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

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held remotely (via Zoom) on 16 June 2021, commencing at 2000hrs.

Present: Andy Mackay (President), Peter Button (Vice-President), Roger Penfold (Hon Secretary), Jonathan Mills (Hon Treasurer), Robert Blinkhorn, Stuart Fillingham, Janet Hopkins, Bob Odell, Roger Prior, Emma West.

Also present: Rosemary Large (Assistant Secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Greg du Tertre, Carolyn Jubb, Beverley Skelton, Kristie Jarrett (Regional Club Development Officer).

46 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 were agreed and signed by the President as a correct record.

47 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. In sending her apologies for absence, Kristie had reported on:

- a masters' swimmers CPD session;
- regional water polo training;
- SwimMark accreditation, which had been retained by Albatross DC, Bracknell & Wokingham SC, Chalfont Otters SC, Chesham SC, Newbury & District SC and Windsor SC;
- the Festival of Swimming, to be held in the Region on 24/25 July and 31 July/1 August;
- proposed masters' competition calendar for the rest of 2021;
- recent/imminent training events.

Emma West mentioned issues about courses for diving coaches and assistants. It was agreed to raise these with Kristie.

48 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.

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The Board **RECEIVED AND NOTED** reports by the Artistic Swimming Manager (Robert Blinkhorn) and the Diving Manager (Emma West).

49 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

41/32 County [Speed Swimming] Championships

The President advised that there was little progress to report. He had attended the Return to Competition Workshop, and intended to contact all representatives from B&SB clubs who had attended. The President understood that the current expectation was that county championships would be held in 2022 in the usual calendar slot.

Members referred to recent experiences at competitions - a level 3 meet at High Wycombe and a meet in Corby.

45D Annual Report

The President requested contributions for the Annual Report by 2 July 2021.

45F Reading pools

It was reported that the Borough Council had given approval for the 2 new pools in Reading to be built - a competition facility at Rivermead and a training pool at Palmer Park.

50 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer had previously circulated the examined accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. These were **APPROVED** for submission to the Annual Council Meeting.

51 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Board was reminded that the Association's Annual Council Meeting (ACM) was scheduled to be held on 15 July 2021. The Hon Secretary had assumed that the Board intended the meeting to be held virtually, given that the final relaxation of Covid-19 pandemic restrictions had yet to be announced. The Board was reminded of the closing dates for the submissions of nominations for office and notices of motion.

52 SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST REGION

The Hon Secretary reported as follows in respect of the meeting of the Regional Management Board held on 13 May 2021:

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- discussed the Region's volunteer award arrangements for 2021;
- supported waiving meet licence fees for the rest of 2021;
- received an update on the development of the regional strategy;
- noted a report on the Swim England Annual Meeting;
- noted an initiative by Swim England on inclusion.

53 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:

- Membership Services Manager, Swim England - enclosing the 2021 insurance certificate;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from Swim England Club and Operator Relationship Manager about the Return to Water Survey;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding an application for affiliation from Ascot Royals SC: following virtual discussion amongst the Officers of the Association, no objections were made to the application;
- Head of Events, Swim England - enquiring whether the Association would participate in the National County Team Championships in Sheffield on 3 October 2021, were it to be held: following virtual discussion amongst the Officers, the County Coach and Joan Scarrott, an "in principle" affirmative answer was given;
- Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region - forwarding a message from the Swim England Coach Engagement Officer about the project to update the [national] teaching and coaching register.

The action of the Officers, listed in the 3rd and 4th bullet points above, was **APPROVED**.

The Hon Secretary also reported a late enquiry from the Regional Manager, Swim England South East Region about an application for affiliation by St George's Ascot SC, a club for pupils and staff of St George's School. It was **AGREED** that there were no objections to the affiliation.

54 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A The Masters' Manager commented that there was still no news as to whether the 2021 Inter-County Masters' event, to be hosted by the Association, would be held.

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The meeting concluded at 2105hrs.