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**Annual Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Holiday Inn – Guildford, Thursday 27 June 2019**  
**8.15pm**

**Present**

Alan Thurlow (AT) – Wandsworth; Carmen Georgescu-Spiers (CGS) – Godalming; Christina Victor (CV) – Guildford City; Collette Crow (CCr) – Kingston Synchro; Dave Andrews (DA) – Sutton & Cheam; Diane Gamble (DG) – Croydon Borough SA; Francisco Diaz (FD) – Star Diving; Janette Smith (JS) – Guildford City; Jeni Colbourne (JC) – Wey Valley; Jim Boucher (JB) – Guildford Water Polo; Joan Swain (JSw) – Guildford City; Michael Holden (MH) – Woking; Paul Finch (PF) – Merton Swordfish; Richard Willis (RW) – Wandsworth; Robert Cox (RC) – Wey Valley; Stuart Angus (SA) – Wey Valley.

**Apologies**

Carole Chaplin (CC) – Surrey Schools' SA, Dorking; Catherine Lewis (CL) – Sutton & Cheam; Claire Maytham (CM) – Star Diving; Julie Burvill (JBU) – Woking; Sharon Porter (SP) – Farnham.

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

**1. Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the ACM on Thursday 28 June 2018 were approved.

**2. Outgoing Management Committee Report**

JC thanked committee members for all their hard work volunteering throughout the year. The following reports were presented and discussed: president, masters swimming, diving, schools, age group swimming. CCr will provide a synchro report at a later date. The collated document – competition committee annual report – was published on the website. CCr had had an enjoyable year as president attending a number of competitions and meeting the many volunteers who give up their time freely for their discipline. She was unable to attend any open water, water polo or county dinners.

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

JB discussed the annual accounts. They were published on the website for transparency. The meeting approved the accounts.

**4. Independent Examiner Appointment**

This was still an ongoing issue. JB will endeavour to find someone, possibly the Cranleigh treasurer.

**5. Management Committee Nominations**

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

**6. Constitution Changes**



### **6.1. Change of Financial Year**

After discussion it was agreed not to change the financial accounting year for the moment.

### **7. President Installation, Awards, Honorary Life Vice-Presidents & Life Members**

MH was installed as the president and CCr handed over the chain of office.

MH will chair and minute competition committee meetings for the next year.

CCr was presented with a past president pin.

This year's recipient for the president's plate was Irene Holden (Woking).

The silver plate will be passed on after it has been retrieved from David Vine, the previous holder.

JB (Guildford Water Polo), RC (Wey Valley) and JC (Wey Valley) were made honorary life vice-presidents. Each was presented with a glass cube.

No athlete had met the criteria for honorary life member this year.

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

#### **8.1. Confirm Continuation of Annual Expenses**

The meeting agreed to the ongoing annual expenses to the swimming meet promoter, treasurer and president (£500 each).

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

The serving principal officers stood down. Their re-elections were unopposed for 2019-20: JC – chairman; FD – secretary; JB – treasurer.

If any others would like to take on these roles in future then speak to JC.

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

#### **10.1. Swimming Referee's Exam**

DA voiced concern about the swimming referee's exam.

There appeared to be widespread disillusionment among officials.

Why was the 'resit' paper written in riddles, not fit for purpose, and more difficult than the initial exam?

DA asked for representation to be made to Swim England (SE) or else we would end up losing volunteer officials.

DG suggested CV write to SE CEO Jane Nickerson, and JB could raise the issue through the SE sport operations committee.

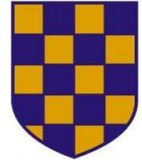
#### **10.2. New J1 Training**

Information about the new J1 online training was sketchy. It was understood the South West Region was testing it before the national launch on 1 January 2020.

#### **10.3. Secondary Strobe Lighting**

JS raised the issue about secondary strobe lighting being needed at all licensed meets – 1, 2 and 3 – by September 2020. It was thought that facilities should provide them, including SSP, Spectrum and Crystal Palace. The LAC already has two. Current licensing applications must include a statement about whether there is/is not an additional strobe.

JC suggested that the management committee may want to discuss buying one/two in future.



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However it was unclear if they were universally compatible across all AOE systems.

#### **10.4. County Disability Representative**

Thanks were recorded to PF for agreeing to be Surrey's disability rep.

He will be attending an upcoming South East Region meeting in this capacity.

AT informed about the inclusion of para swimmers at future London and county meets. Promoter conditions in future will integrate the two. Para swimmers will be able to medal in their own classification or multi-classification and, if they make finals and swim fast enough, in the regular championships.

#### **10.5. Date of Next Management/Competition Committee Meetings**

The next management/competition meetings will be in the Varsity Suite at Surrey Sports Park on Tuesday 10 September (7.30pm start).

With no further business the meeting ended at 9.55pm.

Post-meeting add-ons:

County custodians to remain the same: JC, JB, FD, JBu.

Next year's county affiliation fees to remain the same (£1.50 across all categories).