

Swim England Hertfordshire
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
20th March 2023, at 8pm, via Zoom

Present:

<u>Officers</u>	
Mr Bryan Thompson	Chairman and President
Mr Simon Lever	Finance Officer
Mrs Sheila Mackenzie	Secretary and Past President

Management Board Members

Mr Andy Chapman	
Mr Gareth Harper	
Miss Louise Hughes	
Mr Ian Mackenzie	Past President
Mrs Jane O'Brien	
Mr Jonathan Pope	
Mrs Nicola Rix	
Mr Jonn Sandon	

Past Presidents

Mr Murray Devine
Mr Stan Freeman
Mrs Karen Huckle
Mr Craig Hunter
Mr Derek Milton
Mr Geoff Wood

Delegates from the following clubs:-

Aqualina (Stevenage) ASC
Bishops Stortford SC
City of St Albans ASC
Harpenden SC
Hatfield SC
Stevenage SC
Tring ASC
Ware SC
Watford SC

Also present: Greg Coe

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Mr Charles Dainton	Past President
Mr George Kent	Past President
Letchworth ASC delegate	

Apologies:

Mr Ian Bays	Past President
Mr Mick Boon	Past President
Mr Grant Chivers	Past President
Mrs Ann Quinn	Past President
Mrs Janet Warrington	Past President

23/1 Welcome

- 23/1.1 The Chairman, Bryan Thompson, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced the officers.
- 23/1.2 The Chairman reminded everyone of the correct procedures for the conduct of the Council, and procedures for the Zoom meeting.

23/2 Apologies

23/2.1 Apologies were received as shown above.

23/3 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 21st March, 2022

23/3.1 The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting on 21st March 2022 were accepted as a true record, subject to the correction of a typo in the numbering.

23/4 Matters arising from the minutes

23/4.1 Minute 22/6.3 The Finance Officer advised that the accounts accepted at last year's Annual Council Meeting had now been examined by the independent financial examiner.

23/5 Annual Report 2022

23/5.1 Copies of the Annual Report had been distributed, and were also available on the website. The report was considered at this point.

23/5.2 There were no questions.

23/5.3 The Annual Report 2022 was accepted.

23/6 Financial report

23/6.1 Copies of the Annual Accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 had been distributed.

The Finance Officer, Simon Lever, stated that the accounts have been approved by the Management Board, and are currently with the independent financial examiner for examination.

23/6.2 The Finance Officer commented on various aspects of the accounts, and answered questions on membership number trends. Bryan Thompson, as Swimming Manager, answered questions on the cost of pool hire for the county swimming championships.

23/6.3 Stan Freeman recorded appreciation of the efforts which had been made to keep the county finances on a secure financial footing.

23/6.4 The Annual Accounts for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 were unanimously approved, subject to inspection by the independent financial examiner.

23/7 Regulations

23/7.1 Two proposals for amendments to the Regulations were received from the Management Board.

23/7.2 **Proposal 1** Replacing FINA with World Aquatics

1.2.2. 'FINA' shall mean the Fédération Internationale de Natation

Change to...

1.2.2'. World Aquatics – the world governing body

5.4.4 - FINA, the world governing body for the sport of swimming in all its disciplines.

Change to..

5.4.4 World Aquatics, the world governing body for the sport of swimming in all its disciplines.

23/7.3 **Proposal 2** Change of date for nominations and proposal submissions

11.5.5 Nominations for all other officers and members of the Management Board shall be in writing, and shall reach the Secretary, not later than 31st January, prior to the Annual Council Meeting. The nomination form shall contain the signature of the nominee.

11.5.6 Unless originating from the Management Board, notice of a motion to be considered by Council shall be made in writing, proposed and seconded by members of the Council. All such motions must reach the Secretary not later than 31st January, prior to the Annual Council Meeting.

