

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 21st June 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present; Bryan Thompson (Swimming Manager), Karen Huckle, Marilyn Hughes, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer and Richard Sumner .

By invitation; Derek Milton (President).

Apologies for Absence

S10/89. Apologies for absence were received from Alan Bowell, Caroline Holt, Grant Chivers and Ian Watson.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S10/90. The minutes of the 28th April 2010 meeting were formally approved.

Matters Arising

S10/91. SM noted that the reply to Joan Keevil of Hemel Hempstead SC had been drafted but not yet sent. It should go out shortly.

S10/92. The July Committee meeting will now be on Thursday July 15th and not Wednesday 14th, as previously notified.

S10/93. IM reported the Briefing paper on County records, appended to the previous minutes, had been approved by the Management Board.

Masters update

S10/94. RS reported that all was in hand for the Herts Masters gala on Saturday 26th June with the only outstanding problem that of finding enough poolside assistants. MH reported that she had 32 officials lined up for the event which was an excellent response. RS noted that after a dip last year entries for the event were up by about 18%. The President, DM, will attend and distribute the Gold medals.

Competition update – Event management team meeting

S10/95. BT reported on the Events management team meeting, held on 14th June and the Committee discussed the notes from the meeting, which are attached to these minutes. Points to come out of the discussion were;

- BT will produce hats for the Counties next year as well as shirts and hoodies.
- Licensing the Daplyn and Development Meets is likely to produce fewer entries.
- For the Daplyn trophy, team membership will need to be agreed in advance; putting the team together on the night will no longer be acceptable.
- MH noted that licensing Club championships will bring the pressure on for more licensed timekeepers and starters.
- BT will reissue the notes of the meeting with Qualifying periods shown under 'Counties 2011' and not under 'Development Meet'.
- BT will prepare replies to those clubs that had commented on the proposals.
- DM pointed out that changes resulting from the paper and other corrections would, ideally, be captured in the next addition of the County Handbook. IM replied that this was always a difficulty but he did not believe that the 2011 Handbook should be held up for any changes. As an alternative, DM suggested putting event conditions on the HASA website, with a reference to the location in the County Handbook, but concern was raised that some swimmers may not have convenient access to the Internet.

S10/96. The Committee unanimously agree with the proposals for 'Counties 2011' and these would now go before the Management Board. The sections of the meeting notes on the Development Meet and Daplyn Trophy would now go for further consultation with Club Coaches.

Competition update – Inter Counties - Regional

S10/97. BT reported that the event would be at Ipswich on 4th July with a 13.30 warm up. The team for this event had been submitted this week, the coach booked and the Trophy located. Sean Bailey will be one of the team managers, Ernie King has not yet responded. One female team manager is needed and Janet Warrington may be approached. The information letter to swimmers will go out shortly.

S10/98. At least 3 officials are needed for the event and if BT lets MH have details of the swimmers then MH can identify if there are any officials amongst the parents.

S10/99. Last year swimmers took packed lunches and it was agreed that this would be the same for 2010.

Competition update - Open Water

S10/100. The East Region championships will be held on 18th July. Entry to the Regional event will mean automatic entry to the County championships. BT has asked Denham Open Water Park for information on Thursday evening and Saturday availability but has not yet had a reply.

Talent Camp - 2010

S10/101. BT reported that 50 swimmers had been invited to the talent camp at Haylebury with Michael Rock on 11th July starting at 0930. The programme will be broadly the

same as last year with a mix of land work, pool time, lunch and talks. Six swimmers still have not replied but only one has declined the invitation. BT will invite a coach from each club in the county regardless of whether or not they have a swimmer at the event. News of the event will be sent to the East Region website and thence to The Swimming Times. BT noted that the county had received very positive responses to this particular event.

Officials and Education update

S10/102. MH reported that following the official courses in the winter and spring candidates and officials are now working through mentoring and assessments. Theory courses are being arranged at Stevenage for September and October and MH is trying to set up a course for a Sunday afternoon and Saturdays in January, to give as wide a coverage of dates and days of the week as possible.

S10/103 MH reported that she is expecting a new list of licensed officials from the ASA, shortly.

S10/104. MH noted that East Region will reimburse the £10 licence fee but only if an official meets the strict attendance criteria. She did not feel that at this point the County should go down the route of paying for licensing but this should be kept under review.

S10/105. It was noted that the October Committee meeting on 19th clashes with a J1/2 course. The meeting was therefore moved to the 21st. SM will book the room.

S10/106. MH will schedule a referees update session for September.

County Development Plan

S10/107. BT reported that he would be updating the coaches database.

S10/108. Item 1.2, 'regular input from Coaches' was changed to green, after discussion.

S10/109. Item 2.1 'Pathways for the development of grass roots swimmers to county development squad', was changed to green as there was now one talent camp a year and a training session for the county squad in October.

S10/110. BT will chase CH to provide 100 shirts for the Development Meet and beyond, for the Event Support Team, (previously known as Non Techs).

S10/111. Item 3.5 was changed to amber from red. The wording of part 2 of 3.5 was amended to read, 'encourage clubs to approach facility operators to provide better quality services'.

S10/112. Item 4, part 3, 'Participate in Inter county galas where appropriate' was changed to green as this is happening.

S10/113. Item 4, part 4, 'Integrate Open Water swimming into the counties annual programme was changed from green to amber as this was not proceeding as quickly as had been hoped.

Records

S10/114. There were no records for the Committee to ratify at this meeting.

Any Other Business

S10/115. DM noted that this might be his last meeting as he may not be able to attend the July committee .

S10/116. SM reported that a trophy had been lost as a result of the swimmers parents posting it back to the previous trophy secretary, Jim Duncan, at his old, long vacated, address. IM noted that this would be raised at the next Management Board.

S10/117. IM noted the resignation of the Watford SC secretary, Attracta Stewart.

Date of next meeting

S10/118. The next meeting is now on Thursday 15th July 2010, at the usual venue. RS gave his apologies in advance as this was the night of his Club's AGM.

Subsequent meetings in 2010 are booked for;

Monday 13th September
Thursday 21st October
Wednesday 24th November

