

## **Arena Junior Inter-League Swimming Competition**

### **AGM held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at 14.00 at the Holiday Inn Kettering Geddington Road Corby**

**Present:** Bob Thompson (Hon. Secretary) Susanna Carden (Hon. Treasurer), Michael & Lindsay & Rea (N.W. Micro-League); Dave Broome & Terence Wilkinson (White Rose).

#### **Attending via Skype:**

Roger Boyer (M56); Ann Oldham (Lincolnshire); Tracey Spinner (Eastern League);

The **Secretary** chaired the meeting in the absence of a Chairman and welcomed everybody to the meeting including those joining by Skype. He explained that this was the first time the technology had been used for the AGM and it had significantly broadened representation at the meeting, with over half the leagues represented today.

**Apologies:** Jonathan Chan (M11); Jeff Pickering (Derby & Notts),

#### **Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 2018 AGM held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were accepted as a true record as proposed by Terence Wilkinson and seconded by Roger Boyer. They were then signed by the Secretary for the minute book.

#### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

#### **Correspondence Received**

Covered in Chairs Report below

#### **Chairs' report**

The Secretary reported that the previous Chair Michelle Jones had decided to resign from JIL, following the 2018 AGM and since early 2019 there had been only two Executive Officers in place. A nomination had been received for the role of Chair for Dave Broome from City of Leeds, nominated by White Rose League, seconded by NW Micro League. This would be considered later in the meeting.

The Secretary recapped on the past twelve months including the extensive correspondence with member leagues, Solo Sports and Ian Mackenzie concerning the discussion document with respect to a possible restructuring of JIL along the lines of the National Arena Swimming League. Six clubs had responded to the consultation and there had been no appetite for such wholesale changes to JIL. Several leagues felt that it would be prejudicial to the development nature of their leagues and indicated that their clubs would prefer to withdraw from JIL rather than change their league structure to fit the suggested framework, given that only one club from each league progresses to the Finals.

The feedback had been relayed to Ian Mackenzie and Solo Sports, the Arena distributors in the UK. In consequence Solo Sports have decided not to extend their sponsorship of JIL at the conclusion of their five-year term in December 2019.

We are grateful to Arena for their sponsorship over the past five years but as the executive of a democratic organization we will not force top down changes upon our member leagues when clearly there is no appetite for them.

The league will therefore be looking for new sponsors going forward and several possible candidates have been suggested.

The website has been brought up to date including hyper-links to member leagues websites, where relevant.

The Area Finals this year were hosted by White Rose League in the North & Derby & Notts League in the South. Both finals were run to an excellent standard and we would like to minute our thanks to the volunteers who were instrumental in ensuring the success of the competitions particularly Terry Wilkinson and Jeff Pickering who coordinated their respective finals.

We are looking to draft a protocol for future finals to assist host leagues and ensure that the finals are run to a consistently high standard from year to year.

Going forward our focus as an Executive is to ensure that we operate the area and grand finals to the highest possible standard.

We are encouraged by the increased participation via Skype and will promote this (or an equivalent technology) to encourage wider involvement in future meetings. (*Tracey Spinner offered to assist in this respect, having expertise in this area*)

Susanna reported that the application for a licence for the 2020 Grand Final had been rejected by the Regional Licensing Officer. There was some speculation as to the reasons behind this and it was suggested that it was because of two different age dates. DB and SC agreed to review independently and revert.

### **Financial Report**

The Treasurer circulated the attached accounts which showed a net surplus of £461 for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The leagues were also reminded that the fees remain at £7 per team for 2020

**Susanna asked that a reminder be put into the minutes about fees for 2020 need to be paid as soon as possible but no later than 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Please see constitution point 4.3**

By cheque to 'National Inter-League Swimming Competition' to Mrs S Carden, C/o nominated address as previous or by bank transfer using the following account details:

Account name: National Junior Inter-League Swimming Competition

Sort code: 30-94-93

Account Number: 2752827

### **Election of Chairman, Officers and Delegates**

The following were duly elected unopposed:

Chairman – Mr David Broome (White Rose Swimming League)

Secretary – Mr Bob Thompson (North West Micro League)

Treasurer – Mrs S Carden (Nuneaton and District League)

Each League to elect two members to attend the AGM and any subsequent meetings.

### **Rule Changes**

- Rule 3 – it was agreed to amend the rule to allow for the Inter-League Regional Finals to take place on **either the Saturday or** Sunday of the **first full week-end** in October to allow for greater flexibility to host leagues when booking pool venues.
- Rule 6 - Order of swim for event 49 the Canon – it was agreed to allow the canon to be swum **in any order of age/sex, at the discretion of each team coach**. The canon team must still include one boy and one girl from each of the four age groups.
- Rule 15 – given that most clubs have a minimum two hour travel time to the finals, often by coach, it was agreed that the rule is changed **to allow waiting time at the discretion of the Referee, in line with the pool booking, to allow for any contingencies**.

### **New Leagues**

No applications had been received to join JIL for the 2020 competition year.

### **Venues and Dates for Regional Finals and Inter-League Final**

Area Finals will take place on the first week-end in October each year. For 2020, this is the week-end of 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> October, depending on pool availability. Host Leagues for the Regional Finals are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>South</b>
2020	Nuneaton & District	M11
2021	M56	Milton Keynes
2022	Lincoln	Southern
2023	Northumberland & Durham	Nuneaton & District
2024	North West Micro League	Eastern

**The Northern Final** venue is to be Grand Central Pools Stockport on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**The Southern Final** is yet to be advised.

**Final 2020** Date & venue to be advised.

The date of the next AGM date, time and venue TBA.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.45pm