

Minutes of the Board of Directors**26th February 2021 at 10.00 am****By Zoom****Members Present:**

Joan Wheeler (JW)	Chairman
Keith Belton (KB)	Finance Director
Ian Mackenzie (IM)	Director
David Metcalf (DM)	Director

21/32 Apologies

21/32.1 All were present.

21/33 Declarations of conflicts of interest

21/33.1 None were declared.

21/34 Purpose of the Meeting

21/34.1 It was noted that the meeting was an additional meeting, which had been arranged at short notice to enable three urgent items to be dealt with, without the need for protracted email exchanges. All Directors were present and an agenda, and supporting papers, had been circulated the previous day.

21/35 Membership Renewals

21/35.1 JW had circulated an email sent to all regional chairs by the SE CEO, regarding membership renewals, together with the email exchange between JW and JN that followed this.

21/35.2 It was noted that SE was seeking the Board's agreement to the following course of action:
1. On Wednesday 3rd March Swim England membership team produce the following lists for each region:

Clubs which have not paid

Clubs which have paid

Clubs which have asked for an extension to 31st March and have been granted this extension.

Clubs which have not completed stronger affiliation

2. Swim England to advise clubs (on behalf of the Regions) who have not paid they will be given an extension to 31st March at the latest on the proviso they confirm they will meet the new deadline.

3. Swim England to communicate with clubs regarding the need for affiliation especially as land training and open water swimming is imminent and we have a date for pools to open. If you would also like to communicate with your clubs or would prefer to do so, in place of us, please let me know with your confirmation email.

4. Regions to be advised of clubs who have not paid by 31st March straight after Easter. Clubs to

- be suspended and the fine as set out above applied to those who then renew.
5. Clubs which have not complied with Stronger Affiliation will be processed as previously agreed.
- 21/35.3 JW had raised concerns that the proposed course of action was incompatible with a possible change to the SE East Region Regulations, in that there had been no change to Swim England Regulations relating to the deadline of 28th February.
- 21/35.4 In the discussion that followed it was noted that the SE Members Forum had been consulted on a different proposal, and this is what had been agreed by a majority.
- 21/35.5 After full discussion it was agreed that the Board should not agree to this proposal, but revisit the options after receipt of a list on 3rd March. At that stage, the Directors would also consider the implications of taking a different course of action to other regions.
- 21/35.6 JW would convey this decision to Jane Nickerson, SE CEO. (**Action JW**)
- 21/36 Appointments to the Swim England Members Forum**
- 21/36.1 An email had been received from SE advising that SE East Region was entitled to appoint nine members to the SE Members Forum. Names were to be submitted by 26th April.
- 21/36.2 It was agreed that the Board should appoint the nine members, giving priority to applications in the following order:
President
Directors
ROC Members
Managers
Members of Leadership Groups
- 21/36.3 When appropriate, the regulations should be amended to reflect this process for appointments. JW would draft this, and other identified changes, for consideration at the next ordinary meeting. (**Action JW**)
- 21/37 Harold Fern and A H Turner Awards 2021**
- 21/37.1 JW had received an email from SE calling for nominations for the Harold Fern and A H Turner Awards 2021.
- 21/37.2 A suitable candidate was identified. IM would draft a citation and send this to JW. (**Action IM/ JW**)
- 21/38 End of Year Accounts**
- 21/38.1 KB reported that he had heard from the Examiners regarding the End of Year Accounts for the former Association. Some minor amendments were required, such as period instead of year. KB would deal with these later today. (**Action KB**)
- 21/39 Next Meeting**

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The next ordinary meeting would take place on 10th March 2021. As previously discussed, there would be an additional meeting shortly after 3rd March 2021 to consider Membership Renewals.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wheeler".

Date 10th March 2021