

## Annual General Meet January 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Chair's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Head Coaches Report
5. Election of Officers
6. No Notice of Resolutions

### **WELCOME (Chair)**

Welcome to you all and thank you for giving up some of your evening to support CoMAST. We are recording this meeting purely to aid minute taking and those in attendance. The recording will be deleted once minutes have been completed and agreed.

We will hear the Chair's report, followed by the Treasurer's Report and then the Head Coaches & MCC Rep Report. The election of officer's will complete our meeting. There have been no notifications of Resolutions.

### **Chair's Report.**

At the end of 2021 City Council Awards were a phenomenal success for CoMAST, receiving two awards, including the coveted Manchester Award. This was a huge achievement for the club for all they had achieved maintaining CoMAST during Covid and enabling elite athletes to practice in race conditions, within the Covid restriction. We especially thank Sophie Parker, our Meet Manager for her dedication and sheer hard work during lock down to manage and host competitions with British Swimming.

December 21 saw the closure of MAC so that extensive refurbishment and rebuild of pools could take place. Thank you to everyone coaches and volunteers who enabled the MAC to be completely cleared on time.

January 22 still saw the nation with high levels of Covid cases, and swimmers not only adhering to altered training routines due to closure, but to maintaining covid restrictions, testing, mask wearing and distancing.

CoMAST continued throughout 2022 to be the best, even with the closure of the pool. Selection of swimmers to compete at Junior European Champs and at the Commonwealth games was outstanding and a testament to the work coaches and swimmers have maintained throughout covid and beyond. Mikey Jones and Jamie Ingram represented the club at the Commonwealth Games, and I am sure Mark will expand in his report on their success.

However here in Manchester we do not stand still. We have developed the Pro Squad to support swimmers.

We have reviewed committee roles, developing roles for Workforce Coordinator to support the coaches we employ, and Communication Coordinator to improve communications throughout the club.

We are working with our coaches establishing an updated appraisal system to enable all our coaches to develop to their full potential.

We remain fully engaged with MCC and have therefore maintained and received our annual grant.

However, to continue to develop and provide the very best for each and every swimmer we need more. We need you as parents, as members, as supporters of CoMAST to get on board and help us.

We are in urgent need of officials. We have been given notice by some clubs that if we continue to not send officials to their meets, CoMAST cannot be guaranteed entry for their swimmers. We have been 'getting away with this' so to speak for some time, and possibly only the good relationships we have with other clubs via our coaches and meet manager has enabled this to continue. A club of our size should have easily in excess of 50 officials. If you are sitting on [poolside watching your swimmer at galas then this is a win win, train as official and entry is free, plus you will be fed as well. Please contact one of us if you are interested.

We met with some of our parents at the end of last year, to gain understanding of what you need. We are therefore developing a new role of Squad Rep. This will be someone who is regularly at poolside for training and galas representing their squad, helping new members to their squad. They will then be the link to the Communications Coordinator on Committee with any suggestions or concerns. If this is you, please let me know.

Duncan Walklet is stepping down having been our workforce and volunteer's coordinator for several years. Duncan has often been the quiet voice of reason during our meetings.

Dianne Copeland is stepping down as Secretary after several years, steering us through covid.

We thank both Duncan and Dianne for their work here at Covid, at galas and working to make CoMAST maintain it's be the best !

We wish you both luck in all your future endeavours.

We thank you too as volunteers and supporters of CoMAST.

We are looking forward to getting the MAC back after the first half of its refurbishment, in May and this being yet another successful year.

Ruth Dawson (CoMAST Chair)

## **Treasurer's Report**

No requests from members to have sight of reports in advance of meeting.

Treasurer's Report presented.

Reminder that accounts will be on Charity Commission by Monday.

Questions from AL regarding fee increase for some satellite squads. MR- fees have been frozen for some time in the satellite squads, when other squads have gone up- fee increase needed for coach wage and CPD. Request from AL for all points to be communicated to parents effectively regarding fee increase.

Action agreed from Chair for full communication regarding reasons for slight fee increase.

Mike Hilton (Treasurer)

## **Head Coach's Report**

Welcome and introduction. Explaining role within council and club to those on meeting.

MR explaining it has been an interesting year with challenges with pool space and lack of revenue to support the club. There has been lots of support from everyone for this. Similar challenges faced to other clubs- less racing opportunities because of lack of officials.

County qualify times up from what they have been. National entries also up from what they have been.

Medals at commonwealth and European juniors (21 medals at Nationals) JI and MJ- both medalled at Commonwealth, RRK and TH and CL- all success and MR being coach. Great relationship with city and governing body of swimming. Opportunities come from this- including National event camp at the MAC. Very exciting opportunities as we move into new era at the MAC, but, very important that we need to recruit new officials/volunteers.

No questions from the Head coaches report.

Mark Rose (Head Coach CoMAST & Head of Aquatics Sports MCC)

## **Election of Officers**

Nominations received are all previous Committee members, there are no new nominations, therefore Committee are re-elected unless any concerns.

No concerns were noted, therefore Committee re-elected for a further twelve months.

We have a vacancy for Communications Coordinator which is paramount to moving forward. We are therefore going to propose that we will schedule an EGM in March which will be purely for the election of this post. We will hold further parents/members meetings during Jan/Feb to advertise and promote this role.

We are also in need of a Welfare officer., this is a non-voting role, and only needs to attend committee meetings if there is a need.

To reiterate for those who have joined us – officials are paramount to the smooth running of gala and ensured entries of our swimmers at meets. If you can train as an official, please let us know.

Thanks, from Chair to attendees and all involved in any way in supporting CoMAST