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**To be confirmed at the meeting of the Board on 22 April 2021
BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA**

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held remotely (via Zoom) on 10 February 2021, commencing at 2000hrs.

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

Also present: Kristie Jarrett (Regional Club Development Officer), Rosemary Large (Assistant Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Diane Cryer.

29 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2020 were agreed and signed by the President as a correct record.

30 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, Kristie Jarrett. Kristie reported on:

- SwimMark accreditation - Amersham, Electric Eels and Reading Royals SCs were in the current cycle;
- Stronger Affiliation - every relevant club had uploaded the necessary material, although Bracknell Synchro and Eton College SCs had both closed: Kristie thanked Susan Harrison for checking club constitutions as part of the exercise;
- Young Volunteers - Chesham, Reading Cygnets and Reading Royals SCs were participating;
- Regional Strategy - a survey seeking to establish what was wanted by clubs would close on 28 February.

Kristie undertook to enquire about the availability of judges' courses for diving.

31 REPORTS BY DISCIPLINE MANAGERS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

In accordance with the annual programme, all discipline managers and other appointees had been invited to attend the meeting, and to report orally, if they wished. None did so.

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32 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

24 County [Speed Swimming] Championships

The President reported orally regarding the County [speed swimming] Championships in the light of the national lockdown, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, introduced just after Christmas 2020. No pool time had been booked for event such events in 2021, nor had there yet been any volunteers to promote the events, if they were to be proposed. The President continued to talk with coaches from the Association's assigned clubs. However, there had been no further messages from the Swim England Swimming Leadership Team in respect of county competitions.

The Board considered responses received from clubs on the subject. The majority had not been supportive of seeking to promote County Championships in July 2021: this had been a date favoured in the autumn last year.

In the circumstances, it was **AGREED** to expect the next County Championships to be held in January/February 2022. That said, support would be given to the promotion of "County" events in any window approved by the Swim England Swimming Leadership Group in the intervening period.

In the meantime, the President indicated that he would continue the search for a person, or, more likely, persons to promote the 2022 Championships, concentrating his efforts on Wycombe District SC.

There was discussion about the Development Meet, customarily held in the autumn. The Board concluded, sadly, that if there was no competition manager in post, there would be no meet.

25 County trophies

Greg du Tertre reported that he was making good progress, having collected trophies from the Maidenhead, Reading and Tilehurst clubs, and planning the collections from other clubs.

33 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer reported the Association's finances had changed by the sum of £2.46 (bank interest) since the last meeting and that he had had no contact from clubs regarding assistance.

The Hon Treasurer also circulated draft accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021, as at 10 February, commenting that he expected the final accounts to be very similar.

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Finally, the Hon Treasurer circulated a draft budget for the financial year 2021/22, which was **ADOPTED**. It showed a loss for the year of £10,285.

34 SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST REGION

The Hon Secretary and Roger Prior reported as follows in respect of the meetings of the Regional Management Board held on 22 November 2020 and 8 February 2021:

- November - received reports from all discipline managers, which understandably reflected a lack of activity since March 2020, reviewed the Region's strategy and initiated an examination of regional priorities, agreed the budget for 2021 on the basis of a maximum deficit of £149,000, subject to a further examination as the year unfolded, noted the development of the regional agreement with Swim England, noted the results from the Swim England Return to the Pool Questionnaire and noted progress with Stronger Affiliation.
- February - received an update from the Strategy Group, endorsed the Annual Report for 2020, approved the opening of 2 further deposit accounts, better to protect the Region's balances, noted the draft annual financial statements for 2020, which showed a surplus of £43,000, was updated on the prospects of affiliation income, observing that Swim England was suffering a much reduced income from membership subscriptions, in part because some clubs were registering members as Category 1 rather than Category 2, and congratulated the Region's staff on the success of the Stronger Affiliation process in the Region.

35 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 call for nominations from Swim England for a member-nominated director of the Board of ASA (Swim England) Ltd;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from the Chief Executive of Swim England about compiling a national bid for a payment from the Winter Sports Recovery Fund, in respect of hardship caused by lost spectator income for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021;
- Swim England - various messages about returning to pools after the November lockdown;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - advising that Eton College SC will not continue their affiliation to Swim England;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - inviting nominations for the Harold Fern and A H Turner Awards for 2021;

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- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding message from Swim England about Level X Artistic Swimming;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from the Head of Development at Swim England about the publication of the club merger toolkit.

On suggestion from the Officers, it was **AGREED** to nominate Eddie Lyne for either the Harold Fern or A H Turner Awards for 2021.

36 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A It was agreed to update the website in respect of the County [swimming] Championships.

The meeting concluded at 2100hrs.