



The National Arena Swimming League – London

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-London
at The Fetherstone Room, Wyllyotts Centre, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire on Wednesday, 20th June 2018

Those present: Andy Gardner (AG) (Brookman's Park), Chairman; Ian Mackenzie (IM) (Hoddesdon), Treasurer; Sheila Mackenzie (SM) (Hoddesdon), Secretary; Kay Grimshaw (KG) (Saxon Crown, Lewisham), Administration Officer; and Richard McGonegle (RG) (Enfield Swim Squad), Elected member

The following club was represented:- Basildon & Phoenix

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm, and Andy Gardner took the chair and welcomed those present.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2017** These were approved.

2. **Matters arising** None

3. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Aylesbury & District, Broomfield Park, Shiverers, Teddington and Watford.

4. **Secretary's report for the year to 28th February, 2018** A report is attached. SM highlighted some of the points in this report.

5. **Financial report** IM presented the accounts for the year to 28.2.18. There continues to be an excess of expenditure over income, which is sustainable in the short-term, in view of the healthy bank balance. Pool costs continue to rise however, and the loss incurred per gala also continued to rise. There was discussion on achieving a break-even situation. IM commented that an increase in spectator entrance fees, for example, would not be beneficial, as spectator numbers were often low because of travel costs to a venue. IM said that the increase in the registration fee would help to redress the situation in the coming season.

a) To adopt the balance sheet as at 28th February, 2018 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 50th Cup Final and the second placed team, together with any other team/s qualifying within the National League criteria, for the 50th Cup Final and the 19th 'B' Final on 2nd/3rd March, 2019 £500 each was approved

6. **National Secretary's report** The report is attached. IM expanded on various points. Earlier in the day, IM had met with Solo Sports, as the UK distributor for Arena. They continued to very supportive of the League.

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

The following changes to rules and conditions were noted:-

Changes to Rules

Rule 2 ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming shall apply to the league.

Following the change of name of the ASA to Swim England, the wording - ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of Swimming - will be changing later this year. The wording has yet to be agreed by the new company's Board. The advice being given at present is that the old wording remains. At the AGM in 2019, the league rules will be amended to the new wording.

Changes to Conditions

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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(Brookman's Park) |
| b) Treasurer | Ian Mackenzie (Hoddesdon) |
| c) Secretary | Sheila Mackenzie (Hoddesdon) |
| d) Administration Officer | Kay Grimshaw (Saxon Crown, Lewisham) |
| e) Elected member | Richard McGonegle (Enfield Swim Squad) |

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 13th October, 10th November and 8th December, 2018

At the end of the 2017 season Bishops Stortford and Leander were promoted to the premier division, and Barking & Dagenham Aquatics an Watford were relegated to division one. Borough of Broxbourne Swim Squad and Hackney Aquatics were promoted to division one, and Berkhamsted andHarpenden were relegated to division two. Bexley has resigned from the league. Aylesbury and District, as the team which finished third in division two last season, are promoted to division one to replace Bexley. Camden Swiss Cottage B and Epping Forest District have both applied to join the league.

The format of three divisions will continue for the 2018-19 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, 13th October, 2018 The draw for the three divisions was made, and is attached.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm, with thanks to those who had attended.