



## SUFFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION (AFFILIATED TO SWIM ENGLAND EAST REGION)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk County Amateur Swimming Association held  
at the Ipswich Institute Library and Reading Room, Birkbeck Room, 15 Tavern Street, IP1 3AA  
on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### AGREED AT THE JANUARY 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, RATIFICATION AT THE 2020 AGM

#### ATTENDEES:

Ian Cotton	IC	Chairman	Chris Vinter	CV	Secretary
Lesley Beevor	LB	Treasurer	Paul Bowman	PB	Newmarket
Chris Bellwood	CB	President Elect	Tim Millett	TM	Dev. Meet & Winter L Sec
David Robinson	DR	Regional Delegate	Chris Cawood	CCa	Water Polo
Nick Thompson	NP	Team Manager	Caroline Cofield	CCo	Felixstowe
Dave Whelan	DW	Hon Life President	Lucinda Ford	LF	Hadleigh
John North	JN	Records Officer	Debbie Roberts	DRo	West Suffolk
Nikki Hall	NH	Deben	Jeremy Duszynski	JD	Past President
Stella Day	SD	TeamIpswich	Sarah Tait	ST	Open Water
Alison Vinter	AV	Past President			

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Anne Byrne	AB	Disability	Bobbie Wilson	BW	Welfare Officer
Sue Purchase	SP	St Felix	Debs Greenhalgh	DG	President
Clive Evans	CE	Sudbury	Stephen Christian	SC	Officials Rep
Rob Garry	RG	Mildenhall	Peter Elmer	PE	Website Manager
Nick Hutton	NH	Stowmarket	Sarah Elmer	SE	Championship Sec

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

None

#### 4. DISCUSS AND AGREE WHETHER TO ADOPT THE SWIM ENGLAND SUFFOLK NAME

It was agreed in principle to adopt the Swim England Suffolk name change but Swim England to be contacted to establish their views on retaining the County Logo. It was the opinion of the meeting that the County would wish to retain the County Logo. Following consultation with Swim England a proposal to be brought back to the Executive Committee.



## **5. APPROVAL OF WINTER AND SUMMER LEAGUE RULES**

The circulated Summer and Winter League Rules were approved. It was agreed to review Rule 13, relating to provision of officials, to help ensure that host clubs have sufficient officials. IC stated that many clubs were failing to submit team sheets on time and the future penalties will be imposed.

## **6. TREASURERS REPORT**

As circulated. LB was pleased to report that the reduction of collection cash payments at County competitions had made accounting easier. During the year the County have contributed to the upgrade of the Crown Pools timing system, purchased banners and purchased extra medals.

## **7. SECRETARIES REPORT**

As circulated.

## **7. CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT**

As circulated. IC reported on behalf of SE that the entry files should be available soon and reminded Clubs that the entry closing date is 23<sup>rd</sup> December and asked for Club support to send long distance entries by 14<sup>th</sup> December to meet a request received recently by Norfolk.

## **8. DEVELOPMENT MEET REPORT**

As circulated.

## **8. RECORDS REPORT**

As circulated.

## **10. TEAM MANAGERS REPORT**

As circulated.

## **11. TROPHIES REPORT**

CCo reported that trophies had been requested for return and will be engraved and cleaned in advance of the County Championships. It was agreed that CCo could select an appropriate trophy for re-silvering. All medals are in stock for the 2020 season and it is proposed to continue with the previous style of medals for the Development Meet.

## **12. LEAGUE REPORTS**

As circulated..

## **13. DISABILITY REPORT**

As circulated.

## **14. MASTERS REPORT**

No report received

## **15. OPEN WATER REPORT**

As circulated.



## **16. WATER POLO REPORT**

As circulated. CCA added that 6 Suffolk players had been selected to represent the Region

## **17. REGIONAL REPORT**

As circulated.

## **18. OFFICIALS REPORT**

As circulated.

## **19. WEBSITE REPORT**

As circulated.

## **20. PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Christopher Bellwood reported on his year, see below:

I have really enjoyed the year as President of Suffolk County Swimming Association - it has been a real honour and privileged. I have had the opportunity to experience some fantastic swimming events as well as other aquatic sports, some of which I haven't seen before.

