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**Annual Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Holiday Inn – Guildford, Tuesday 27 June 2017**  
**7.40pm**

**Present**

Carole Chaplin (CC) – Dorking, Surrey Schools' SA; Christina Victor (CV) – Guildford City; Collette Crow (CCr) – Kingston Synchronised; Diane Gamble (DG) – Croydon Borough SA; Francisco Diaz (FD) – Star Diving Club; Jeni Colbourne (JC) – Wey Valley; Jim Boucher (JB) – Guildford Water Polo Club; Joan Swain (JS) – Guildford City; Julie Burvill (JBU) – Woking; Paul Finch (PF) – Merton Swordfish; Richard Willis (RW) – Wandsworth; Sharon Porter (SP) – Farnham.

**By Invitation**

John Tripp (JT) – Hampshire; Simon Mortimer (SM) – Guildford City.

**Apologies**

Alan Thurlow – Wandsworth; Ann van Beukelen – Kingston Royals; Jackie Smith – Woking; Phil Sears – Dorking.

JC welcomed attendees to the ACM and confirmed it was quorate.

**1. Previous Minutes**

With clarification that it was JC rather than PF who had presented the president's plate to DG, the minutes from the ACM on Thursday 9 June 2016 were approved.

It was also noted that last year's accounts which were not independently examined in time for the meeting had been subsequently.

**2. Outgoing Management Committee Report**

JC thanked competition committee members, led by CC, for all their work throughout the year. Reports were presented on age group swimming, swimming officials, schools, diving, synchronised swimming, masters swimming.

The collated document – competition committee annual report – was published on the website.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring volunteers and their services acknowledged.

On behalf of the Association, FD presented CC with a past president's pin.

RW was installed as president and CCr as vice-president.

Their chains of office were presented, although the president's was being held back for a further week because it was needed in a photoshoot.

CC paid tribute to SM, this year's recipient of the president's plate.

His rapid response in a medical emergency at one of the swimming age group championship sessions earlier in the year had helped save a fellow official's life.

JT thanked SM at some length for his heroics.

JC suggested the learning from the incident be reviewed by one of the sub-committees.

**3. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Annual Accounts**

JB discussed the annual accounts awaiting an independent check, which showed a net loss of just over £4K.

They were published on the website for transparency.



While much followed a similar pattern to the previous year, noticeable was the impact the swimming age group championships' new format had had (A & B).

JS asked if we still only receive a £1K contribution towards the National County Team Championships despite expenditure for it now exceeding £5K.

JC suggested a letter be sent to Swim England.

JS asked about the £10K for the England Programmes county development pathway (EPCDP).

JC and JB informed this was to run a series of development camps over the next two years for 11-year-old swimmers: top 18 girls, top 18 boys.

JB notified that the camps were expense-based reimbursement.

Waiving swimmer contributions in the first year would be reviewed for year two.

The accounts were approved, noting Katie Jobling (KJ) would complete their independent check in the coming weeks.

#### **4. Independent Examiner Appointment**

KJ for 2017-18.

#### **5. Management Committee Nominations**

The following were received, all of whom were accepted: CC – Dorking, Surrey Schools' SA; CCr – Kingston Synchro; CV – Guildford City; DG – Croydon Borough SA; FD – Star Diving Club; JB – Guildford Water Polo Club; JBu – Woking; JC – Wey Valley; PF – Merton Swordfish; RW – Wandsworth; SP – Farnham.

#### **6. Constitution Changes**

No motions proposed. But in her capacity as constitution checker JC agreed to review the county constitution against the latest template and inform at a later date (any amendments to be ratified at next year's ACM).

#### **7. Honorary Vice-President and Honorary Life Member Recommendations**

None this year. But JBu noted the honorary life member criterion in the handbook had no mention of it being for 'senior' athletes only.

JC suggested the competition committee discuss this further at the next meeting.

#### **8. Take, Discuss and Vote on Any Resolutions**

None put forward.

#### **9. Principal Officer Elections**

The serving principal officers stood down. Their re-elections were unopposed for 2017-18: JC – chairman; JB – treasurer; FD – secretary.

#### **10. Any Other Business/Discussions**

Interest surrounding the EPCDP was noted.

In response to a question from CV, it was thought no similar programmes run at county level for any of the other disciplines.

DG asked whether there was any intention to rename given the national governing body is now known as Swim England.

After some discussion it was thought best to let the dust settle before taking any decision.

JC asked JT how Surrey and Hampshire differ in their modus operandi.



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JT informed that Hampshire's swimming championships run over three weekends whereas ours are over a longer timeframe; Surrey clubs appear more supportive towards their championships, particularly on the non-tech side; and Surrey officials are given a polo T-shirt.

Qualifying times differ between the two.

JS asked how happy the coaches were at their forum about this year's amalgamation of A & B.

The majority would prefer to revert to the previous format even though June is a busy month.

JBu informed that a new slot for the development meet was being looked at in the March-June window.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.50pm.