

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 20th April 2011, at 8.00pm.

Present; Karen Huckle, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Derek Milton, Barbara Scorer, Richard Sumner, and Bryan Thompson.

Apologies for Absence

S11/46. Apologies for absence were received from, Charles Dainton, Caroline Holt, Mark Horrod, George Kent, Marilyn Hughes and Sue Tysoe.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S11/47. The minutes of the 14th March 2011 had been circulated and approved by the Management Board.

Matters Arising

S11/48.IM noted that 300 Masters medals and 150 Daplyn medals had been ordered.

Masters update

S11/49. RIS commented that he was in the final stages of preparing the Information pack for the June Herts Masters gala and that this would go out on schedule to clubs before the end of the month. Peter Bays had agreed to be the Announcer.

Competition update – Development Meet 2011

S11/50. BT reported that the Venue at Borehamwood had been booked for Nov 20th. KH will begin work shortly on the Information pack for the event. It was confirmed that this would be a Level 4 licensed event.

Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2011

S11/51.BT reported that The Venue had also been booked for Dec 3rd, between 6.30 and 9.30 pm., for the Daplyn gala. A Level 4 licence had been requested and KH will begin work on the Information pack for this event.

Competition update – Bagcats 2011

S11/52. It was noted by the Committee that the feedback from all sources had been good . BT reported that the event had made roughly between £7,000 and £7,500, of which £750 had come from Goggle Box. There was £165 to come from the event photographer but, as yet, no final figure for shirt sales. The hat sales had gone particularly well. In response to a question, BT noted that the financial turnaround from last year was due to a combination of factors, principally, less pool hire and higher entry fees.

S11/53. The Coaches Forum at the Championships was discussed and the following points, which had been raised at the Forum, would be the subject of further discussion.

- The Coaches liked having licensed meets for qualification as it improved quality.
- A request to look at starting the competitions earlier, possibly in February, was raised.
- Could older groups of swimmers be presented with awards during the next races on the day, with Bagcats presentations only in the evening sessions?
- Finals were requested for 50m events only.
- The 800/1500m events should be on a different day away from the main events. Nick Juba has offered a Sunday night at The Hatfield University pool to meet this request.
- The qualifying times for 9 year olds seemed harsh in comparison to other qualifying times.
- It was better to be able to choose just one event.

Competition update – Inter Counties Regional and National 2011

S11/54 BT noted that the coaches (wheeled variety) had been booked. BT had not yet started work on the teams and it was noted that it could be helpful to have these ready by the date of the Talent Camp so that teams could train together on take-overs etc.

Competition update - Open Water

S11/55.IM reported that he had been invited to the Olympic White Water facility at Broxbourne. He was impressed with the facility and had asked if it could be used for Open Water training. He had received a favourable response to this request and IM has advised ST.IM will follow this lead up.

Talent Camps – 2011

S11/56. IM reported that he had invited 88 swimmers to the June Talent Camp and is chasing up the non- responders through their Coaches. Nick Juba (NJ) had organised Richard Charlesworth to be one of the Presenters, the other being Guy Sherwin. NJ and Michelle Hewson (MHe) are putting together a programme for the day. There will be 3 lanes of the Berkhamsted pool available to the Camp as the others will remain open to the public. Lunch will not be provided but the canteen is available for packed lunches to be eaten. There is use of a Gym and lecture theatre. MHe will act as team manager and liaison with the school.

S11/57 . IM needed the basic health and safety information, similar to that for the Inter Counties event, and BT will provide this for IM when he returns from holiday on 23/5. BT will also speak to NJ and MHe to progress the event whilst IM is away. All Club Coaches will be invited to the Camp regardless of whether or not they had swimmers at the Camp.

Officials and Education update

S11/58. Marilyn Hughes was absent from the meeting but had sent a written report. MH is working with other counties on such matters as CPD courses and is looking forward to the new website as this is extensively used by officials. MH noted that 101 officials had volunteered for the County championships . Training and assessments were continuing apace and a new training programme had been sent out to all officials.

S11/59. MH commented that Derek Hughes was interested in joining the Committee, possibly to take up the Masters vacancy when RS leaves at the year end. MH will also be approaching all officials shortly to help at the Masters gala in June.

County Development Plan

S11/60. BT had circulated the Development Plan for 2011-2014 before the meeting. At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the Swimming Action Plan section, for April 2011- March 2012.

S11/61. In reviewing the SAP the Committee made the following observations;

- 1.1. A contact database of Coaches is sufficient. Qualifications change so quickly that there is little point in keeping this information on file.
- 2.1. Nov 2011 should be Oct 2011. There is also a talent camp in July, making three in total. BT will prioritise the target, 'use and publicise fair criteria to identify talent'.
- 2.1. One particular target is to create a Swim 21 county network and Hatfield SC need to be assisted to achieve this as they would be the pinnacle for this network, in the county.
- 3.2. BT will speak to Grant Chivers to ascertain if £1000 for officials courses is enough.

- 4.0. It was agreed that the disability item needed to be removed from the SAP and passed to the County's Disability Committee. Janet Warrington will be contacted and asked to create her own disability action plan.
- 4.0. In the item 'review the competition structure for our swimmers...' , an entry was needed under the 'How are you going to do it' section. This was agreed as 'Raise at the Club and Coaches Forums'.
- 4.0. Under the 'Participate in Inter County galas' section, the date needed changing from March 2012 to June and Oct 2011.
- 4.0. Under the Open Water section, the date needed changing from March 2012 to Sept 2011.

S11/62. BT will re-number section 4; make the above changes to the SAP; colour code each item to reflect the level of progress and issue to RS for inclusion in the minutes.

Records

S11/63. There were no records for ratification.

Any Other Business

S11/64.DM asked if there were dates agreed for events in 2012. BT replied that the Development Meet was always on the third Sunday in November (18/11/12) and the Daplyn gala was on the first Saturday in December (1/12/12).

S11/65. It was agreed that the county would run with the same qualifying periods in 2012 as it had in 2011. These would start on May 1st.

S11/66. It was agreed that the county will stay with the ASA qualifying times for the County Championships.

S11/67. IM noted that Alan Doyle was progressing the new county website that has already been reviewed and amended by Grant Chivers and Martin Taylor. IM believed that the new site would be more user friendly than the current site. IM had discussed Facebook and Twitter issues at the ASA and whilst Twitter was not a problem, Facebook had security issues. To get around these it may be that a one way (officials-to-swimmers) Facebook facility might be introduced .

Dates of meetings in 2011

S11/68.The scheduled committee meetings at Welwyn Civic Centre for 2011 are;

Monday June 13th

Wednesday July 13th

Tuesday September 20th

Monday October 24th

Monday November 28th

