

**London Swimming Management Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday 23rd June 2009**  
**Southbank House**

**Attendance:** Richard Graham, Vernon Davis, Richard Whitehead, Michelle Weltman, Jean Cook, Kay Grimshaw, Den Collen, Jackie Bedford, Christine Goodair, Colin Robson.  
Colin Brown, Gita Sheth

1) **Apologies for absence** were received from Stephen Baker, Jean Scott, Kevin O'Brien

2) **Minutes of Board Meeting 20/05/09**  
These were received and approved.

3) **Matters Arising**

A letter had been received from Dil Akbar tendering his resignation from the board. Vernon raised the point that he had actually been removed from his seat at the last meeting. Vernon had spoken to Kevin O'Brien who had told him that he apologised for his absences from the board meetings but that was due to work commitments that could not be helped. He wished to remain on the board and would make every effort to attend and contribute for the remainder of this year and if re-elected for the future.

KG asked that under matters arising in the minutes that one line subject headers be provided as well as a number to make things clearer. Agreed.

4) **Finance Officers Report / LS revenue options for 2009/10**

Richard W went through the report and asked the board to approve the following. A recommendation is being made that the basic fee is kept at £2.50 per Cat 1 and Cat 2 member plus £25 per club. In addition it was recommended that the current cap of £1,500 ie 600 members would be removed from next year. It is recommended as a sweetener the clubs impacted Ealing, Griffins of Enfield, Edmonton Phoenix would receive vouchers to be used against Masterclasses and courses to the value of 50 % of the 2010/11 Region payment over the £1,500, which would then be reduced to 25 % in 2011/12.

5) **Director's Report**

CB went through the report and reported that Ron Philpot, Head of the Beacon Programme at Crystal Palace had requested a chance to present to the board future plans. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea and a date of 8 July at the LS offices was agreed. Colin R gave his apologies for the 8 July.

6) **Mayoral Pool Programme**

CB went through the report outlining the main points, and reported that the funding bid had been submitted and that a final decision was expected tomorrow (24 June). Once agreed it was all systems go to get the programme up and running by September. As part of the programme a number of a number of staff

would have to be recruited. What the board had to decide was whether these staff should be employed by London Swimming Ltd, the ASA or another route. There was a lot of discussion on this matter with a number of points made about what was involved in becoming an employer and all the systems/paperwork etc that would have to be put into place. The general consensus was that London Swimming Ltd was not currently ready to become an employer. The board decided that a third solution should be found with possibly GLL for the first year as the pools would be deployed in areas where GLL operated. As time was of the essence the Director and the F&A committee were charged with making the necessary decisions.

#### **7) Mass Participation Event 2010**

Colin B went through the idea of the mass participation event and some of the issues that LS would need to think about if it were to run this event next year. There was discussion around what staff and resources would be needed. In principle the board supported the idea. Colin B to keep the board informed.

#### **8) LS Directors' attendance considerations**

VD raised the issue about the vacancy left on the board by Dil Akbar, and it was normal practice to fill such vacancies by co-option of unsuccessful candidates from any remaining previous ACM nominations. After much discussion the board decided that the vacancy should remain for now, as the ACM was only 2 months away and some other board members were also up for election.

#### **9) Affiliations**

Vernon reported that there had been an enquiry from St Georges Hospital Medical School about setting up a club. He would keep the board informed.

#### **10) AOB**

1. Richard W raised the point about clubs Cat1, Cat2, figures not always corresponding to the number of swimmers they enter into competitions. There was some discussion around this subject and Den Collen suggested that a question highlighting this point should perhaps be included in the swim21 process, just so that clubs were made aware of the fact that the Region was aware of irregularities. This was agreed.

There was also the suggestion that we should check competition entries and if a club breaks the rules then take necessary action at the time. This was agreed.

2. Vernon reported that a disciplinary matter had arisen and therefore a Disciplinary Committee was to be activated. This would consist of Richard Graham, David Barnes, Allen Thurlow and Gary Couch. The matter would then be referred to them by Len Badcock. This was noted.

3. Colin R raised the point that since Michelle was unable to attend the last swimming committee meeting they were missing the disability strategy, and also pointed out the low attendance of disability swimmers at recent competitions. Michelle apologised for the fact that the swimming events had not been properly

promoted to the squad and that they were putting together an events calendar so it was easier to see what was coming up.

4. Kay asked for a sub committee to look at the LS logo. This was agreed.

5. Jackie raised the point about LS merchandise, lack of it, and how some was needed. The board to look at options and costs.

6. Richard G asked Christine Goodair to write a report on Masters Swimming in London

**11) Date of Next Meeting 15<sup>rd</sup> July 2009**