

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 WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT:	Chairman	Keith Roshier, Tonbridge
	League Secretary	Carole Murphy, Maidstone
	Gala Secretary	Mark Leman, RTW Monson
	Representatives From	Beckenham Bexley Black Lion Bromley Dartford Dover Lifeguard Edenbridge Folkestone Gravesend Herne Bay Orpington Ojays RTW Monson Saxon Crown

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the following was discussed.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Maidstone.

MINUTES OF AGM HELD ONLINE ON 22 NOVEMBER 2021

No comments were raised and the minutes were approved.

Proposed: Keith Roshier, Seconded: Herne Bay

MATTERS ARISING

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance is £1,885.16 for the end of calendar year.

Proposed: Folkestone, Seconded: Orpington Ojays

Given the healthy bank balance it was agreed that the annual fee would remain at £50.00 for 2023.

Following discussions, it was agreed that the annual fee shouldn't decrease in case unnecessary pool costs arise or pools close due to the current energy and cost of living crisis.

Proposed: Keith Roshier, Seconded: Folkestone

Where lost pool hire costs cannot be fully subsidised by the League in the event of an emergency closure, each club will contribute an equal share of the loss with all other participating clubs. For example, if pool hire is £600 and there are 15 clubs participating then this is a potential £40 risk per club.

Proposed: Folkestone, Seconded: Bexley

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

We had 14 clubs compete in Rounds 1 and 2, and 13 in the final round on Saturday 24 September.

Non-competing teams in 2022 were Ashford Town, Dover, Greenwich Royals, Herne Bay, Maidstone and Sevenoaks. Some of these were due to reduced membership and building up teams post-COVID.

All fee payments were received for the year.

Congratulations to the winners of our 2 final round galas.

- Gala A - Bromley
- Gala B - Erith & District

Proposed: Keith Roshier, Seconded: Bexley

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

LEAGUE APPLICATIONS - 2023

Tonbridge have indicated that they wish to join the League and Gravesend are considering joining in 2023.

The following teams have indicated their intention or are considering a return to the League in 2023:

- Herne Bay
- Dover
- Maidstone - under consideration
- RTW Monson - would need to look at the new rules, dates and programme for 2023 before committing

FUTURE LEAGUE DATES - 2023

The Executive have done their utmost to ensure that the 2023 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, and London and SER Regionals.

Round 1 - Saturday 25 March

Round 2 - Saturday 24 June

Round 3 - Saturday 23 September

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No alternative nominations were received prior to the AGM. The following Executive Committee members were re-elected for 2023.

Chairman	Keith Roshier
League Secretary	Carole Murphy
Gala Secretary	Mark Leman

The Treasurer position was declared as vacant. Nominations for this position were received from Lynn Mullins, Herne Bay and David Ryan, Orpington Ojays.

It was agreed that Lynn Mullins would take on the role given that she currently banks with Barclays.

Mark Leman is to be removed as an authorised signatory and replaced by Lynn Mullins.

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RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

The following proposed rule additions and replacements were unanimously approved without changes. The rules for 2023 will be updated to reflect these.

Addition to Rule 4 - AGM

At least 5 weeks' notice will be given to clubs of the date of the AGM.

Addition to Rule 5 - Rules & Programme Changes

Final notices, with details of any proposals, will be issued no later than 2 weeks before the date of the AGM.

Replacement of Rule 16 - Promotion/Relegation

There are currently no divisions in Kent Junior League.

Replacement of Rule 17 - Composition of the League & Gala Draw

17.1 Gala Draw

There will be three rounds in each year, which will be scheduled using the Executive's best endeavours to minimise clashes with other Championships or Leagues.

For the first two rounds, the teams will be drawn on a geographical basis based on pool availability using the Executive's best endeavours. The Executive will also aim to ensure that not all the same clubs compete against each other in Rounds 1 and 2.

Each individual gala will be run on a mini-competition basis, using the gala points system below for the first two rounds.