After a quiet start, the year kicked off with the Counties in February, where we witnessed some great swimming and presented many trophies (thanks to the help and organisation of the ladies on the medal table). Also, in February was the Valentines Masters, as always well organised by Sudbury.

March saw two new events, Regional Skills Diving at Southend and Regional Novice Syncro Championships at Stevenage. Both were very enjoyable and the standard of each were extremely high, although I do need to say that Stevenage is probably the warmest pool I have ever been to!

In April we visited Southend again for the Regional Age Group Diving Championships.

We then moved onto the Regional swimming championships and attended both the weekends at Luton and Norwich. A particular highlight was Chris allowing me to present the Don Neate Trophy.

We then had another new discipline in Water Polo. We had a very enjoyable day at the first Suffolk Day Tournament organised by Chris Cawood at RHS Holbrook. I have to say that it was expertly organised and the skill level of the players was extremely high. This was followed on the same day by the Summer League final, at which I had the privilege of presenting the winner's trophy to St Felix.

Next up was the Developments followed closely by the first of 3 county team events - the inter counties at Norwich. The Open Water championships at Whittlingham was another enjoyable day and another really well organised event.

We then has a break in August before moving to the Junior Inter-counties at Luton and National Inter-counties in Sheffield, this was a wonderful event full of colour and noise. Congratulations to Debs, Nick and the team for a great performance.

The year came to a close at the Masters Regional Inter-counties at West Suffolk earlier this month. I would like to thank the county for the opportunity to represent Suffolk and hope I have fulfilled the role adequately. I have been lucky in that Chris Vinter has been Regional president for most of the year and he and Alison have pointed me in the right direction on more than one occasion and made sure I knew where I



needed to be! Thank you also to everyone on the Executive committee whose hard work and dedication to their roles is evident to see at all the events I have been to.

Thank you also to my wife Tracey who has accompanied me to lots of the events and in true Yorkshire style I managed to treat her to a stay in Norwich for her Birthday and one in Luton for our wedding anniversary!

And finally I hope that Sue enjoys the year she has coming up.

## 21. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Sue Purchase
PRESIDENT ELECT	Stephen (Podge) Christian
SECRETARY	Chris Vinter
TREASURER	Lesley Beevor
CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer
ASA EAST REGION BOARD REP	David Robinson
LEAGUE SECRETARY	Sarah Elmer and Tim Millett
MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBER	Chris Bellwood
DEV CHAMPIONSHIP SECRETARY	Tim Millett
RECORDS OFFICER	John North
TEAM MANAGER	Nick Thompson
ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER	Debs Greenhalgh
TROPHY SECRETARY	Caroline Cofield
WELFARE OFFICER	Bobbie Wilson
VOLUNTEERING COORDINATOR	Ian Cotton
DISABILITY LIAISON OFFICER	Anne Byrne
MASTERS SECRETARY	Vacant
OPEN WATER SECRETARY	Sarah Tait
WATER POLO SECRETARY	Chris Cawood
OFFICIALS COORDINATOR	Stephen Christian
WEBSITE COORDINATOR	Peter Elmer

No nominations have been received for the Masters Secretary post. This post is also vacant at a Regional level and if not filled Masters Competitions may not take place.

CB will hand over the chain of office to Sue Purchase at the first available opportunity.

CLUB	DELEGATE
BECCLES	(no nomination)
DEBEN	Nikki Hall
FELIXSTOWE	Caroline Cofield
HADLEIGH	Lucinda Ford
HALESWORTH	(no nomination)
ICENI	(no nomination)
IPSWICH	Stella Day
LEISTON	(no nomination)
LOWESTOFT & OULTON BROAD	(no nomination)
MILDENHALL	Rob Garry
NEWMARKET	Paul Bowman
ST FELIX	Sue Purchase
STOWMARKET	Nick Hutton
SUDBURY	Clive Evans



SUFFOLK COASTAL TORPEDOES	(no nomination)
SWIM FORE IT	(no nomination)
WEST SUFFOLK	Debbie Roberts

CV reported that a number of Clubs had failed to nominate representative for the Executive. These Clubs to be contacted.

## **22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

CV reminded Clubs that changes of the Club Secretary should be reported to the East Region Office and himself. This will ensure that Clubs receive the latest information.

DW asked if there was any update on the provision of new starting blocks at Crown Pools. IC will discuss with Team Ipswich.

## **22. DATE OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2020 AGM will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020.