

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 28th April 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present; Bryan Thompson (Swimming Manager), Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer, Richard Sumner .

By invitation; Derek Milton (President).

Apologies for Absence

S10/65. Apologies for absence were received from Karen Huckle, Marilyn Hughes and Ian Watson

Minutes of Previous meetings

S10/66. The minutes of the 16th March 2010 meeting were formally approved.

Matters Arising

S10/67. It was noted that the BAGCATS 2010 presentation evening had gone well.

Masters update

S10/68. RS reported that he had prepared the Information pack for the forthcoming Herts Masters Competitions on June 26th at Borehamwood. There were no notable changes from last year's competition, with the events programme, costs and arrangements remaining the same. The Committee approved the release of the Information pack to the clubs.

On related matters IM agreed to speak to Chris Hisgrove and ask for his help with the AOE. RS would contact MH and CH to formally ask for their help with Officials and Non-technical poolside assistants. BT will produce the Programmes and RS will tell him how many are required. RS noted that roughly 120 gold medals were needed and SM will deal with this and IM with the production of Certificates after the Gala. RS will approach Grant Chivers and ask him to be the Announcer. The President DM will attend.

Competition update –Development Meet 2010

S10/69. BT reported that he is convening a Sub Committee to review this event which is to be held on Nov 21st.

Competition update – Daplyn Trophy 2010

S10/70. The Competition will be held on Dec 4th at Borehamwood following Watford pool reneging on the earlier booking.

Competition update - BAGCATS 2010

S10/71. A couple of minor changes are needed to BAGCAT results and a link is needed to Chris Hisgrove's results website. BT will organise.

S10/72. An emergency Committee meeting was held on 6th March 2010 to resolve an issue over entries. It was proposed that 'from session 2 onwards anyone entered in ANY of the Championships, then the top eight fastest swimmers will swim in the final'. The proposal was carried by four votes to one.

S10/73. There had been an excellent meeting with the Coaches post the event and they had been broadly very supportive.

Competition update - BAGCATS 2011

S10/74. BT reported that there would be a fundamental re-think of the Championships for 2011 with the possibility of all swimmers entering the Championships with extra Age Groups as a route to the Finals. It was the intention to have the 800m and 1500m swims on the Friday night with the event running straight into the Saturday and Sunday without the need for the pool staff to re-set the pool. Nick Juba had just produced a proposal which needed to be made available to Coaches for the Coaches Forum on 28/6.

S10/75. Another possible change was the introduction of the principle that all entry times had to be achieved at licensed meets in the 12 months prior to the event and, if agreed, this needs to be communicated as soon as possible.

It was proposed that 'entry times for the County Championships in 2011 have to be achieved at licensed meetings (Levels 2-4), within the previous 12 month period'. This proposal was carried unanimously and a note will be passed to the Management Board.

S10/76. BT noted that the level of entry times also needed review as some times clearly needed reducing.

S10/77. There was a need to look at event pricing as the 2010 Championships lost around £15,000.

S10/78. There was also a need to review alternative parking arrangements in view of the high cost of The Venue car park.

Competition update – Inter Counties Regional

S10/79. Mrs Van Tromp have said no to organising the team for this event so BT will now ask Annie Thompson if she will manage the team.

Competition update - Open Water

S10/80. BT reported that the Slough venue would be open at the end of May. This remained the first choice venue for Open Water swimming with Hitchin Open Air pool as a second.

Talent Camp - 2010

SO/81. As BT's first possible date of 4/7 for a Talent Camp clashed with the Inter County event he will now try for 11/7 with Haleybury as his preferred choice of pool. He hoped to have elite swimmer Michael Rock as the star visitor for this event and will give this priority.

Officials and Education update

S10/82. Reports from MH indicated that 30 potential officials had enrolled on the upcoming J1 course; 16 on the J2 course and 4 on the Starters course. There was a brief discussion on the wisdom of the county paying for Officials to become licensed but it was agreed that advice was needed from MH before any decision was taken as she was closest to the issue.

County Development Plan

S10/83. BT noted that the current plan needed dates changed to reflect that we were now in 2010.

S10/84. After discussion it was agreed that the following items should have their alert status altered;

- 3.1 Amber to green
- 3.4 Green to amber
- 3.5 No colour to Red

4.1 Amber to green (Plan and publicise all county comps)

4.2 Amber to green (Introduce the facility for competition for disability swimming)

On 4.2 the Committee agreed that the County had few disabled swimmers and not nearly enough to justify a special multi-disability event. The county's few disabled swimmers, who were known to the Committee, swam as part of the county's established events.

Records

S10/85. Records verified between 18 Nov 2009 and 20 April 2010 were ratified by the Committee and details are attached.

S10/86. IM handed out a briefing paper which reviewed the criteria for achieving a record in Hertfordshire. IM made the point that the current County Handbook (151.3) states that a swimmer, to have a county record ratified, must have belonged to a Hertfordshire swimming club for at least three years. He believed that this was too long a period and made the proposal that section 151.3 of the County Handbook should read as follows, 'any swimmer who does not qualify by birth or residence may apply for a record, provided that for at least 12 months, his longest unbroken membership is of a Hertfordshire club'.

The briefing paper with its proposal was unanimously accepted and the Management Board will be advised. The briefing paper is attached to the Minutes.

Any Other Business

S10/87. BT reported that a letter from the Chair of Hemel Hempstead Swimming Club, Joan Keevil, concerning a rule clarification related to the County Championships, was being passed to SM for a formal reply.

Date of next meeting

S10/88. The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th June 2010 at the usual venue.

Subsequent meetings in 2010 are booked for;

Wednesday 14th July

Monday 13th September

Tuesday 19th October

Wednesday 24th November

