



Meeting	ASA West Midland Region Annual General Meeting
Venue	RLSS, London Road, Worcester
Time and Date	10.00 am Saturday 16 th September 2017
Present:	Mr S Kirkland (Chair), Mr J J Morrey (President), Mr D Corbett (President Elect), Mr M Beard (Finance Manager), Mr B Simkins (Regional Appointee to ASA SGB), Mrs E Sykes, Mr F A Green, Mrs P Davies, Mr P Holmes, Mrs V Hewitt, Mrs J Childs, Mr P Welsh, Mrs J Jones (Board members), Mr A Bartlett (Life Member) and 8 representatives from 8 affiliated bodies: Bromsgrove SC, Droitwich Dolphins, Northgate SC, Oldbury STC, Pershore SC, Coventry & District Association, Shropshire ASA and Staffordshire ASA
In Attendance:	Mrs J Campbell (Regional Office Manager), Miss H Colville (Divisional Office Co-ordinator), Mrs H Weeks, Miss A Swan (Club Development Officers)
Apologies:	Mr D Sparkes, Ms H Edstrom, Dr S Prosser, Mrs L Watkins, Mrs A Ravenhall, Mr E Salt, Mr A Ward, Mr B Broadhurst, Cannock Phoenix SC, COSACSS, Heath Town SC, Kingsbury Aquarius SC, Lichfield SC, Ludlow SC, Market Drayton SC, Newport & District SC, Oswestry Otters SC, Shrewsbury SC, Stafford Apex SC, Telford Aqua SC, Whitchurch Wasps SC.

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
1.0	Opening of meeting	Simon Kirkland, Regional Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the Royal Lifesaving Society – a lovely venue and a good turnout.	
2.0	Tribute to John Russell	The Chair read out a short citation for John Russell who sadly passed away on 3 rd September which was followed by a minute's silence.	
3.0	Apologies	As above.	
4.0	Presentations of Regional Aquatic Awards	The Regional President, Jeff Morrey read a citation for each of the Regional Aquatic Award winners and presented them with their awards. Volunteer of the Year Award Jane Stalker (Camp Hill SC) Young Volunteer of the Year Award Konrad Sroda (Kingsbury Aquarius SC) Services to Aquatics Roy Jones (Bromsgrove SC and Worcester County SA) Coach of the Year Award Amy Baker (Walsall Synchro SC) – collected by Mr W Moreton Club of the Year Award Pershore SC	
5.0	Midland Inter-county Trophy	Jeff Morrey presented the Midland Inter-county trophy to Mr Ray Evans, President of Worcester SA, as top performing West Midland county at the National County Team Championships in October 2016.	

		The Chair set a challenge to the other counties as Worcester County had now won the trophy for the past three years.	
6.0	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 17th September 2016	The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting by a show of delegate cards.	
7.0	Matters arising from minutes of 17th September 2016	No matters arising.	
8.0	Regional report and accounts	<p>The Annual report and accounts was presented to the floor. No questions were received in advance.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the professional staff who do a great job to support the clubs in the region.</p> <p>The Chair said that there had been significant changes with a move from ASA to Swim England and a staff restructure which has meant that the region is now responsible for the management and financing of the office and staff.</p> <p>He said that it was pleasing to see the 50m pool at Birmingham University finally opened and that there is plenty of work going on behind the scenes on the proposed 50m pool in Coventry and also in Sandwell, which the Board are very active in supporting. Facilities are always an issue and there are moves to encourage clubs to own and manage their own pools.</p> <p>A comment was raised from the floor regarding the unsuitability of new pools in Worcestershire (Perdiswell, Wyre Forest and Bromsgrove) to host competitions and county galas. The Chair responded saying that it is all down to local authority funding – competition is occasional and seating space is costly. However the region is working with Swim England nationally about regional competition pool needs. It is important to invite MPs on the Parliamentary Group looking at swimming to events.</p> <p>Simon praised the Regional Championships which are getting better each year and thanked Liz Sykes for all her work.</p> <p>The regional camps, coach development and club development were all highlighted as areas of good work in the Region.</p> <p>The Chair asked clubs to contact their County Reps if they wished to see the focus areas changed.</p> <p>The Finance Manager drew attention to his finance report which highlights that the region had invested a lot into the sport but the region's reserves remain the same. He pointed out one error on page 15 – figure under 2016 should read 240.8.</p> <p>There were no questions on the finance section of the report and the Chair thanked Mike Beard for his continued hard work advising the meeting that he has been involved in managing the finances for both Midland District and West</p>	

