

# Surrey County ASA

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## Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting, 24 June 2014

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The meeting was held at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford, commencing at 19:34.

### **Present**

Jeni Colbourne (Chairman), Joan Swain (Treasurer), Jim Boucher (Secretary), Diane Gamble (Croydon Borough Swimming Association), Francisco Diaz (President & Star Diving), Jonathan George (Woking), Paul Finch (Merton Swordfish), Christina Victor (Guildford City), Nick Hallam (Croydon Amphibians), Amanda Doyle (Dorking), Denise Wheeler, (Croydon Amphibians), Servane Chou (Croydon Amphibians), Phil Sears (Dorking), Ron Etherington (Wimbledon), Ann van Beukelen (Kingston Royals).

### **1 - Apologies for Absence**

Chris Lee (Farnham).

### **2 - Minutes of ACM 3 July 2013**

The minutes were circulated. The dates relating to the Independent Examiner were corrected. There were no matters of fact arising. The minutes were agreed as the record of the meeting.

### **3 – Report of the Outgoing Management Committee**

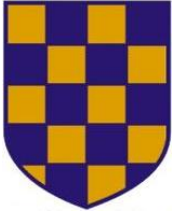
Jeni Colbourne formally thanked the Competitions Committee, led by Fran Diaz, and Jim Boucher for their hard work during the year and for the reports presented to the meeting. Fran thanked all the volunteers for their support before presenting the Swimming and Diving sections. Phil Sears, Di Gamble and Jim Boucher presented the Open Water, Officials and Masters sections. The report was hosted on the County website. A vote of thanks was given to the retiring volunteers and their services acknowledged.

### **4 - Treasurers Report and approval of Annual Accounts**

Joan Swain presented the unaudited Accounts which will be checked by David Hall, the Independent Examiner and then published on the County website. Joan drew attention to the fact that we have avoided increasing entry fees. Sponsorship from British Gas is reduced. The difficulty of collecting door fees at, for example, Guildford Spectrum, has meant we are trialling including door fees in entry fees for the Development Meet.

### **5 - Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2015**

David Hall was proposed and agreed to be the Independent Examiner for 2015. The meeting agreed to the ongoing request from David Hall to make a donation to the Rotary Club in lieu of payment of a fee.



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## **6 - Nominations to Management Committee**

Nomination forms were provided for the following, all of whom were accepted:

**Jim Boucher (Guildford Water Polo Club), Francisco Diaz (Star Diving Club) Jon George (Woking) Jeni Colbourne (Wey Valley), Joan Swain (Guildford City), Diane Gamble (CBSA), Paul Finch (Merton Swordfish), Servane Chou (Croydon Amphibians), Ann van Beukelen (Kingston Royals).**

## **7- Changes to Surrey County ASA Constitution**

No changes have been proposed by the Management Committee.

## **8 – Recommendations for Honorary Vice Presidents & Life Members**

County Honours nominations were announced;

Honorary Life Vice-President - **Mr Ron Etherington (Wimbledon).**

Honorary Life Members – **Miss Hannah Russell** and **Mr Tom Baxter (Guildford City)**

A copy of the nomination citations is on the County website.

## **9 – To take, discuss & vote on any resolutions**

No resolutions have been put forward by a member of council. There are no resolutions being put forward by the Management Committee.

## **10 – Election of Principal Officers**

The Principal Officers stood down. Nominations received for the Principal Officers were:

Chairman - **Jeni Colbourne**, Treasurer – **Joan Swain**, Secretary – **Jim Boucher**

There were no other nominations and no objections; the meeting approved the appointment of the nominated officers.

## **11 – Any Other Business / Discussions**

Christina Victor commended the Management Committee for its support, both in County Honours and in bursaries to our two representatives at the European Deaf Swimming Championships. Jeni Colbourne replied that we were proud to have such an inclusive approach and that others should be encouraged to apply to the County for support.

Jim Boucher thanked Jonathan George for his great work throughout the year in creating a new and easy to use website. Jon's expertise in adding social media for the County (Facebook and Twitter) was much appreciated.

Nick Hallam encouraged clubs, and the County, to lobby Crystal Palace to upgrade their AOE as it is becoming unreliable and no longer supported by the supplier.

The meeting closed at 20:25.