

# THE KENT JUNIOR LEAGUE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CLUBS OF THE KENT JUNIOR LEAGUE HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chairman	Keith Roshier, Tonbridge SC
	Treasurer	Lynn Mullins, Herne Bay SC
	League Secretary	Carole Murphy, RTW Monson SC
	Gala Secretary	Mark Leman, RTW Monson SC
	Representatives From	Beckenham SC Bexley SC (2) Dartford District SC Dover Life Guards Edenbridge Piranhas SC Folkestone SC Greenwich Royals SC Herne Bay SC Orpington Ojays SC (2) Sittingbourne & Milton SC Thanet SC Tonbridge SC

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the following was discussed.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following -

Black Lion SC	Jerome Moerman
Erith & District SC	Paul Graimes
White Oak SC	Steve Pickup

#### MINUTES OF AGM HELD ONLINE ON 20 NOVEMBER 2024

No comments were raised and the minutes were approved.

#### MATTERS ARISING

None.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The account opening balance was £3,746.13 and the balance at the end of calendar year was £4,414.72.

The League received £1,250.00 in annual declaration fees, £100.00 in fines and expenditure comprised of £250.00 in SER licensing fees, £368.00 to gala hosts, £19.50 for Swim England membership and £143.91 for final round trophies. Overall, an increase in capital of £668.59.

It was agreed that the annual fee would remain at £50.00 for 2026 to ensure that the league reserves remain in place.

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

We started the year with 23 clubs/teams registered to compete and all annual declarations and fee payments were received promptly - thank you for that.

This year we welcomed Ashford Town and Greenwich Royals back to the league.

Prior to Round 1, Hythe Aqua unfortunately had to withdraw their team. Beachfield/Sittingbourne did not compete in Round 2. White Cliffs withdrew from the league after Round 2 and in the final round White Oak was a late withdrawal.

With the original number of teams, four pools were required for Round 1, and across the three rounds we used six different venues. A huge thank-you to all our hosting clubs:

Glass Mill - hosted by Saxon Crown - Rounds 1, 2 and 3  
Beckenham Spa - hosted by Dartford District in Round 2  
Dover - hosted by Dover in Round 1 and by Folkestone / Herne Bay for Round 3  
Tunbridge Wells - hosted by RTW Monson in Round 1 and Tonbridge in Round 3.  
Hartsdown - hosted by Thanet in Round 2  
Maidstone - hosted by Maidstone in Round 1

As always, we encourage more clubs to volunteer as hosts in 2026 so that responsibilities can be shared across the county. Once the dates are finalised, it would be useful and appreciated, if clubs could approach their leisure centre operators to enquire about bookings on the dates confirmed below.

This year we introduced the Swim-Meet Officials' Sign-Up software, which we hope made it easier for the hosting club and Lead Referee to organise their technical team for each gala. It also allowed us the opportunity to monitor sign-ups from each club/team.

Five teams did not provide the required minimum of three officials in at least one of the three rounds. These clubs will be contacted regarding the compensation fee per missing official.

Finally, congratulations to our 2025 league winners Bromley and to Maidstone and Herne Bay for winning Gala's B and C respectively.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### LEAGUE APPLICATIONS

Sittingbourne & Milton SC have indicated their interest in joining the league for 2026 as a single club.

### LEAGUE DATES

The Executive have done their utmost where possible to ensure that the 2026 dates work around all other events in the calendar to avoid any unnecessary clashes with the NAJL, NASL, Millennium, Tudor and White Horse Leagues, Kent and Medway Championships, and London and SER Regionals.

It was agreed that the dates for 2026 would be as follows -

Round 1 - Saturday 21 March  
Round 2 - Saturday 20 June  
Round 3 - Saturday 19 September

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### ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No alternative nominations were received prior to the AGM. The following Executive Committee members were re-elected for 2026.

Chairman	Keith Roshier
Treasurer	Lynn Mullins
League Secretary	Carole Murphy
Gala Secretary	Mark Leman

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### OFFICIALS

Given the issues encountered again over the rounds with some clubs simply not communicating their difficulties with bringing the required number of officials or turning up without any, there was further discussion about whether to introduce a higher financial penalty than the one agreed at the AGM in 2024 and/or impose an additional points deduction.

It was agreed that the financial penalties should remain and an additional 20 points per official deduction be put in place where teams did not engage in any meaningful communication to resolve the issue in the required time frame.

The amendment to 'Rule 13.2 - Gala Sponsorship' detailed below was agreed.

*In addition to the financial penalties, a 20 point deduction per official will also be applied.*

#### SQUADRON RELAY

An amendment to 'Condition 3.3 - Relays' for the Squadron relay was discussed and agreed.

*The relay will be swum in the order of one female at birth and one open/male in age order from each of the four competing age-groups as follows - 10/U, 11/U, 12/U and 13/U.*

#### VIRTUAL ROUNDS 1 & 2 - LEAGUE PLACINGS

Dover stated that it had been frustrating to beat a team twice in the first two rounds in the geographical galas, but they then finished above them in the league placings following the virtual rankings involving all clubs. They further noted that they would not have qualified for the top gala had the final round been restricted to six teams, as they finished 7th.

Accordingly, they asked for the league to reconsider a return to the rules in place up to 2022, whereby points for the first two rounds were allocated based on the individual gala results. It was agreed that the geographical galas and virtual rankings for these rounds would remain in place.

#### POOL BOOKINGS

Pool bookings are being sought for Rounds 1 and 2 of 2026. If you are able to reserve your local pool for both - or either - of these dates then please inform this to the KJL Secretary as soon as possible.

Keith Roshier confirmed that he would approach Tunbridge Wells to reserve the dates for Rounds 1, 2 and 3.

Confirmation of bookings are being planned for no later than 1 month before each round.

#### THANKS

Thanks were extended to Carole Murphy for her time, commitment and effort in organising and running the league this year.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.