



The National Arena Swimming League – London

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-London
at The Featherstone Room, Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire on Wednesday, 21st June 2017

Those present: Andy Gardner (Potters Bar), Chairman; Ian Mackenzie (IM) (Hoddesdon), Treasurer; Sheila Mackenzie (Hoddesdon), Secretary; and Kay Grimshaw (Saxon Crown, Lewisham), Administration Officer.

The following club was represented:- Enfield Swim Squad

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm, and Andy Gardner took the chair and welcomed those present.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2016** These were approved.

2. **Matters arising** None

3. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Basildon & Phoenix, Colchester, Dunmow Atlantis, Linslade Crusaders, Teddington and Watford.

4. **Secretary's report for the year to 28th February, 2017** SM highlighted some points from the written report. The report is attached.

5. **Financial report** IM presented the accounts for the year to 28.2.17. IM commented that the bank balance continues to be healthy. IM had also produced a pool income and expenditure spreadsheet which identified that the loss incurred per gala continued to rise, but had increased substantially in the last year - increased hire costs for pools, licensing fees and a decrease in spectators at the galas being contributory factors. A loss year on year was not sustainable, despite the healthy bank balance, and IM said that the proposed increase in registration fee would help to redress the situation.

a) **To adopt the balance sheet as at 28th February, 2017 and associated accounts** Adopted

b) **To approve the Hon. Secretary's advanced expenses** This was approved at £200.

c) **To approve payment towards expenses of premier team going to 49th Cup Final and the second placed team, together with any other team/s qualifying within the National League criteria, for the 49th Cup Final and the 18th 'B' Final on 21st/22nd April, 2018** £500 each was approved

6. **National Secretary's report** The report is attached. IM expanded on various points. Solo Sports, as the UK distributor for Arena, pay the sponsorship money to the League, in sterling. All leagues can now be licensed.

7. **Proposals for alterations to league rules, as proposed by the retiring executive committee**

Rule 3 The league shall be managed by an executive committee consisting of the chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, minutes secretary and administration officer. The executive committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and remain in office until the next year's AGM. Any contingency not covered by the rules of the league shall be referred to the executive committee for interpretation and decision. The executive committee shall meet as and when required.

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Approved

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Rule 5b)

Proposal to increase the subscription - the registration fee - to £100. The amount will rise to £150, if the payment is not made by 1st May. If approved, this will apply for the 2018-2019 season

The increase and the penalty for late payment was approved, as proposed above. A week before the 1st May deadline, the secretary will send a reminder to those clubs which have not responded by then.

8. The election of the executive committee to serve for the next 12 months As there was only one nomination for the each of the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Administration Officer, the following were elected without a vote being necessary :

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| a) Chairman | Andy Gardner(Potters Bar) |
| b) Treasurer | Ian Mackenzie (Hoddesdon) |
| c) Secretary | Sheila Mackenzie (Hoddesdon) |
| d) Administration Officer | Kay Grimshaw (Saxon Crown, Lewisham) |
| e) Elected member | No nomination received, but Richard McGonegle (Enfield Swim Squad) agreed to stand for the post, and was duly elected. |

9. The election of two delegates to The National Swimming League AGM on 25th June, 2017, in Loughborough Sheila Mackenzie will attend. A second delegate was not found.

10. To confirm the teams to swim in the divisions on Saturdays 14th October, 11th November and 9th December, 2017

At the end of the 2016 season Barking & Dagenham and Watford were promoted to the premier division, and Bishops Stortford and Brompton were relegated to division one. Bexley and Dunmow Atlantis were promoted to division one, and Hitchin and Hoddesdon were relegated to division two. Brent Dolphins and Borough of Harrow B have both resigned from the league, and two other teams - Cheshunt and Hoddesdon - have resigned, but are intending to re-apply as two teams from a newly formed club - Broxbourne Swim Squad. Wimbledon Dolphins and a Watford B team have applied to join the league.

The format of three divisions will continue for the 2017-18 season. The premier division and division one will have two galas per round, with sixteen teams per division. Division two will have three galas per round, with twenty one teams in the division.

The galas will be licensed.

11. Draw for the round one galas on Saturday, 14th October, 2017 The draw for the three divisions was made, and is attached. The meeting closed at 8.30pm, with thanks to those who had attended.