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To be confirmed at the meeting of the Board on 12 September 2024

BERKSHIRE & SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ASA

Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held remotely on 11 June 2024, commencing at 2000hrs.

Present: Peter Roycroft (President), Roger Penfold (Hon Secretary), Jonathan Mills (Hon Treasurer), Peter Button, Diane Cryer, Stuart Fillingham, James Glazebrook, Jenny Gray, Janet Hopkins, Bob Odell, Roger Prior.

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Lloyd, Simon Redlich, Emma West, Kristie Jarrett (Swim England South East Acting Regional Manager).

39 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2024 were agreed and signed by the President as a correct record.

40 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 had been expected from the Artistic Swimming and Diving Managers, the Public Relations Officer and the Webmaster.

The Board **RECEIVED AND NOTED** a report by Emma West, the Diving Manager.

41 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

35/26 National County Team Championships

The President and Hon Secretary regretted that they had not yet discussed with Paul Lloyd the points raised at the last meeting about the proposed selection policy for the Inter-County Competition in October 2024

37A Swim England South East Region

It was confirmed that Roger Prior had been nominated, at the South East Region Annual Council Meeting, for the office of Vice President of Swim England. Subsequently, Swim England had appointed Roger to the post. The Board congratulated Roger on his appointment, and was delighted and proud to note that Roger would, in 2025, become the first ever President of the national governing body from the County.

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42 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer advised that there was little to report on finance at this time in the financial year.

It was noted that the Finance Sub-Committee had awarded a bursary to a member of Albatross DC for a Diving Coach blended learning course.

43 INTER-COUNTY MASTERS' COMPETITION

The Board considered a request of the Masters' Manager that the Association contribute annually to the cost of hiring the London Aquatics Centre for the regional round of the national Inter-County Masters' competition.

Members were reminded that the regional gala of this event took place annually in November and was hosted by the competing 6 county associations in turn. The host association customarily paid for the pool etc. The Association last hosted the event in 2021 at High Wycombe, where it ran very successfully. In 2022 Kent hosted the event at London Aquatics Centre (LAC) and Middlesex did the same in 2023. These were even more successful, with many swimmers appreciating the opportunity to compete in an Olympic pool setting - albeit in short course format. As a result the Regional Masters' Working Group had put forward the idea of centralising this competition at the LAC in future, but acknowledged that the cost was considerably higher than the more local pools: £4,400 had been mentioned. It was, therefore, being proposed that each competing county would contribute £500 towards the event cost.

The Board AGREED that the Association would make a contribution of £500 towards the cost of hire of the London Aquatics Centre for the regional round of the national Inter-County Masters' competition.

44 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Board was reminded that the Association's Annual Council Meeting (ACM) was scheduled to be held on 17 July 2024, when elections would be held for President, Vice-President (the President in 2025/26), the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and 12 Members of the Management Board. It was **AGREED** that nominations for those offices, and proposals for changes of Rules etc, could be received by the Hon Secretary by 30 June 2024, rather than 23 June, as stated in the Rules of the Association).

45 SWIM ENGLAND SOUTH EAST REGION

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Roger Prior reported orally on matters discussed at the meetings of the Regional Management Board held on 17 April and 16 May 2024. The May meeting had been dominated by issues arising at the rounds of Regional swimming competitions held at the K2 Leisure Centre, Crawley, and the response thereto.

46 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:

- Acting Regional Manager Swim England South East - Invitation to be represented at the regional strategy meeting at Guildford on 13 June 2024: the President had volunteered to represent the Association;
- Head of Development, Swim England - reminder about the Swim England road shows, to be addressed by the CEO and have a say on Swim England's future direction and culture.

47 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kristie Jarrett, the Acting Regional Manager, had asked whether the Association might be able to assist Oxfordshire & North Buckinghamshire ASA (ONB) in respect of training of swimming officials, especially those seeking qualification at J2 and J2S. The President undertook to raise the possibility, with Chris Hirst, of ONB candidates for those qualifications being included in courses Chris arranged.

The meeting concluded at 2035 hrs.