



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

**Minutes of the League AGM of the Suffolk County Amateur Swimming Association
held at The Pavilion, Martlesham Heath, on Saturday 8th September 2018**

Attendees:

Ian Cotton	IC	County Chairman	Sylvia Harrison	SH	Stowmarket
Chris Vinter	CV	County Secretary	Tim Millett	TM	Beccles
David Robinson	DR	Mildenhall	Debbie Roberts	DeR	West Suffolk
Sarah Elmer	SE	Deben	Nick Thomson	NT	St Felix
Caroline Cofield	CC	Felixstowe	Tom Pawle	TP	Leiston
Chris Bellwood	CB	Newmarket	Alison Vinter	AV	Observer
Clive Evans	CE	Sudbury	Steve Christian	SC	Deben

1. APOLOGIES

Great Yarmouth

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<p>2. APROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2017 AGM</p> <p>The minutes approved as a true record</p> <p>DR confirmed that he had obtained guidance and Cat 1 swimmers were able to compete in the league competitions</p>																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
<p>3. LEAGUE REPORT</p> <p>Summer League</p> <p>A total of 14 teams, representing 12 clubs participated in this year's Summer League. As always, many thanks to those clubs who hosted rounds 1 and 2.</p> <p>The Grand Final took place at Crown Pools on Saturday 30th June. This was the first time that the County have licensed a League event. Despite many last minute changes to teams, the event ran smoothly. As always, we will take forward those things that can be improved to make next year's event even more successful.</p> <p>The final scores after the Grand Final were:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="4">Round 1</th> <th colspan="4">Round 2</th> <th colspan="5">Grand Final</th> <th colspan="4">Overall</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Girls</th> <th>Boys</th> <th>Mixed</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Girls</th> <th>Boys</th> <th>Mixed</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Girls</th> <th>Joker</th> <th>Boys</th> <th>Joker</th> <th>Mixed</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Girls</th> <th>Boys</th> <th>Mixed</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>St Felix</td> <td>245</td> <td>267</td> <td>66</td> <td>578</td> <td>255</td> <td>278</td> <td>68</td> <td>601</td> <td>267</td> <td>14</td> <td>275</td> <td>14</td> <td>14</td> <td>584</td> <td>781</td> <td>834</td> <td>148</td> <td>1763</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Suffolk</td> <td>209</td> <td>189</td> <td>58</td> <td>456</td> <td>225</td> 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SE added that the biggest challenge was finding dates that were acceptable to all.

There was an issue with the errors in the results of the Grand Final being found after submission to licensing. It was proposed and agreed that the results will be sent to Clubs prior to submission and Clubs will be given 48 hours to check and advise of any errors. A contributing factor was the large number of team changes on the day of the Grand Final. Clubs were asked to try to avoid too many changes on the day of the Final. If Clubs are aware of changes SE would prefer to know sooner rather than later.

SC reminded Clubs that as the Grand Final is licensed it is essential that Clubs provide the required qualified officials and where necessary they should involve their Club Officials coordinator. To assist with the process SE will add a request for the name and qualifications of the officials on the Final Team Sheet.

Winter League

TM stated that the report issued at the January Executive, after the completion of the Winter League competition. For completeness the report given in January is shown below:

League Report January 2018

With the Winter League now completed for the year, its perfect time to evaluate how the past three rounds went.

Firstly, congratulations to Newmarket for retaining the title for overall League winners and winning the Top Girls Team award. Also, congratulations to West Suffolk for winning the Top Boys Team award, in what turned out to be a close battle between the two clubs throughout the three rounds.

Thank you to the teams who hosted a round and also Sarah for her work in running the Grand Final.

A few issues did emerge from this year's league.

Firstly, hosting teams and the need for them to agree to carry out the meet also means that they must sort out officials too.

HYTEK for the Finals, must be completed on time and completed by all clubs going forward, this will be added into the league rules. We were not able to licence the final this time round but now know that for future finals we will be able to.

Unfortunately, the final did not go as planned with us not able to use electronic timing but was still a great afternoon of swimming.

For the next Winter League we will be bringing in the following changes:

Changes to the dates, all 3 rounds in 2018 – 29th Sep, 27th Oct & 24th Nov.

Changes to the number of swims, to help teams field a second team and offer more chances to their swimmers, the number of swims rule will be scrapped.

Grand Final teams must be submitted by the HYTEK file.

TM added that only 6 teams had entered the 2018 competition. The general feeling of Clubs is that the new dates are not working and perhaps something more radical needs to be looked at. One concern raised was that only certain Clubs were hosting events and when less teams were



competing the spectator income was not covering the cost of pool hire. IC proposed that County fund any shortfall in income and this was agreed for competition in 2018/19. This proposal will be submitted for approval at the Executive Meeting.

It was agreed that Round 1 would be hosted by Stowmarket, Round 2, to be agreed, and Crown Pools for the Grand Final.

Future Competition

It was agreed that this Winter League and 2019 Summer League will be run in accordance with current rules. Dates of the Summer League will be 27th April, 8th June and Grand Final on 29th June.

Possible options for future competition will be discussed at the next Management Board Meeting. An overview of various ways forward for how the competition could be run will then be circulated to Clubs for comment with approval hopefully obtained at the January Executive Meeting

4.DISCUSS AND AGREE RULE CHANGES

None proposed

5. AOB

None

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