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To be confirmed at the meeting of the Board on 8 February 2022 BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held remotely on 11 November 2021, commencing at 2000hrs.

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

Also present: Rosemary Large (Assistant Secretary), Kristie Jarrett (Swim England South East Regional Club Development Officer)

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Roycroft.

17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2021 were agreed and signed by the President as a correct record, subject to the substitution of the word “been” for the word “bee” in Minute 13.

18 REGIONAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Kristie Jarrett, the Regional Club Development Officer, reported orally. The text of her report is appended.

19 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 masters' swimming and water polo.

The Board **RECEIVED AND NOTED** reports by the Masters' Manager (Bob Odell) and the Interim Water Polo Manager (Roger Penfold). In respect of water polo, it was pointed out that, according to its website, Wycombe District SC offered water polo sessions for 12 to 18 year olds on Fridays.

20 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

6 Membership of Board

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It was suggested, and **AGREED**, that James Glazebrook () be appointed a member of the Board until the first meeting after the Annual Council Meeting in 2022. James had taken on the role of promoter of the County [Swimming] Championships (see Minute 22 below).

21 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer reported orally that there had been some activity on the Association's accounts since the last meeting. He advised that the cost of medals had risen by 50% since the last purchase. 2 bursaries had been granted since the last meeting.

NOTED

22 COUNTY [SWIMMING] CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was confirmed that James Glazebrook had volunteered to take the role of promoter of the County [Swimming] Championships, and was duly **APPOINTED**.

Andy Mackay reported on progress with the arrangements for the Championships, to be held at the Wycombe Sports Centre on 2 weekends in January 2022. He paid tribute to the support being given to the preparatory work by Diane Cryer, Stuart Fillingham, Rob Moore, Ben Poulter and Simon Shaw.

The Board considered a proposal that the Swimming Championships' Conditions be amended, for the 2022 events only, to allow use of times achieved in Level X competitions, for qualification purposes. This was **AGREED**.

23 SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST REGION

The Hon Secretary and Roger Prior reported on matters discussed at the meeting of the Regional Management Board held on 18 October 2021, covering

- Regional Award winners, who included Katie Crowhurst (Wycombe District SC) and Electric Eels of Windsor SC;
- the data sharing agreement with Swim England;
- continued development of the agreement regulating the relationship between Swim England and the Region;
- further work on the Region's strategy and the development of a revised organizational structure, which envisaged the Board's Development Group becoming pan-discipline, rather than be focused on speed swimming;
- a pay award for staff, with effect from 1 January 2022.

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24 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 Swim England South East Region:

- Regional Office Manager, Swim England South East, forwarding an e-mail from the Head of Development at Swim England about the report “A Decade of Decline”, which showed a worrying future for swimming pools;
- Regional Office Manager, Swim England South East, asking whether the Association would be levying an affiliation fee in 2022. Following informal consultation between the Officers, the response “No” had been sent: this action was **APPROVED AND CONFIRMED**;
- Gordon Dart, of Reading SC and Reading Cygnets SC, asking the Association to support the campaign for the new pool at Reading (or part thereof) to be named as a memorial to the late Harry Wild, a coach with both clubs for many years, who died earlier this year. It was **AGREED** to support the campaign.

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Reference was made to the sad suicide of a member of Amersham SC.

B Emma West reported that diving judges’ practical assessments had recommenced.

The meeting concluded at 2105hrs.

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APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

SwimMark

The following clubs successful renewed their SwimMark accreditation at the September SwimMark panel; Maidenhead, Reading SC, Slough Dolphins, Tilehurst and Wycombe District. Reading Royals are due to complete their evidence by Friday 17th December in time for the January SwimMark panel.

Stronger affiliation

The majority of non SwimMark clubs are due to renew their Stronger Affiliation this quarter. The deadline for South East clubs is the 10st January. Clubs are strongly encouraged to start uploading documents and to complete all elements well before the deadline in case of any issues. Non-compliance will result in suspension.

The BSB clubs due to complete this are;

- Gerrards Cross Taper Tigers
- Reading Cygnets
- Windsor and Maidenhead Star Fish

Para-Swimming Regional Training day - Workforce recruitment

This South East Para Swimming Training Day is intended to engage and support swimmers with an impairment to develop their skills, experience and knowledge through their journey as a Para Swimmer. The training day is aimed at all swimmers from development level to those selected for England Para Swimming Talent Programmes, a chance to have their skills developed. This should be seen as an additional training to their home club training.

For those swimmers who do not have a classification or are on the waiting list (S99) but believe they are eligible for classification we would like to invite you for the training day which will also include a skills observation. This will start your process of becoming a classified swimmer.

- Date: Saturday 20th November
- Location: Splashpoint Leisure Centre, Worthing,
- Cost: £10 per swimmer, Coaches free
- Booking can be made online - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/para-swimming/para-swimming-training-day-saturday-20th-november/>

Young Volunteers programme

Bookings have opened for the Young Volunteers programme for 2021/22. This programme is built around 4 key workshops linking all disciplines together (Swimming, Para Swimming, Masters, Diving, Water Polo, Artistic Swimming and Open Water Swimming). Each workshop will include an interactive online Zoom session with a number of tasks to be completed at your local club. The Young Volunteers need to be aged between 13 and 17 years. Booking can be made on our website.

<https://www.southeastswimming.org/volunteers/young-volunteer-programme/>

South East Training/ Workshops

- Time to Listen course – Next available course is on 15/11/2021 Booking Page - <https://www.southeastswimming.org/time-to-listen-training/>
- Team Manager 1 – next available course is on Tuesday 23rd November- Booking Page <https://www.southeastswimming.org/workforce/team-managers/>

Development coach workshop - Saturday 27th November

The region will be hosting a coach workshop on Saturday 27th November at St George's School, Ascot. This workshop is aimed at coaches working with 10 - 14 year olds and will look at the development of

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good technique for butterfly and breaststroke and starts. This workshop will be led by Paul Lloyd, Head Coach of Maidenhead Marlins.

We are also inviting swimmers along to the pool session 11.30-1pm, spaces can be booked using the link. <https://www.southeastswimming.org/swimming/swimming-development-coach-workshop/>

Club Chair Forum Meeting – Thursday 25th November

We will be hosting a forum meeting on Thursday 25th November, 7-8pm. To book a space and the raise any agenda items follow the link <https://www.southeastswimming.org/volunteers/club-forum-meetings/>