

SUSSEX COUNTY
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(Founded 1895)



MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

8 July 2026
held via video call

Attendees

Mr Brian DeVal (Chair)	Mr Bill Uttley-Moore (Swimming Manager)
Mrs Trixie Nisbet (Masters Manager)	Mrs Hilary Knott (Diving Manager)
Mrs Janice White (Elected Member)	Mrs Deedee Pickering (Elected Member)
Mrs Sarah Johnson (Treasurer)	Mrs Chris Hobbs (Welfare Officer & Officials Coordinator)
Mr Gordon Dudman (Elected Member)	

Minutes – Brian DeVal (Chair)

Item No		Action
31/2026	1. Apologies – none received	
32/2026	2. Minutes 2.1 There were no comments on the draft 13 th May 2026 minutes which were accepted.	BD
33/2026	2. Matters Arising not covered on the agenda 2.2 No matters were raised.	BD
34/2026	3. Finance 3.1 meeting received YtD finance report. Minor adjustments agreed. 3.2 agreed to raise mileage rate for expenses in line with HMRC revised guidance from 1 st August 26 to single rate of 55p pence per mile. SJ to revise expenses policy and present to meeting for approval. BD to adjust website form. 3.3 Zoom account to be cancelled.	SJ/BD BD
35/2026	4. Governance 4.1 Gordon Dudman elected Deputy Chair. 4.2 BD summarised interim measures to manage Secretary emails – to be forwarded to Chair email, agreed. 4.3 Meeting recognised an urgent need to recruit new members including Secretary. This should take place asap and use all channels and media available. Will include new membership of Swimming Committee. There had been no further news from SE regarding County Governance.	GD BD BD BD GD
36/2026	5. Development First camp of 2026 programme was successfully delivered on 14 th June. HK asked if divers could also attend appropriate activities – agreed to also include water polo players.	B-UM/BD

37/2026	6. Technical Committee Minutes and Reports Swimming Committee 4th June – times and programme for SC Champs to be agreed by Coaches. SC results will not qualify for SER SC Champs this year. Growing movement for swimmers to swim longer distance. Consideration being given to making SC Champs to SC Development event. B-UM looking to appoint a competitions development team. Officials’ development becoming a priority with CPD planned for 2027. Sussex Open Water Championships held at Mercers Lake on 28th June. Members of leadership Team for Intercounty Team Championships appointed – Coach Stefan Heckman (ESC), Assistant Coach Jo Christmas (CSC). Meeting agreed to utilise SwimPath offer shirts (70) as team kit. Master’s committee to meet to discuss plans for 2027.	B-UM BD TN
38/2026	7. SER BD provided an update on SE governance review: Andy Salmon had stood down after illness as CEO, interim being appointed. Governance review ongoing. Likely to have longer lead times in some areas.	BD
39/2026	9. Any Other Business BD had agreed storage at K2. This would be in the form of a lockable office cabinet in the ‘teachers room’ on poolside. Meeting agreed cost of approx. £260 to buy cabinet. Brian Wilson has stood down as co-Chair of Crawley SC Members to agree alternative date for November meeting	BD GD BD
40/2026	Meeting closed at 8.18pm – next meeting 9th September 2026	