



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The National Arena Swimming League-London
via Zoom on Wednesday, 27th May 2026

Those present: Marc Barrot (MB) (Camden Swiss Cottage), Chairman, Ian Mackenzie (IM) (Hoddesdon), Treasurer, Sheila Mackenzie (SM) (Hoddesdon), Secretary, and Sofia Marcal Whittles (SMW) (Chelsea & Westminster), Elected Member

The following clubs were represented: - Bishops Stortford SC, Camden Swiss Cottage SC, Chelsea & Westminster SC, City of St Albans ASC, Halstead SC, Leighton Buzzard SC, Maxwell SC and Teddington SC

The meeting commenced at 7pm,

1. **Apologies for absence** Aylesbury & District SC

2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2025** These were approved.

3. **Matters arising** None

4. **Secretary's report for the year to 31st March, 2026** SM highlighted some points.

The full report will be available on the website.

A question was raised about the access to the facility at Harrow Lodge Leisure Centre, Hornchurch. There was a discussion and SM stated that all club contacts are provided with the access information, but it seems that this is not passed on. SM agreed to adopt the suggestion that notices were placed on the entrance doors regarding the strict rules about admission times.

The non-compliance to waiting outside until the access time had caused huge issues at the venue, and individuals' refusal to leave the foyer and their rudeness to venue staff and organisers was not acceptable. MB stated that reputational damage to the league and our sponsors must be avoided.

5. **Financial report**

a) **Balance sheet at 31st March 2026**

IM presented the accounts for the year to 31.3.26 and commented on various points.

Spectator entrance fee income was down slightly. There was no income from fines for the lack of provision of required officials. Bank charges now apply. Some money has been placed in a suitable interest-bearing account.

There were no questions and the accounts were adopted.

b) **Payment towards expenses of teams qualifying for a final on the national finals weekend in March 2027, in accordance with the National League's qualification criteria.**

The proposal for a financial contribution of £500 per team was agreed.

6. **Proposal:**

There was a proposal regarding the percentage increase to registration fees year-on-year which was agreed at a previous Annual General Meeting. This was due to come into effect for 2026-2027. Given the healthy financial position of the league, IM proposed that there should be no increase in registration fees currently.

This was agreed.

The registration fee will remain at £160, rising to £200 for late payment for the 2027-2028 season.

7. National Secretary's report

The National Secretary's report is available on the website. IM commented on various aspects.

IM highlighted the success of the move of the National Finals from Cardiff International Pool to Sandwell Aquatics Centre. The new venue was well received by our sponsors, the organising team, the athletes and the spectators, and the venue staff were extremely cooperative. The only downside was that the venue was not happy about the noise level at the galas, as the staff were not able to hear internal communications.

8. The election of the executive committee to serve for the next 12 months

As there was only one nomination for each of the posts, the following were elected for the roles, without a vote being necessary:

a) Chairman	Marc Barrot (Camden Swiss Cottage)
b) Treasurer	Ian Mackenzie (Hoddesdon)
c) Secretary	Sheila Mackenzie (Hoddesdon)
d) Administration Officer	Vacant
e) Elected Member	Sofia Marcal Whittles (Chelsea & Westminster)

Sofia Marcal Whittles offered to assist with the processing of the results in the absence of an Administration Officer.

9. Election of two delegates to The National Swimming League Annual General Meeting on 21st June, 2026 via Zoom

Sheila Mackenzie and Marc Barrot were elected as the two delegates to The National Swimming League Annual General Meeting.

10. To confirm the teams in the divisions on Saturdays 10th October, 14th November and 5th December 2026

In April, invitations to register were sent to all those teams which competed last year. Registrations are now complete. Hillingdon B have withdrawn from the league.

Premier division: Stopsley Red and Dunstable were promoted to the premier division at the end of December 2025. The premier division will have 16 teams for 2026-2027 season.

Division one: Enfield Swim Squad and Greenwich Royals were relegated to division one at the end of December 2025, and Ealing and Hackney Anaconda B were promoted from division two. There were only 14 teams in the division in the 2025-2026 season, and this number of teams will continue in the 2026-2027 season.

Division two: There were 10 teams in the division in the 2025-2026 season, Dunmow Atlantis has re-joined the league and Biggleswade has moved from East Midlands league to join London league.

Linslade Crusaders (division one) and Leighton Buzzard (division two) are currently in the process of forming a new club as the pool operator at the venue used by the two clubs wishes to have only one club at the pool. There is still some work to be done before the new club is fully set up. If the new club is fully set up by the start of the rounds, then Linslade Crusaders and Leighton Buzzard have notified their withdrawal from the league, and the new club, Leighton Linslade, will have two teams in division two. Rochford & District as the next highest placed team in division two would be promoted to division one in replacement of Linslade Crusaders.

If the new club is not fully set up by the start of the 2026-2027 season, then Linslade Crusaders will stay in division one and Leighton Buzzard will continue in division two. Rochford & District would also remain in division two.

11. Draw for round one The draw for round one on Saturday 10th October 2026 was made. Two options for the draw for division one were made to accommodate the two scenarios involving Linslade Crusaders and Leighton Buzzard in divisions one and two.

On behalf of his club, MB asked about the possibility of a third team from the club joining the league. SM stated that there was room in division two and applications from new teams would be accepted in order of receipt of an application form and registration fee.

The Chairman closed the meeting, thanking SM and IM and those who had given up their time to attend.

Minutes subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting 2027