		<p>Midland Region for 40 years.</p> <p>The Chair thanks the regional office for the hard work in putting together the report.</p> <p>The report and accounts were accepted by a show of delegate cards.</p>	
9.0	Proposals for changes to the ASA West Midland Region Constitution	<p>The proposed changes to the Constitution were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appointment of a deputy for the Regional Appointee to the ASA Sport Governing Board. 2. Change to the existing Presidential nomination committee. 3. Update the constitution following the rebrand from ASA to Swim England and regional rebrand from West Midland Swimming to Swim England West Midlands. <p>The proposals were approved by the meeting by a show of delegate cards.</p>	
10.0 10.1	Elections President	<p>The Chair handed over to Jeff Morrey, President, to give an outgoing speech.</p> <p><i>Jeff said that it had been a year of changes worldwide with Brexit, US elections and other political changes and the ASA also changing their structure and rebranding. He said that he was delighted to entertain the ASA President Anne Reah at the West Midland Championships and is pleased to note that our own Liz Sykes will be ASA President during the ASA's 150 years anniversary celebrations. He was also delighted that Adam Peaty, who is Staffordshire born and bred, had such a successful year at the Olympics and World Championships. Jeff said that he had attended many events across the aquatic disciplines and had been made very welcome everywhere and was very impressed with the dedication and enthusiasm from all the volunteers.</i></p> <p>Formally proposed by Mr P Welsh from Warwickshire ASA, who gave a citation highlighting David's swimming life, and seconded by Mrs S Stow, David Corbett was formally elected as the West Midland Regional President until the next Annual General Meeting in September 2018 by a show of delegate cards.</p> <p>Jeff Morrey presented the Presidential Chain to David Corbett.</p> <p><i>David thanked Paul, Sally and the county for nominating him as President. He also thanked his wife Diane for supporting him for the 27 years he has been on the county Executive. He paid tribute to Eddie Blight, the first West Midlands President, and to John Russell who were both extremely influential in his early days as an official. He applauded the region's Young Volunteers and Coach Development Programmes and also commended the Talent Pathway Programme to other counties following the success of the Warwickshire programme.</i></p> <p>David presented Jeff with a memento on behalf of the Region.</p>	

<p>10.2</p> <p>President-Elect</p>	<p>The Chair formally welcomed David Corbett as the Regional President and Dave took his place at the top table.</p>	<p>Mrs J Childs (Shropshire ASA) proposed Mr Stuart Highfield as President-Elect which was seconded by Mr I Lamb. The nomination was formally approved by a show of delegate cards.</p>	
<p>10.3</p> <p>Regional Appointee to ASA SGB</p>	<p>Mr Bernard Simkins was formally approved as the Regional Appointee to ASA Sport Governing Board.</p>	<p>The Chair added that Bernard does an excellent job on the Sport Board and also on the Group Board.</p>	
<p>10.4</p> <p>Finance Manager</p>	<p>Mr Mike Beard was formally approved as Finance Manager.</p>		
<p>10.5</p> <p>Management Board member</p>	<p>Mrs Elizabeth Sykes was formally approved as Management Board member for a 4 year term.</p>		
<p>10.6</p> <p>Delegates to ASA Council (Five members)</p>	<p>The regional delegates to ASA Council were approved as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mike Beard Mr Tony Green Mrs Vivienne Hewitt Mrs Elizabeth Sykes Mr Peter Holmes <p>The other delegates to ASA as per regional rule 13.2.1.3 are President, President Elect and Chairman.</p> <p>The Chair advised the meeting that the Council would be voting on the Incorporation of the ASA and if the vote is approved there would be different structure with one unitary Board rather than the current two Boards. The Group Board and Sport Governing Board would continue for the next 4 months with the unitary Board working in tandem. Currently the Region send 8 delegates to ASA Council, but after Incorporation we will instead choose 8 Members of the Members' Forum which will replace ASA Council. The 8 Members could be the current delegates to Council but the Chair asked the meeting to delegate the final decision to the Board to be taken at its first meeting after ASA Council. This was approved.</p> <p>If anyone has any questions they are asked to contact the Chair, Bernard Simkins or the Regional Office.</p>		
<p>11.0</p> <p>Appointments</p>			
<p>11.1</p> <p>County representatives to Management Board</p>	<p>The following appointments for county representative were approved:</p>	<p>Mrs Vivienne Hewitt (Worcester County) 4 years Mr Peter Holmes (Staffordshire) 3 years Mrs Jean Childs (Shropshire) 2 years Mr Paul Welsh (Warwickshire) 1 year</p>	
<p>11.2</p> <p>Honorary Solicitor</p>	<p>Patrick Nelson.</p>		
<p>11.3</p> <p>Independent Financial Examiner</p>	<p>Garratt's of Wolverhampton.</p>		

		The Chair added that in accordance with the constitution the Regional Management Board would fill the other positions at the next Board meeting and also has the authority to fill any vacant positions as necessary.	
12.0	To receive the ASA documents	The Chair presented the ASA Annual Report and Financial Report and asked the delegates whether they had any questions or comments to be raised at ASA Council. Any questions can be sent to the County Representatives or ASA delegates.	
13.0	Date of the next Annual General Meeting	The next meeting was provisionally confirmed as Saturday 8 th September 2018 at a venue to be confirmed.	
14.0	Vote of thanks	The Chair thanked the regional staff for organising the AGM and all their work throughout the year. David Corbett thanked everyone for attending, the regional staff for organising the meeting and the RLSS for the excellent facility.	

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J Campbell	19/9/2017	JCWMAGM160917