For the purposes of the League, league points will be awarded as detailed below to determine league positions after Rounds 1 and 2, and eventually the draw for the Round 3.

17.2 Gala Points

Points scoring for each event at a gala.

The 1st placed team shall score points equal to the number of teams competing and each subsequent place will score points reduced by 1, down to 1 point for last position. 0 points to be scored for 'no swimmer' or a disqualification. (Therefore, if 7 teams those coming first will score 7 points, if 6 teams those coming first will score 6 gala points).

In the case of a dead heat in a race, both teams will receive the same, averaged, points for the place they achieved. For example, if two lanes dead heat for 1st place in a six-team gala, then both should receive 5½ points and the 3rd place 4 points, as usual.

17.3 League Points - Rounds 1 & 2

The results from all teams in Round 1 will be put into a virtual gala recording file with as many teams competing in the virtual gala as there are in the League.

Each event will be scored in similar manner to the gala points system above. The winner of each event shall score points equal to the number of teams competing in the League and each subsequent place will score points reduced by 1, down to 1 point for last position. 0 points to be scored for 'no swimmer' or a disqualification.

Once all events are scored then the overall winning team from Round 1 will receive the same number of league points equal to the number of teams competing in the League and each subsequent place will score points reduced by 1, down to 1 point for last position.

The same process will apply for Round 2.

The total league points after Round 2 shall be used to rank and draw the teams for the final round.

In the event of a tie for league points after Round 2, the total number of gala points scored in Rounds 1 and 2 will be taken into account. If there is a tie on the total gala points then the total number of first places etc. will determine the League positions.

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17.4 Final Round

The number of galas in the final round will depend on the pools booked, the total number of teams and the number of lanes in each pool. The Executive will use its best endeavours to ensure that there is no more than one lane empty in a six-lane pool.

The total league points after Round 2 shall be used to rank and draw the teams for the final round as follows.

Each gala will be an outright competition for respective league positions.

This draw process will continue for as many galas as are needed for the number of teams competing in that year.

Gala A	The 5 to 8 teams gaining the highest total of league points after Round 2. These teams will be in competition for league positions 1 to 5 (or 6, 7, 8).
Gala B	The next 5 to 8 teams gaining the next highest total of league points after Round 2. These teams will be in competition for the next 5 to 8 league positions.
Gala C	The next 5 to 8 teams gaining the next highest total of league points after Round 2. These teams will be in competition for the next 5 to 8 league positions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

POOL BOOKINGS

Pool bookings are being sought for Rounds 1 and 2 of 2023.

The proposed dates for all three rounds have already been reserved at both Crook Log Leisure Centre and Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre.

Saxon Crown, Folkestone and Dover also indicated that they would be happy to host at their respective home pools.

Confirmation of bookings are being planned for no later than 1 month before each 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.

SINGLE GENDER RELAYS

The proposal to revert back to single gender relays for 2023 was voted on at the SGM in March 2022, with notes that it could be re-addressed at the AGM.

There was much discussion regarding the benefits of mixed or single-gender relays.

It was agreed that the League should be about participation and mixed relays does reduce its inclusivity.

The lower age-groups for the majority of clubs seem to still be rebuilding following COVID.

For maximum inclusivity it was discussed that, if declared to the Referee and no points won, swimmers could be swum down to ensure those are given the opportunity to participate and gain valuable relay experience.

The vote from clubs who participated in 2022 -

Mixed	Single Gender
Bromley, Beckenham, Orpington Ojays, Edenbridge	Bexley, Black Lion, Dartford, Folkestone, Saxon Crown,

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The clubs who have indicated their intention or interest to join or return to the league were asked their views -

Mixed	Single Gender
Gravesend, Maidstone	Dover, Herne Bay, Tonbridge, RTW Monson

It was agreed that the relays should go back to single gender and that the programme would revert back to how it was pre-COVID with 51 events.

The team sheet and gala recording file will be updated to reflect this change back to single gender relays.

OTHER

There were thanks from Ian Howes, Folkestone, for how well the League has been run.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.