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### **To be confirmed at the meeting of the Board on 9 September 2020 BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA**

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held remotely (via GoToMeeting) on 9 June 2020, commencing at 2000hrs.

Present: Beverley Skelton (President), Andy Mackay (Vice-President), Roger Penfold (Hon Secretary), Jonathan Mills (Hon Treasurer), Robert Blinkhorn, Peter Button, Diane Cryer, Stuart Fillingham, Janet Hopkins, Jason Keeler, Eddie Lyne, Terry Norris, Bob Odell, Roger Prior, Emma West.

Also present: Rosemary Large (Assistant Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Glover, Ben MacDonald (Regional Club Development Officer).

#### **48 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2020 were agreed and signed by the President as a correct record.

#### **49 SWIM ENGLAND CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

It was noted that Rosa Gallop, the Swim England Club Development Officer, had been placed on furlough, in accordance with the Government's scheme, again.

#### **50 REGIONAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

The Board recalled that it had issued an open invitation to its meetings to the Swim England South East Region's Regional Club Development Officer. The Regional Manager had agreed with the staff that Rosa Gallop would liaise with the Association. However, during Rosa's periods of furlough, Ben McDonald was providing cover.

#### **51 REPORTS BY DISCIPLINE MANAGERS AND OTHER APPOINTEES**

In accordance with the annual programme for discipline managers and other appointees to attend meetings of the Board, reports were expected on artistic swimming and diving.

The Board **RECEIVED AND NOTED** reports on behalf the Artistic Swimming Manager (by Robert Blinkhorn) and by the Diving Manager (Emma West) circulated prior to the meeting.

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The Board also **RECEIVED AND NOTED** the report by the Public Relations Officer, thanking the present postholder, John Rowley, for his support of the Association over many years, as he was standing down after the ACM

### **52 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES**

#### **42/31 County Coach**

The Hon Secretary advised that he was not aware of any developments with the appointment of the Assistant County Coach.

#### **44 The Association's response to the Covid-19 pandemic**

It was reported that the Finance Committee had yet to finalise recommendations about a club support scheme for the Association, designed to address issues around the return of the sport, to meet demonstrated need, but that a meeting of the Committee, for that purpose, was imminent.

### **53 FINANCE**

The Hon Treasurer advised that, given the suspension of the sport because of the restrictions imposed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, there was no change to the Association's finances since the last meeting.

### **54 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Board was reminded that the Association's Annual Council Meeting (ACM) was scheduled to be held on 16 July 2020. Members appreciated that such gatherings were prohibited, as part of the national response to the Covid-19 pandemic. They noted however, that it would be possible to hold the meeting by electronic means.

The Board was asked to decide whether the ACM should go ahead as planned, be postponed until swimming resumes or be cancelled. It was **AGREED** to proceed with the ACM on 16 July, as a virtual meeting.

### **55 SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST REGION**

Roger Prior and the Hon Secretary reported as follows in respect of the meeting of the Regional Management Board held on 11 May 2020:

- a decision to oppose the withdrawal, by Swim England, of the administrative grant to regions;
- deferring a decision whether to cancel any overseas camps in 20021;

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- spending a good deal of time in the meeting discussing aspects of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly in respect of the results of the Region's club survey, coaches' seminars and club chairs' meetings;
- Noting that, of Swim England's 200 staff, 130 were on furlough.

## **56 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Hon Secretary reported the receipt of the following correspondence of note since the last meeting, aside from the monthly club updates from the ASA South East Region:

- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from Swim England about the Covid-19 Guidance to Open Water Swimmers;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from the Sport Development Director of Swim England, advising of the cancellation of all remaining national competitions in 2020;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from the Swim England Swimming Leadership Group that regional short course championships would not take place in 2020 and that no Level 1 or 2 meet licences would be issued for the remainder of 2020;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - advising of the change of name of a club to Slough Dolphin SC (ie dropping "Eton").

## **47 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A It was reported that the pool at Eton College was to be demolished, to be replaced by a 6-lane 25m facility.

The meeting concluded at 2055hrs.