



The National Arena Swimming League - London

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-London
via Zoom on Wednesday, 24th June 2020

Those present: Andy Gardner(AG) (Brookman's Park), Chairman; Ian Mackenzie(IM) (Hoddesdon), Treasurer; Sheila Mackenzie(SM) (Hoddesdon), Secretary; and Kay Grimshaw(KG) (Saxon Crown, Lewisham), Administration Officer; The following clubs were represented:- Harlow Penguins SC, Harpenden SC, Hemel Hempstead SC, teamipswich Swimming and Watford SC.

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 26th June 2019** These were approved.
2. **Matters arising** None
3. **Apologies for absence** No apologies received
4. **Secretary's report for the year to 28th February, 2020** A report is attached. SM highlighted some of the points in this report.
5. **Financial report** IM presented the accounts for the year to 28.2.20. IM commented on various points.
 - a) **To adopt the balance sheet as at 28th February, 2020 and associated accounts** Adopted
 - b) **To approve the Hon. Secretary's advanced expenses** This item is waived this year, as the competition will not take place because of the Coronavirus pandemic.IM confirmed that Solo Sports, as the UK distributor for Arena, were aware of the cancellation of the competition, and obviously there would not be sponsorship money income this year. However Solo Sports remained fully supportive of the League.
6. **National Secretary's report** The report is attached. IM expanded on various points.

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

The following changes to rules were agreed:-

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- c) Clubs who host a gala shall, within three weeks of the gala, submit a financial statement, and forward to the league the total door money, less expenses for the provision of poolside drinks.

The following changes to the conditions were noted:-

Condition 1

- 1a)ii)c) Replaced 'based on total aggregate points' with 'based on league position'
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Changes made to division two for selection of teams for round three

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- 2) If the total number of teams in the division due to compete in Round 3 is 19-21, the next team with the highest league position (7 team gala).

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- 3) If the total number of teams in the division due to compete in Round 3 is 17-18, the next three teams with the highest league position (6 team gala).

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- 2) If the total number of teams in the division due to compete in Round 3 is 25-28, the next three teams with the highest league position (7 team gala).

Condition10

There could potentially be amendments after consultation with the secretaries of the other leagues. There needs to be more clarity in the definition of the open age-group.

Condition13

Changed 'to arrive by 1st October' to 'to arrive, at the latest, by 30th September'

Condition16b)

Changed 'finals day' to 'finals weekend'

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 | No nominations received |

Minutes subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting 2021

9. Election of two delegates to The National Swimming League Annual General Meeting on 28th June, 2020 via Zoom
Sheila Mackenzie and Kay Grimshaw will attend.

10. In normal circumstances, at this point in the meeting the draw would be made for the first round galas. The Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the decision by Swim England to cancel national events for the remainder of this year. The rounds of The National Arena Swimming League will therefore not be taking place in 2020.

11. Next year's Annual General Meeting will be held on 23rd June 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm, with thanks to those who had attended.