



**The National Arena Swimming League - London**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-London  
via Zoom on Tuesday, 21st June 2022

**Those present:** Ian Mackenzie(IM) (Hoddesdon), Treasurer; Sheila Mackenzie(SM) (Hoddesdon), Secretary; and Kay Grimshaw(KG) (Bromley), Administration Officer  
The following clubs were represented:- Aylesbury & District SC, Bishops Stortford SC, Borough of Harrow SC, Camden Swiss Cottage SC, Harpenden SC and Hatfield SC,  
The meeting commenced at 7.pm,

1. **Apologies for absence** Apologies had been received from Colchester SC.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2021** These were approved.
3. **Matters arising** None
4. **Secretary's report for the year to 31st March, 2022** The full report will be available on the website.  
SM highlighted some points. Two face-to-face galas were held in the premier division in each round, but the competition was swum virtually in divisions one and two. This had resulted from the lack of pool availability, Referees and starters were difficult to source for the face-to-face galas. Those teams in the premier division were pleased to be competing face-to-face, but many teams in the virtual competition were also able to have a gala-type atmosphere, by joining with other teams across division one and two to swim the rounds together. A league position table was constructed for all divisions after each round, providing a view of how each team fared in comparison to the other teams in the division. Hatfield competed in the National Cup Final in March 2022, coming 7<sup>th</sup>. Basildon & Phoenix and Camden Swiss Cottage took part in the B Final. Basildon & Phoenix won the B Final, and Camden Swiss Cottage came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chelsea & Westminster had qualified to compete in the B Final, but Covid struck the team and they were unable to attend the Final in Cardiff.
5. **Financial report** IM presented the accounts for the year to 31.3.22. IM commented on various points, confirming that the loss was due fees not being charged.
  - a) **To adopt the balance sheet as at 31st March, 2022 and associated accounts** Adopted
  - b) **To approve the Secretary's advanced expenses - proposed £200** Agreed
  - c) **To approve payment towards expenses of the premier team going to 53rd Cup Final and the second-placed team, together with any other team/s qualifying, within the National League's criteria, for the 53rd Cup Final or the 22nd 'B' Final on 4th/5th March 2023. Proposed £500 per team**  
Agreed
6. **National Secretary's report** IM said that Arena remained in support of the league.  
The national finals weekend had taken place in March 2022.  
The National AGM for the League is scheduled for 26th June 2022, and there is to be discussion then about the way forward. A questionnaire had been compiled to provide input from the constituent leagues regarding the programme of events and the age-groups involved in the league competition..

Minutes subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting 2023

It had been intended to discuss the items at this point, but internet difficulties meant this was not possible. The questionnaire will be circulated to this meeting's attendees for their input.

**The Meeting was adjourned at this point owing to issues with the internet. The meeting was re-convened on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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

There were no rule changes proposed. If necessary, conditions will be amended by the executive committee.

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

a) Chairman	No nominations received
b) Treasurer	Ian Mackenzie (Hoddesdon)
c) Secretary	Sheila Mackenzie (Hoddesdon)
d) Administration Officer	Kay Grimshaw (Bromley)
e) Elected member	No nominations received

There had been an expression of interest received from an attendee at the June meeting who was not present at the September meeting. SM will follow this up. It was unanimously agreed that the individual could join the executive committee in whichever of the vacant positions they felt able to commit to.

**9. Election of two delegates to The National Swimming League Annual General Meeting on 26th June, 2022 via Zoom**

At the June meeting it was agreed that Sheila Mackenzie and Kay Grimshaw would attend and they had done so.

The received responses from all the constituent leagues to the questionnaire (see 6 above) were stated by all at the National AGM. The decision made at that National AGM was that the age-groups would remain unchanged,

The programme to be swum in the 2022-2023 season will be the shortened programme swum in the 2021-2022 season - with 42 events and mixed gender relays. The programme will revert to that swum in 2019 as from the 2023-2024 season.

**10. To confirm the teams in the divisions on Saturdays 8th October, 12th November and 10th December 2022**

As agreed, there were no relegations or promotions following last year's rounds. Teams therefore will remain in the division they swam in last year.

Invitations to register were sent to all those teams which competed last year. Invitations were also sent to those teams which had withdrawn from last year's competition. These teams would rejoin in division two if they wished to re-enter the league.

Some teams decided not to register for this year's competition, some teams re-joined the league, and two teams applied to join. This had left the premier division and division one with 14 teams each. Division two has 13 teams.

**11. Draw for round one** In normal circumstances, at this point in the meeting the draw would be made for the first round galas. SM advised that the draw had been made by executive committee members during August, so that teams could be given plenty of notice to prepare for the season.

**Note:** Following the AGM, Marc Barot (Camden Swiss Cootage) confirmed that he wished to join the executive committee - having previously expressed an interest in doing so. As per item 8 above Marc Barot is duly elected to the executive committee.