1st Cerys Larsen (unable to attend)

Essential Spirit of South East Region Masters

2nd Katie Stanley (unable to attend, collected by Debbie Addison)

1st Christina Victor (unable to attend)

Masters Swimmer of the Year

3rd Sally Mills

3rd Alex Smith

3rd Debbie Addison

2nd Gregory Whyte (unable to attend)

1st Mike Hodgson

Swimmer of the Year

3rd Eleanor Lawrence

2nd Tatiana Belonogoff

1st Tom Dean

8.2 President's Plate (Jeff Cook Memorial Plate)

The President, Eileen Adams presented the Jeff Cook Memorial Plate. The Jeff Cook Memorial Plate recognises outstanding contributions to the Region. The Plate was awarded to Mike Lambert, Basingstoke Bluefins.

Mike Lambert has been involved in the sport since 1983, starting his journey when his child joined a swimming club. Mike has gone on to become a qualified official, becoming involved in the County Association (Hampshire) and becoming County President in 2011. Mike was influential in the establishment of the Regional Licence Panel which he oversees. Mike is also involved working with senior coaches in the Region through the Coaches' Forum and runs the Regional Swimming Competitions in his role as Competition Manager, even developing his own meet management software. Mike was Regional President in 2015/16.

9 Elections and Installations

9.1 President 2018 – 2019

Eileen Adams gave an overview of what the second 6 months of her Presidency had involved including the Regional Championships, National Age Group Championships, National Synchronised Swimming Events and the Regional Open Water Event.

Jenny Gray (Reading Royals SSC) was elected as President for 2018-19.

Council endorsed the installation.

Jenny Gray presented Eileen Adams with a Past President's Medal.

9.2 Vice President 2018-19

Terry Norris (Chalfont Otters SC) was elected as Vice-President for 2018-19.

9.3 Members of the Regional Management Board (4)

Elected to serve until 2021:

John Davies (Black Lion SC)
Mike Lambert (Basingstoke Bluefins SC)
Shelley Robinson (Sevenoaks SC)

Council authorised the Regional Management Board to arrange the appointment of an additional Regional Management Board Member.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Gary Shields for his time on the Regional Management Board and as the Board Member responsible for Finance since 2013. Thanks were also recorded to Jim Boucher who has resigned from the Regional Management Board following his appointment to the Swim England Sports Operations committee.

No election was necessary.

9.4 Regional Delegates to the ASA Council Meeting (14)

Eileen Adams (Amersham SC)
Jane Davies (Black Lion SC)
John Davies (Black Lion SC)
Susan Harrison (Slough & Eton Dolphin SC)
Ray Hedger (Woking SC)
Christopher Lee (Farnham SC)
Alan Lewis (Leatherhead SC)
Mollie Lewis (Leatherhead SC)
Roger Penfold (Reading SC)
Roger Prior (Eton College SC)
Ellie Purvis (Herne Bay SC)
Peter Robinson (Sevenoaks SC)
Shelley Robinson (Sevenoaks SC)
Geoff Stokes (Rushmoor Royals SC)

Earlier in the meeting Council had agreed a rule change meaning that the President would automatically become a Regional Delegate. Council authorised the Board to make arrangements for the President, Jenny Gray, to attend.

No election was necessary.

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.

12 Vote of thanks to the Chairman

Ray Hedger proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Roger Penfold.

The meeting closed at 13.32