

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 26th November 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present; Barbara Scorer (Chairman), Bryan Thompson (Swimming Manager), Alan Bowell, Jim Duncan, Jane Evans, Caroline Holt, Karen Huckle, Richard Sumner and Ian Watson (Management Board representative).

Minutes; prepared by Richard Sumner

Apologies for Absence

SO8/62. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Mackenzie.

Minutes of Previous meeting

SO8/63. The minutes of the meeting held on October 21st 2008 were considered and IW commented that the Management Board had not considered the notes of the meeting held on 16th Sept. until it met on 10th Nov. 2008 and therefore the statement in minute SO8/45 was incorrect. It was agreed that the words 'as considered by the Management Board' be deleted and, subject to this amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 21st Oct. were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

SO8/64. With reference to item SO8/56, JE will speak to Tina Lander about organising the 2009 ASA Inter-Counties team, shortly.

Masters update

SO8/65. RS reported a successful Inter-Counties Masters gala at Thetford on Nov 16th. Hertfordshire came third, only 4 points behind second place Essex, and only 15 points behind winners Suffolk. This had been achieved without any 65+ ladies in the programme which he hopes to remedy next year. He noted that the team spirit had been excellent.

RS commented that he had recently sent out a second Information Bulletin to his Masters contact list and agreed to send a copy of this to the Committee. In early responses to his question about the provision of medals at the Herts Masters, it looks as though gold, silver and bronze medals are being requested for next years gala.

RS has followed up the issue of Herts Masters results and where they are posted and is in discussion with Dave Chaney and will speak to Gary Robb.

RS asked for confirmation from JE that a pool had been booked for the 2009 Herts Masters on June 27th. JE will confirm.

RS noted that the Hertfordshire Swimming League's Senior League gala will take place this Saturday with 6 teams involved.

Competition update –Development Meet

SO8/66. BS passed around a report of the Development Meet which had gone well. In reviewing the report the Committee agreed that; late swimmers cannot swim unless they have signed in; The Venue are not clearing the previous occupants from the pool early enough; no food will be provided between sessions and the issues of speeding tickets would be considered further.

JE noted that there were not enough programmes and more will be needed next year. Thanks were expressed to CH for her successful efforts in bringing non technical helpers onto poolside.

Competition update – Daplyn Trophy

SO8/67. JE reported that the programmes are being printed. KH reported that she now has 20 officials which should be enough but is still short of an Announcer. JE will speak to Watford to see if they can provide one.

JE reported that Watford pool are running the AOE for the gala and will also produce the results if asked. JE will check how Gary Robb feels about this and will offer him his taxi fare to the gala should he want to participate.

Competition update - BAGCATS 2009

SO8/68. JE, having handed out all the draft written material for Bagcats 2009 to the Committee, asked them to read through the material and email her with comments by the end of the following week. Some of the significant points were;

CH will receive the requests for poolside passes.

Individual entry fees are down from last year as these made a reasonable profit in 2008.

Championship fees are raised to £4.50.

Team entries go from £11 to £12 per team.

Youth fees go from £3.50 to £3.75 per event.

The male 800m and female 1500m events have gone and the female 800m has moved to the Sunday session.

All entries will need to be sent electronically by clubs, with paper entries required for all individuals.

In response to a question from IW, JE noted that she had not yet booked a pool for the Daplyn in '09 but will do and ensure that it is on the website.

Officials update

SO8/69. KH reported that 6 people had taken the Judges J1 course at the Development Meet with 5 passes and 1 deferred pass.

County Development Plan

SO8/70. BT led a discussion on the CDP. There was general agreement that clubs and coaches were still largely unaware of the Swimming Committee and its functions and it was felt that the Committee members should offer to go out, in pairs, and visit clubs to talk to the Committees and Coaches about the Committee's role. BT will take this idea forward.

BT expressed his wish to have a county squad and ways of achieving this were discussed and it was agreed that there should be a Coaches meeting between Session 1 and 2 of the 2009 Bagcats.

BT will update the CDP and circulate it.

Records

SO8/71. BT had some records to report and will email these to the Committee and RS will append these to the minutes.

Any Other Business

SO8/72. JE asked that Andrew Hunter be added to the list for County colours. This was agreed and JE will ask IM to produce them.

SO8/73. JE noted that a Watford article on the life of Bob Daplyn had been produced and will put this on the county website after the necessary editing.

SO8/74. IW noted that the change in the County's year would require an interim county report from the Swimming Committee and he will be asking for this through BT and, as the 2009 County handbook is unlikely to appear until next September, an update to the current one will be needed shortly.

SO8/75. BT commented that he wanted to place a general 'thank-you' on the website for those who had helped at the Development Meet especially to those who did not have

children swimming at the event. He also reported that both he and CH were working on a newsletter for the clubs.

Date of next meeting

SO8/76. The next meeting is on Monday 26th January 2009 at 8.00pm in the Welwyn Civic Centre. The dates of the other committee meetings in 2009 are; Tues.17th March, Tues. 14th April, Tues. 12th May, Tues. 9th June, Wed. 8th July, Tues. 15th September, Tues. 20th October and Wed. 25th November.