Change to;

11.5.5 Nominations for all other officers and members of the Management Board shall be in writing, and shall reach the Secretary, not later than 14th February, prior to the Annual Council Meeting. The nomination form shall contain the signature of the nominee.

11.5.6 Unless originating from the Management Board, notice of a motion to be considered by Council shall be made in writing, proposed and seconded by members of the Council. All such motions must reach the Secretary not later than 14th February, prior to the Annual Council Meeting.

23/7.4 There were no questions, and there was unanimous agreement to both proposals.

23/8 Awards

23/8.1 a) **Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy** – The Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy is awarded annually to the Hertfordshire person, team or club who has made a significant contribution to the sport of swimming.

This year the Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy is awarded to Ware Swimming Club..

b) **Wilkinson Sword** – The Wilkinson Sword is awarded annually for the highest achievement in the sport of swimming.

This year, the Wilkinson Sword is awarded jointly to Louise Fiddes, Grace Harvey and Martyn Walton for their great achievements at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

c) **President's Plate** – The President's Plate is awarded annually, at the sole discretion of the President, for conspicuous service to Swim England Hertfordshire.

This year the President's Plate is awarded to Josie Hoare, Watford SC county development coach.

23/8.2 Long Service Awards

The county Regulations allows for the awarding of Long Service Award pins when members have served the county on the Management Board or on any of the discipline standing committees, or have supported the county on a regular basis as an individual / official.

23/8.2.1 Silver pin – 7 years of service

The following member was awarded a silver pin:

Vic Coombs – technical swimming official

23/8.2.2 Gold pin – 12 years of service

The following members were awarded a gold pin:

Pam Bays – technical swimming official

Peter Bays – non-technical swimming official

Jeanette Binns – technical swimming official

Andrew Ellis – technical swimming official

Jackie Harvey – technical swimming official, Management Board member and discipline manager

Emma Malcolm - technical swimming official

Mark Strakosch – technical swimming official

23/9 President for 2023-2024

23/9.1 As the retiring President, Bryan Thompson reflected on his year of office. There had been opportunities to experience competitions for artistic swimming, swimming, and water polo. He commented on the appreciation shown by athletes when he presented them with their medals, and the success of his fund-raising initiative selling hats in support of Ukraine. Bryan had really enjoyed his year as President of Swim England Hertfordshire.

Subject to approval at the Annual Council Meeting 2024

23/9.2 Following the recommendation from the Management Board:-

Jane O'Brien was accepted as the Swim England Hertfordshire President 2023-2024.

23/9.3 Following the recommendation from the Management Board:-

Greg Coe was accepted as the Swim England Hertfordshire President Elect 2023-2024, to become President 2024-2025.

23/10 Election of Management Board members

23/10.1 The following were elected:

Voting was not necessary as the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies.

To remain in office until Council 2024

One vacancy

To remain in office until Council 2025

One vacancy

To remain in office until Council 2026

Andy Chapman

Gareth Harper

Jonathan Pope

One vacancy

23/11 Election of Officers and Managers

23/11.1 The following were elected:

Voting was not necessary as the number of nominations did not exceed the vacancies.

To remain in office until Council 2024

Welfare Officer

No nominations received

To remain in office until Council 2025

Water Polo Manager

No nominations received

To remain in office until Council 2026

Club Development Group Manager

Diving Manager

Finance Officer

Swimming Manager

Gareth Harper

No nominations received

Simon Lever

Bryan Thompson

23/12 Members of the Members' Forum of Swim England East Region

23/12.1 There was ratification of the appointment, by the Management Board, of the following members, to serve until the Swm England Hertfordshire Annual Council Meeting in March 2025.

Andy Chapman

Simon Lever

Jackie Harvey

Sheila Mackenzie

Louise Hughes

Jonn Sandon

23/13 Appointment of an independent financial examiner

23/13.1 Bruce Weir ACA was appointed as the independent financial examiner.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm, with thanks to those who attended for their support of the county.

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