

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 24th October 2011, at 8.00pm.

Present; Mark Horrod, Derek Hughes, Marilyn Hughes, Ian Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer, Richard Sumner and Bryan Thompson.

Committee Chairman

S11/114. Barbara Scorer stood down as chairman having served three years and was replaced by Ian Mackenzie following a unanimous vote by the Committee.

Apologies for Absence

S11/115. Apologies for absence were received from, Grant Chivers, Charles Dainton, Karen Huckle, Sheila Mackenzie, Derek Milton and Su Tysoe.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S11/116. The notes of the previous meeting of Sept 20th were ratified as minutes by a quorate committee. Apologies for that meeting had been given by Charles Dainton and Mark Horrod. Marilyn Hughes noted that in S11/107 the new package referred to contemporary issues and mentoring and not the FINA update.

Matters Arising

S11/117. There were no matters arising.

Masters update

S11/118. RS noted that team selection was almost complete for the Inter Counties Masters gala on Nov. 20th at Newmarket with only a very few gaps in the programme. An official invitation had been issued for this event and a reply sent confirming the Hertfordshire entry. The President will be attending.

S11/119. RS had not yet notified GC about his views on the Masters entry on the county website but would do so.

Competition update – Development Meet 2011

S11/120. In the absence of KH for family reasons, BT had taken on responsibility for the the Development Meet and the Daplyn Trophy events. The entry packs for the Development Meet had been sent out and the gala spread sheet needed modification.

The Event Management Group will meet shortly and the Age Group confusion had been resolved. MH noted that, to date, 28 officials had signed up for each session.

S11/121. IM noted that, after approval by the Management Board, the conditions for the Development Meet and the Daplyn Trophy need to be put on the website. In the meantime BT should send RS the details, to accompany the minutes.

S11/122. Marilyn Hughes noted that she was running out of shirts for officials and IM will try to provide some more. SM had ordered the medals for the gala.

Competition update - Daplyn Trophy 2011

S11/123. BT noted that the entry pack had been sent out to clubs today and he will also send out the latest version to the Committee.

S11/124. BT reported that the gala is licensed but he had not obtained the services of 'After Dark' for the PA system. He had spoken to Potters Bar SC about borrowing their system but it lacked a wireless headset. BS suggested that he approach Dave Galvani of UK Challenge to borrow his system.

S11/125. Marilyn Hughes reported that 15 officials had signed up for the event, so far, and IM noted that medals had been ordered.

S11/126. BT will ask CH what progress has been made with the Event Support team.

Competition update – Bagcats 2012

S11/127. IM reported that the coaches had all signed off on the dates for next year and the presentation night will be at the Welwyn Civic Centre on 28th March 2012.

S11/128. BT will send out an update on qualifying arrangements for 9 year olds. He will also speak to Gary Robb to ensure that entry arrangements prevent the incorrect entry of swimmers to particular events (eg. 10yr old swimmers in 100m races).

S11/129. 'After Dark' have been organised for this event.

S11/130 . IM reported that the new LTAD will not be ready by the end of the year.

Officials and Education update

S11/131. Marilyn Hughes reported that she and DH had completed 4 Timekeeper courses this term with 2 more booked. There were 25 officials on the J1 course, 10 on the J2 and 3 on the current J2S course. There were 42 J1s, 7 J2s and 15 J2S officials still in training. According to the latest report from the ASA, Hertfordshire had 76 licensed

officials. IM noted that, nationwide, there seemed to be a shortage of licenced officials as quite a number were non-active.

S11/132. IM asked Marilyn Hughes to send a list of names, only, of licensed officials in the county to GC or Alan Doyle for inclusion on the website.

New initiatives 2102 and beyond

S11/133. Ideas for new initiatives in 2012 and beyond had been submitted by ST, GC and the Coaches. These were warmly welcomed by the Committee and their ideas were discussed at length. The papers and email with these ideas, are attached to these minutes. BT will forward GCs email to RS for the minutes.

S11/134. BT raised the possibility of a time-banded inter-county challenge for B and C rated swimmers against, for example, Essex. Harlow pool was considered as a possibility for this event. Another idea put forward was the possibility of arranging a 24 hour endurance swim with teams of 24 and also the idea of swimming for 1 hour in every suitable pool in the county.

S11/135. IM also commented that a County Coaches conference and a Disability swimming conference were also possibilities for 2012.

S11/136. BT will put together a paper on all the ideas brought forward at the meeting, to be put to the Management Board. After their agreement, a working party would be formed to move all the ideas forward and this might well include representatives from other swimming disciplines; Nikki Baker from water polo; Amy Bryant from Synchro and Roger Page from diving were names suggested . It would also include GC from the Management Board and BT from the Swimming Committee. It would be likely that each initiative agreed, would need its own separate working party.

County Development Plan

S11/137, The CDP for 2011/12 was discussed by the Committee. Decisions emerging from the discussion were;

- Talent camps need reviewing as the Committee is only just meeting the target of 2 per year.
- BT will rethink 2.1.2 - the publication of criteria used to identify talent.
- IM will speak to GC about the expenditure on courses.
- 2 seminars are in the diary but getting 40 attendees at each is a tough target.
- Section 3.5 on links with other partners and facilities needs a full review. Forging good working relationships with councils, for example, had and could prove beneficial and more work was needed in this area.
- In section 4 it was felt that the introductory wording to this section should read 'Operate and continually review'.
- Section 4.3 on the integration of Open Water swimming could go from yellow to green.

- Only about £4,000 of the allocated £14,200 had been spent in 2011, most of which had gone on Talent camps. This underspend was, however, largely due to the use of voluntary help in achieving the objectives of the CDP and did not reflect any lack of initiative.

Records

S11/138. The records noted, but not ratified, at the meeting of September 20th had now been ratified by the Management Board. The two records dated 13th July were ratified by the Committee and will now go before the Management Board.

S11/139. BT inquired if the county should be setting up Open Water records. IM noted that there were problems with this as Open Water distances needed to be ratified and the type of location of each event could vary considerably. For example, an event might be held in a swimming pool, lake, or in the sea and in running or still water. IM agreed to find out the ASA approach to this issue.

S11/140. BT also enquired about Disability records. IM commented that these records were linked to performance against world records in specific classifications of disability and county records were therefore inappropriate.

Any Other Business

S11/141. Marilyn Hughes noted that she had passed information to IM on Long Service Awards to which IM agreed to respond shortly.

S11/142. BS noted, to the welcome of the Committee, that Adam Brown had returned from the USA and was training with Hatfield SC.

S11/143 IM reported that he was trying to launch a young persons' forum within Hertfordshire and intended to get a small group together for an informal meeting. He also noted that he was running the Inspire programme for young people interested in helping at swimming events. The initial response had been good from clubs in the east of the county where a programme would be set up. However, the response from clubs in the west of the county had been poor.

Dates of meetings in 2011

S11/144. The remaining scheduled committee meeting at Welwyn Civic Centre for 2011 is Monday November 28th.

