

THE KENT JUNIOR LEAGUE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CLUBS OF THE KENT JUNIOR LEAGUE HELD ONLINE ON MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT:	Chairman	Keith Roshier, Kent Weald
	League Secretary	Carole Murphy, Maidstone
	Gala Secretary	Mark Leman, RTW Monson
	Representatives From	Beckenham
		Black Lion
		Bromley
		Dartford
		Folkestone
		Maidstone
		Orpington Ojays
		Saxon Crown

The meeting opened at 8.00pm and the following was discussed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the League Treasurer, Bexley and Herne Bay.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD 9 MARCH 2020 AT MEDWAY PARK

No comments were raised and the minutes were approved.

Proposed: Saxon Crown, Seconded: Dartford

MATTERS ARISING

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the 'old' account is £802.41.

The cheque book will be brought out to Kathy Hook in South Africa in January 2022. A cheque will then be issued for this amount and posted to Keith Roshier at the end of January 2022. The existing account can then be closed and the new one populated with the funds.

The balance in the 'new' account at 22 November 2021 was £440.00 with several outstanding 2021 payments due. £1,242.41 currently in the bank.

Proposed: KWSS, Seconded: Dartford

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We had 19 clubs compete in the virtual round in September and 18 in the final round on Saturday 20 November.

Non-competing teams in 2021 were Beckenham, Dover and Ashford Town.

We were successful in our Level 4 licensing application for the final round this year and will shortly begin the preparation of the licensing documentation for Round 1 in 2022.

Congratulations to the winners of our 3 final round galas.

Gala 1 - RTW Monson

Gala 2 - Greenwich Royals

Gala 3 - Thanet B

Final points totals will be sent out to all teams shortly once discrepancies have been resolved.

Outstanding 2021 annual fee payments have been chased as well as missing annual declarations.

Proposed: KWSS, Seconded: RTW Monson

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CORRESPONDENCE

None.

FUTURE LEAGUE DATES - 2022

The Executive have done their utmost to ensure that the 2022 dates work around all other events in the calendar to avoid any unnecessary clashes with the NAJL, NASL, Millennium, Tudor and White Horse Leagues, Kent and Medway Championships.

Round 1 - Saturday 19 February

Round 2 - Saturday 19 March

Round 3 - Saturday 9 July

Back-up dates for 2022 would be one of 17 September, 24 September and 1 October.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No alternative nominations were received. The current Executive Committee were re-elected for 2022.

Chairman	Keith Roshier
Treasurer	Kathy Hook
League Secretary	Carole Murphy
Gala Secretary	Mark Leman

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

Addition to Rule 13.1

The addition to Rule 13.1 was approved without changes.

Proposed: Folkestone, Seconded: Saxon Crown

In the event that a host club has made reasonable endeavours to cover gala costs, but still makes demonstrable losses, then they are able to apply to the KJL Secretary within one month of the gala date with a breakdown of their finances. They can seek reimbursement of the losses up to a maximum value of £100, or alternative figure as may be notified to all clubs at least one month prior to any gala date by the KJL Secretary.

Modification to Rule 13.2

The modification to Rule 13.2 was discussed and it was agreed that "in good time" should be replaced with a definitive time period. This was agreed at two weeks. The appointment of officials will be monitored over the 2022 rounds.

Proposed: Orpington Ojays, Seconded: Saxon Crown

Existing:-

Supplying all non-qualified volunteers necessary for the smooth running of each gala - announcer, recorders (at least two), drinks distribution, runners etc. The Referee, Assistant Referee, Chief Timekeeper and Starter shall be appointed by the League Secretary in conjunction with each gala host. Each participating club shall be responsible for appointing a Judge (fully qualified to at least J1) and a Timekeeper (who is at least a J1 in Training and has passed their Timekeeper assessment).

Modified to:-

Supplying all non-qualified volunteers necessary for the smooth running of each gala - announcer, at least two recorders, drinks distribution, runners etc. Each participating club shall be responsible for appointing at least three officials. An official fully qualified to at least J1 and two J1's in Training or above who have passed their Timekeeper assessment. The host club will communicate with other participating clubs as needed to ensure that at least one J2S or above and one J2 is volunteered from either their own resources or from the other participating clubs, as part of their commitment above, so as to ensure licensing requirements are met. If any difficulty is being encountered the host club is to alert the KJL Secretary, with at least two weeks' notice, so assistance can be given to find remedy.

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2022 ANNUAL FEE

Following discussions, it was agreed that the annual fee for 2022 should be set at £50.00, to cover licensing fees and potential gala shortfalls.

With the 8-week period required prior to Round 1, the annual declaration for 2022 will be sent out to clubs no later than 26 November 2021.

Proposed: RTW Monson, Seconded: Maidstone

POOL BOOKINGS

Pool bookings are being sought for Rounds 1 and 2 of 2022.

Confirmation of bookings is being planned for no later than 1 month before each round, although Round 2 could be just under a month to allow for the processing of results from the first round.

If you are able to reserve your local pool for both (or either) of these dates then please inform this to the KJL Secretary as soon as possible.

KWSS confirmed that Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre has been reserved for both Round 1 and 2 dates.

RULE 12 - NON-PARTICIPATION

Given the current environment and the uncertainty over the next 12 months due to COVID-19, it was proposed that the £100 minimum non-participation penalty fee be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

FINAL ROUND 2021 - FEEDBACK

Positive feedback was received from the first licensed round on Saturday 20 November.

A few technical issues were experienced with the gala recording file, although Gala 1 and 3 were able to overcome these on the evening. Gala 2, unfortunately, were unable to calculate the running and final points totals. The final results for Gala 2 were sent out to the participating clubs the following morning.

Clubs must ensure that teams are submitted using the proper team sheet and it must pass the verification check before sending to the hosting club.

Mark Leman confirmed that he was reasonably happy with the scoring system and the fact that they picked up a wrong swimmer in an event in Gala 1 does demonstrate to licensing that there is a reasonably robust system in place.

KWSS PARTICIPATION

Maidstone raised a concern regarding KWSS participating as one club rather than as four separate clubs. It was agreed that this would be discussed separately outside of the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.