

SWIM ENGLAND NORTH EAST REGION

President: H. Leighton

Minutes of the First Online Annual General Meeting Meeting of Swim England North East held on Tuesday, 25th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present D. Watson (Chairman); H. Leighton (President); with 25 Club Delegates (10 N&D SA; 15 Yorkshire SA); 2 County Representative; 3 Board Directors, 2 Discipline Managers, 1 Past President

Staff D. Parry; S. Small, L. Tjaguns

1 **Apologies**

Gill Hulme (Peterlee SC), Barry Saunders, NER Board, Tracy Wyke, NER Synchro Manager, Sarah Stephenson, NER Development Team

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed delegates to this the First Annual General Meeting of the Region.

2 **Appointment of Tellers**

No tellers were appointed as this was not required.

3 **Minutes of the 2019 Annual Council Meeting**

Item 7a.3 – Howard Leighton is a member of BOSSS and not Billingham SC.

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

5 **Finance Report**

- 5.1 Ray Gordon wished to thank the professional staff and Discipline Managers for their work over the past difficult year. He wished to give his personal thanks for the work done and support of the Board.
- 5.2 The Regional accounts will be submitted to Companies House by 16/6/21. There has been a fall in membership during the COVID lockdown. Swim England has not given any funds to the NE Region. Income from Swimming Championships surplus has been lost. Income from Diving was received prior to lockdown. Expenditure exceeded income by a large amount.
- 5.3 The Balance Sheet shows Fixed Assets at zero. Swim England are repaying the loan at £5K per year. Money held for over 10 years for Para Swimming is now being returned. The NE Region did not furlough any staff and this policy was taken by the Board to support clubs.
- 5.4 There was no increase in the regional affiliation fee in 2022 but this will be raised by 50p to £6.00 in 2023.
- 5.5 The accounts are available to view on the website.

6 **Minutes of the Management Board**

Members are invited to raise any questions on the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting during the relevant period. None raised. Minutes are available to view on the website.

7 **Consideration of the Impact Report & Presentation of Key Areas**

- 7.1 David Parry explained that the Regional Development Officers would give an overview of the year, report on 2 case studies, highlight priorities going forward and could answer any questions at the end. He pointed out that the Impact Report covered the whole of 2020 and not March to December 2020.

The Development Team had met challenges keeping everyone engaged during this difficult year, provided online delivery of COVID related issues, held coaches forums, Young Volunteer opportunities and training opportunities.

Sarah Small explained the Youth Forum which had been set up and went over the video which had been produced.

8 Appointment of a firm of qualified accountants

- 8.1 Ray Gordon proposed to continue with the appointment of the accountants, PCLG who have now moved into a larger organisation – FORTUS. This was agreed.

9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Last year's AGM appointed Howard Leighton as President. D Watson proposed to retain Howard for another year due to COVID lockdown. If anyone wishes to make a Vice President nomination as there is a vacancy please email linda.tjaguns@swimming.org or a Board member. This was agreed.
- 9.2 It was noted that the Development Team have worked extremely well and supported clubs in a very difficult year. D Watson wished to recognise the work which clubs have done to engage their swimmers and wished to thank everyone.
- 9.3 The Festival of Swimming will be held at the end of July to middle of August in Sunderland and Sheffield. Qualification times will be coming out over the next few weeks. Level X times can be submitted onto Rankings. Any questions regarding this can be emailed at the end of the meeting.
- 9.4 It was noted to contact Chris Halliday as NER Welfare Officer to thank him for the work he has carried out on behalf of the Region and ask if he is willing to continue as Welfare Officer for the coming year.

10 Close

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed. The date for the next AGM 2022 to be confirmed.

A recording of the meeting can be viewed on the following link:-

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/DV9-zsmwm6taEZH2qVJFj4es1kkGNmP1puDegNcNCAv9ye_VRI_Wb9qD60hAqqPD.yxdVxLV5cOBx8_j9

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