HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 16th September 2009 at 8.00pm.

Present; Bryan Thompson (Swimming Manager), Karen Huckle, Ian Mackenzie, Derek Milton, Richard Sumner and Ian Watson. The Minutes were prepared by Richard Sumner and the meeting was chaired by Bryan Thompson.

Apologies for Absence

SO9/83.Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Holt, Alan Bowell and Barbara Scorer.

Minutes of Previous meeting

SO9/84. The minutes of the 8th July 2009 were approved.

Matters Arising

SO9/85. IM confirmed that he will order lap cards.

SO9/86. Cheshunt are hosting an Open meet on Oct 5th which could be used by Mark Hisgrove as a training event for those learning to use AOE equipment.

SO9/87. The Club Forum will now be on Sept 30th.

SO9/88. BT will speak to Brian Ellis at The Venue about the lane ropes.

SO9/89. DM commented that the Swimming Times had published an article based on his input on the recent talent camp at Haileybury college.

Masters update

SO9/90. RS thanked members for their input to his Herts Masters gala information sheet. He confirmed that The Venue at Borehamwood had been booked for Saturday 26th June 2010 for this event and that he was completing the booking form.

SO9/91. RS commented that he was in the process of choosing a Hertfordshire team for the Inter Counties masters competition at Newmarket on Sunday Nov 15th and he confirmed that officials for this event were already in place. He noted that he would be attending the East Region Masters Championships at Newmarket on Oct 3rd.

Competition update –Development Meet and Daplyn Trophy 2009

SO9/92. It was agreed that CRB checks were the responsibility of the clubs.

SO9/93. IM has prepared poolside passes.

SO9/94. There will be a Coaches meeting and a separate Officials meeting between the two sessions of the Development Meet. This will require 2 rooms. Marilyn Hughes will take the update session for the Officials. BT will contact The Venue about refreshments as well as rooms and lane ropes.

SO9/95. KH will speak to Jane Evans about programmes.

SO9/96. IM said that Sheila Mackenzie will organise medals, their centres and ribbons.

SO9/97. It was agreed that 'signing-in' for events would continue.

SO9/98. From Jan 2010 there will be no mixed sex races for juniors under new FINA rules. It was agreed to retain the mixed sex races for this years events and raise with the Coaches how these events would be handled in 2010.

SO9/99. Gary Robb should provide county qualifying times to KH.

SO9/100. Certificates will be given out on the day of the Development Meet with names and times handwritten on the certificates. This is a job for the Medal stewards on the day. KH will contact Gary Robb to ascertain the number of certificates required and will also speak to BS who may be holding a supply of them.

SO9/101. Entry fees for the Development Meet and Daplyn competitions would remain the same as last year.

SO9/102. It was agreed that the latest entry dates for the events would remain at 14 days prior for the Daplyn and 21 days for the Development Meet. Information on the Development Meet for clubs and swimmers needs to go out by the end of this month at the latest.

SO9/103. KH will update the information sheets on both events and send them to the Committee.

Competition update - BAGCATS 2009

SO9/104. The 2010 dates were confirmed as the 6th,7th,13th,20th and 21st of March 2010 at The Venue at Borehamwood .

SO9/105. BT will discuss the pool bookings with Barry Ellis at The Venue and try to negotiate earlier start times on the Saturdays although this is probably a non starter due to the teaching sessions at the pool on Saturday mornings.

SO9/106.BT will speak to the Premier Inn at Borehamwood to try and get better rates for those who stay over on the Saturday evening ready for the Sunday sessions.

SO9/107. IM noted that information to swimmers about the BAGCAT competitions is normally sent out before the end of the year.

SO9/108. BT needs to give Sheila Mackenzie an idea of the number of medals needed for the events.

SO9/109. It was agreed that Nick Juba's programme of events would be used for the 2010 BAGCAT competitions.

Competition update – Inter Counties

SO9/110. There was a discussion about possible team managers and coaches/chaperones for the forthcoming Inter County event at Sheffield on 18th October with various names being put forward. BT will review these names and would also be making the initial team selection shortly.

SO9/111. DM would like to know from where and when the coach will depart for Sheffield.

SO9/112. It was agreed that the customary £3 will be given to competitors to purchase food on the way home.

SO9/113. BT confirmed that he will consider attending the event and will notify Tina Lander about the officials who will be attending.

SO9/114. IM commented that work on this event really needed to start in July each year.

SO9/115. IM noted that shirts and hats needed to be ordered from him and those who already had a shirt did not get another one.

Open Water

SO9/116. BT noted that several swimmers have asked when the next Open Water events would be. It was now too late in the season to arrange any more this year but BT expressed his keenness to put on a programme of Open Water events next year. To this end he will produce a budget and suggested programme for 2010.

SO9/117. BT is producing a set of conditions for Open water swimming for the county and these should be out shortly.

SO9/118. The East Region Open Water Championships will be held on July 18th next year.

Officials update

SO9/119.KH will prepare the Officials list for the County Handbook and pass to IW.

SO9/120. IM reported that 14 people attended the Referees refresher course on Sept 9th. This will be run again in the middle of the two sessions of the Development Meet.

SO9/121. It was noted, again, that from September 2010, licensed meets will require licensed officials with the stated aim of raising standards. KH will check out the required levels of officials for events with Marilyn Hughes who will, hopefully, begin the process of nagging clubs to get their officials licensed.

County Development Plan

SO9/122. BT noted that little had changed on the CDP this month with all items either green or amber, but he noted the comments of Craig Hunter that the number of items on the Plan should be reduced and priorities set. He will review the CDP with this in mind.

SO9/123. It was agreed that a County squad is unlikely to work but that talent camps are feasible and appreciated. BT will reflect this in the plan.

Records

SO9/124. 8 new county records were agreed and approved and appended to the minutes. It was also noted that Mike Boyce had prepared a new draft of Verification Procedures for County swimming records. There were no comments on his draft.

Any Other Business

There were no AOB items.

Date of next meeting

SO9/125. The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at the usual venue.