

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 13th June 2011, at 8.00pm.

Present; Mark Horrod, Marilyn Hughes, George Kent, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer, Richard Sumner, Bryan Thompson and Su Tysoe.

Apologies for Absence

S11/69. Apologies for absence were received from, Charles Dainton, Caroline Holt, Karen Huckle and Derek Milton.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S11/70. The minutes of the 20th April 2011 had been circulated and approved by the Management Board.

Matters Arising

S11/71. There were no matters arising.

Masters update

S11/72. RIS handed out a checklist sheet for the Herts Masters competitions on 25th June. From this the following points were noted:

- GK will attend in his role as President
- RS will contact KH for a withdrawal sheet template
- Marilyn Hughes has a reasonable number of officials for the event
- BT will produce 150 programmes plus 30 for officials (one side only)
- IM confirmed that this is an unlicensed event
- RS will contact CH about refreshments for officials

Competition update – Development Meet 2011

S11/73. BT reported that The Venue at Borehamwood had been booked for November 20th from 08.30 to 16.30. A licence had been applied for and it will run with the same programme as last year. Mark Horrod will contact Goggle Box and ST will approach MRC (photos).

Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2011

S11/74. BT reported that The Venue had also been booked for December 3rd, between 6.30 and 9.30 pm., for the Daplyn gala. A Level 4 licence had been requested.

Competition update – Bagcats 2012

S11/75. The Bagcats event for 2012 was discussed in detail and the following decisions were taken on dates. The galas will be held on 17/18th March (sessions 1-5) at The Venue; 25th March (session 6) for long distance events at the University pool at Hatfield and 31st March/1st April (sessions 7-11) at The Venue. IM will contact the Coaches to ask for input on options for the various sessions and these will be discussed at the Coaches Forum on July 6th. Other decisions taken were:

- Entry times will be as for 2011.
- The 400m Freestyle for 10 year boys and 400 IM for 10 year girls were added to the programme.
- 400m times and above can be obtained in non-licenced meets and time trials.
- 9yr olds do not need to obtain a time at a licensed meet.
- Swimmers with 200m times will be allowed to enter 50m races in the same stroke.
- Swimmers with 200m IM times will be allowed to enter the 100m IM.
- Unconverted long course times will be accepted.
- There will be no finals at Bagcats in line with the ASA's LTAD policy.
- Shirts, hats, Goggle Box and MRC (photos) are all required for the 2012 event.
- Entries to the 800m and 1500m will be limited to 4 heats of each event, chosen on speed. There will be a reserve list.
- The final overall trophies should be awarded to the top 8 in each group as in 2011 and salvers will be given as trophies.
- The county will continue to pay for engraving.
- The presentations award ceremony will take place on April 3rd. SM will check the availability of Welwyn Civic Centre - large hall. The date of this needs to be included in the main Bagcats information pack and notified to the coaches before the 6th July meeting.

S11/76. SM reported that 13 clubs from Hertfordshire had taken part in the recent East Region Bagcats championships at Norwich. There were finalists from Hertfordshire in all but 7 of the finals and particularly worthy of note were the girls, 13yrs, 100m fly final where county swimmers came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th and the girls, 13yrs, 100m breaststroke final where county swimmers came 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Competition update – Inter Counties Regional and National 2011

S11/77. BT reported that he was putting the finishing touches to the team for the Inter Counties Regional event on 3rd July at Peterborough. He will discuss his team selection with Nick Juba and although some will turn down the offer, BT wanted to go with the best possible team. The team manager appointment has yet to be made. GK noted that he could not attend this event and would approach Derek Milton.

S11/78. BT reported that he had no information yet on the Inter Counties national event at Ponds Forge, Sheffield on 16th Oct.

Competition update - Open Water

S11/79. ST reported on the Lee Valley facility and although it was a little unrepresentative of most open water venues it was a good facility for training young swimmers in OW swimming. In respect of a training day at the Lee Valley the following points were noted and/or agreed:

- ST has done a J1 OW officials course.
- ST was authorised by the Committee to buy 2 rescue ropes.
- A risk assessment is needed and ST will ask Simon Ricketts for the Lee Valley risk assessment which should cover most of what is needed.
- There is a new OW magazine which ST has and can be borrowed from her.
- Lee Portingale will be happy to coach the session.
- ST will ask Paul Kendal to come to the first session to view the facility.
- The cost is £5 per person to swim.
- There will be no special bus transport to Lee Valley.
- The County has got the facility for an hours training session.
- A registration desk is needed to check swimmers in and out of the water using rubber bands and/or dayglo hats. ST has purchased these for county use. IM noted that the facility has its own registration documents.
- Qualified swimmers could rotate around to provide the necessary two person lifeguard cover.

S11/80. The suggested date for the first training day is June 25th. The Regional and County championships will be held on July 17th and ST will produce an information sheet on this for BT to send out. ST will also approach Paul Kendal for the names of county entrants to the regional championships, after the entry list has closed.

S11/81. ST noted that the lake at Taplow was a good facility with a 750m loop although health and safety coverage could be better.

Talent Camps – 2011

S11/82. IM reported that he had 80 swimmers attending the June Talent Camp at Berkhamsted School. Richard Charlesworth and Guy Sherwin are presenting the motivational sessions, the former on long-course and the latter on short-course. Hats and goody bags will be given out. The three coaches at the event will be Sean Bailey, Michelle Hewson and Janet Warrington.

Officials and Education update

S11/83. Marilyn Hughes reported that she had recently sent out the programme of Training courses for 2011/12 and she was very busy with assessments.

S11/84. IM reported that the county had agreed to be part of 'Inspire' the programme intended to encourage 14-25 year olds to become involved in swimming clubs above and beyond just swimming. Entrants would go for the Young Aquatic organisers award and attend a club captains seminar or a team manager seminar and a J1 course, if old enough, or a Timekeepers course, if not.

The county is hoping to put 15 swimmers through the award with Bishops Stortford promising 6. J1 and timekeeper courses can be integrated into those put on by Marilyn Hughes. Bookings will go through IM and he will send a programme to Marilyn. Officially the initiative will be launched in September and IM will send out information to the clubs.

County Development Plan

S11/85. BT referred to the CDP noting that section 2, Development, Performance and Excellence needed the most work. He noted that:

- Criteria for selection for talent camps still needs to be added to the website
- He will check with Grant Chivers about the level of expenditure on courses
- Under section 3.2 he would delete the words, 'at their convenience where possible'.

Records

S11/86. A list of 15 records were presented and ratified by the Committee. The list is attached to the minutes. Special mention was made of the record set by Katie Ambridge in the women's 100m butterfly where, in setting a new record, Katie became the first Hertfordshire female swimmer to break the 60 second barrier in this event.

Any Other Business

S11/87. SM reported that the mother of Daniel Schindler had complained that he had not had a medal for his 800m Freestyle win but the Committee noted that the decision not to award a medal in this event was in line with the ASA's LTAD policy.

S11/88 . George Kent noted that this was his last meeting as President and he expressed his thanks to the Committee for its hospitality over the previous twelve months.

Dates of meetings in 2011

S11/89. The remaining scheduled committee meetings at Welwyn Civic Centre for 2011 are;

Tuesday September 20th

Monday October 24th

Monday November 28th

The meeting on Wednesday July 13th was cancelled.

