



Notes of the Special Council Meeting of the Kent County Amateur Swimming Association held on Saturday 25 January 2020 at 10:30pm at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

1. The Chairman, John Burdett, opened the meeting and read the notice convening the meeting
2. Officers and Delegates from clubs within the County were welcomed and thanked for giving up their time to attend this meeting.
3. Apologies for absence were received from:

Kathy Hook (PP)	Pat Carrie (PP)	Stewart Brown (PP)	Steve Hunter (Para/Disability Manager)
Jackie Bedford (PP)	Derek Bennett (PP)	Jenni Verhorevoort (PP)	Helen Harrison (Medway Mermaids SSC)
Joy Rownes (PP)	Kay Grimshaw (PP)		Jane Everett (Tonbridge SC)
Pam Taylor (PP)	John Handley (PP)		Mark Rayner (Greenwich Royals)
4. The notes of the SCM on 7 November 2019 were approved subject to the change of 'President' to 'Chairman'.
5. Consideration and adoption of the amended Annual Report of the Association to 31 March 2019
It was proposed by Malcolm Keysell, seconded by Ian Howes and approved *nem con*.
6. Consideration and adoption of the amended Annual Accounts of the Association to 31 March 2019
It was proposed by Daphne Geer, seconded by Paul Caller and approved *nem con*.
7. Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Association as identified in Appendix 1 of the Agenda.
Proposal 1: That the definition of the 'Officers' in Rule 5.2 are the 'Chairman, the Trustee and Treasurer, and the General Secretary' and that existing Rule 5.1 and 5.2 are amended to reflect the change
It was proposed by David Ryan, seconded by Paul Leng and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 2: That the date of the ACM be moved to the period 15th September and 20th October to make the award presentation more relevant for a majority of the Association's athletes; that ballots can be sent electronically
It was proposed by Daphne Geer, seconded by Lee Mullins and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 3: This moves the requirement for the President not to hold office in consecutive years from 8.1 to 5.3.3 which is a more logical position, and also reflects the fact that a President can hold office for more than 365/6 days depending on the timing of the ACM
It was proposed by Paul Caller, seconded by John King and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 4: That the quorum at the ACM be reduced to 15 from 20 (Rule 5.13)
It was proposed by Ian Howes, seconded by Paul Leng and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 5: That Rule 7.1-7.4 and consequently Rule 5.3.3 are amended to reflect a three-year term for Management Committee members, that a meeting quorum is a majority of the members of the Committee, and the voting powers of the Chairman. (A quorum is currently 8. The Committee potentially has a maximum of 16 members but typically several people will have multiple roles. This, along with vacancies, could make a quorum difficult to achieve).
It was proposed by Shelley Robinson, seconded by Jane Davies and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 6: That Rules 7.5-7.13 be tidied up under the two headings 'Meetings' and 'Roles and Responsibilities'
It was proposed by Claire Muller, seconded by David Ryan and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 7: The list of appointments in Rule 8 be removed with rules governing appointments reflected in Rule 7.6.3. By implication (Rule 9), the appointees will include: the Development Coordinator, Technical Managers for each Discipline (x7), and a Swimming Officials Manager. Swim England guidance is that we have a County Welfare Officer (Rule 3.2.3) which does mean that key roles are enshrined in the Constitution.
It was proposed by Mark Pickering, seconded by David Ziwa and approved *nem con*.
Proposal 8: Minor amendments that might need to be made to maintain the integrity of Rule numbering and consequential amendments.
It was proposed by John Burdett, seconded by Daphne Geer and approved *nem con*.
8. The date of the 2020 ACM was agreed as 26 September 2020 with the venue yet to be confirmed.
9. There being no further business, John Burdett again thanked those present and the meeting closed at 10:45

