



The National Arena Swimming League – West Midlands

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-West Midlands
at The Novotel Hotel, Coventry, Warks, on Wednesday 13th June 2018 commencing at 19.30

Those present: Ralph Shepherd (City of Derby) Chairman; Monica Brown (Stratford Sharks) Treasurer, Clive Smith (Etwell Eagles) Secretary and representatives from the following clubs. - Boldmere, Leamington Spa, Lichfield, Warley Wasps, Arnold, Kingsbury Aquarius, Blythe Barracudas, Orion

Also in attendance

1. The chairman welcomed all those present and advised that the meeting was quorate
2. **Apologies** were received from the following clubs; Mansfield, Shrewsbury, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Dunstable, Wolverhampton, Coalville, Long Eaton, Abingdon Vale, Cheltenham, City of Hereford, Burntwood, Northgate, Worksop Dolphons, Halesowen, Cheadle, City of Coventry, Wyre Forest, Ripley Rascals, Droitwich
3. **Notes from the 2017 AGM**, as it was not quorate - these had not been received, by the membership nor the officers of the league.
4. **Matters Arising** - Consequently there were no matters arising
5. **Secretary's report** - CS having sat in the room 12 months ago as Chairman of club, CS was there going ask questions about lack of communication and especially about results and next round draw, CS came out the room has Secretary. Therefore I set my own target getting results done by Monday after Saturday gala (which was done in first 2 rounds) but due to death of webmaster week before the last round. CS used 36 different clubs to host and my idea is for different clubs to host this coming year. CS said it was steep learning curve during the 3 months of the galas with different issues coming up including heavy snow in Shropshire ahead of the last round, where discussion to cancel one gala. CS like put record thanks to clubs hosting and the committee for all there volunteer work. CS report he represented the League at Cardiff at National Finals where we had Worcester and City of Derby swimming over weekend.

CS Going forward we need to start licencing the meets - there CS proposed to get Premier Division for 2018 and then look to roll out to the other divisions

Paul from Arnold wanted to put on record thanks to all who helped in 2017 to make better

6. **Chairman's report** - RS asked to put on record how well the league run better now the Scretary role had been split into roles

Clive Smith - Secreatary, Nikki Piggot - Pools Administrator, Sandra Grant - Officials Co-ordintor, Stuart Parker - Results and website, Monica Brown - Treasurer, Keith Munday Vice Chairman, Ann Pollard Eliibility recorder.
7. **Financial report** - MB presented the financial report, which had been 'examined'. There are adequate funds. The accounts as at 28th February 2018 were adopted unanimously.
 - a. Proposal of increase £45 from £40 for 2019 season was declined, after good debate the league has funds of £26K and clubs asked the committee to try and reduce to figure so there another money to cover costs for following year, 2017 costs were £13K
 - b. The gala entry fees for spectators will continue to by £3 and £1 for concessions for the 2018/2019 season.
8. **National Hon. Secretary's report**
9. **Proposals for alterations to league rules, as proposed by the retiring executive committee**

Proposal - no team will receive the 5 bonus points in 1st round - all clubs at the meeting voted to do this and CS had recived support for this via several emails but not had one club express there concerns against

10. **Elections** - The following were elected to the relevant posts;

Chairman	Ralph Shepherd
Vice Chairman	Keith Munday
Treasurer	Monica Brown
Secretary	Clive Smith
Assistant Secretary	Nikki Piggott
Results	Stuart Parker
Eligibility recorder	Ann Pollard
Senior Officials co-ordinator	Sandra Grant

Financial Examiner

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11. **Resignations and applications** - There are two clubs which have resigned, Stourbridge B and Telford District, Bramcote Biddulph and Kidlington & Gosford have applied to join again this season. At the AGM, CS there only 2 places and could not find see rule on how to decide, so the 3 clubs put in to draw with first 2 going into the league. Bramcote where the team missing out. In the following week Bramcote applied to the National League Secretary who said we should have wait list and the clubs go in order, therefore on looking at dates when the 3 teams applied. I have had to inform Kidlington & Gosford they now top of the wait list
12. **Teams** - The list of teams to swim this season on 13th October, 10th November and 8th December were presented to the meeting.
13. **Draw** - The draw for the gala followed and will appear on the website. The allocation of the venues will be auctioned by the committee and the host clubs advised who they are.
- Concern was expressed about the host clubs having to locate the senior officials especially at short notice
 - The intention is that an officials co-ordinator/the League secretary will allocate the two referees and starter to each gala, taking that responsibility from the hosts. That will also be a start towards licensing.
14. **Date of the next meeting** - Wednesday 12th June 2019, Novotel Hotel, Coventry at 19.30
15. The meeting closed at 21.24 with thanks to all present.