

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 28th November 2011, at 8.00pm.

Present: Charles Dainton, Caroline Holt, Mark Horrod, Karen Huckle, Derek Hughes, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer, Bryan Thompson, Su Tysoe

Apologies for Absence

S11/145. Apologies for absence were received from: Marilyn J Hughes, Derek Milton and Richard Sumner.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S11/146. The notes of the previous meeting of 24th October were confirmed as minutes by a quorate committee.

Matters Arising

S11/147. Items relating to New Developments (S11/133-136) were passed on to the Management Board and will be taken up by the Education committee, which will become the Workforce Development Committee (see below).

S11/148. The item on Long Service Awards (S11/141) is a Management Board issue and will be taken up by them.

S11/149. The item on the Young Persons' Forum is ongoing and will be picked up by the Workforce Development Committee.

Masters update

S11/150. The Inter Counties Masters gala on 20th November at Newmarket was a great success with the County winning by a 'decent margin' as reported by Richard Sumner in his email to the swimmers. Placings were:

- 1st - Hertfordshire: 289 points
- 2nd - Norfolk: 266 points
- 3rd - Essex: 248 points

The County President attended the event.

S11/151. IM noted the HSL Masters gala was held on 26th November and that, although nominally under the HSL banner, the event was currently no longer a core part of the HSL's activities, nor was it in the purview of the County. This was disappointing regarding recognition for the event.

Competition update – Development Meet 2011

S11/152. The event took place on 20th November. BT reported it as 'successful but disappointing'. Technically the meeting ran well but the number of swimmers and the size of the Gallery were poor. The number of swims was 60 lower than 2010, though 10 more than 2009 and 70 more than 2008.

S11/153. BT enquired of non-competing Clubs why they had not participated. A number of reasons for were received including:

- Club Champs on same night
- Development Meet Programme was limited (to 200m events), and
- Hard to get parental support to help

S11/154. In general the Committee agreed that there were a number of problems with the Event as now presented, these include:

- The identity of the event is not clear – what is its purpose? Is it a Novice Meet or a Development Meet? Different Clubs/Coaches have differing views and respond accordingly.
- There was a great range of swimmer competence on the day – ranging from starts in the water to swimmers seeking County times. This resulted from the lack of clarity of identity.
- The event now looks like one more (licensed) Open Meet but with a severely restricted programme (as it only runs for two sessions).
- As a perceived Licensed Open Meet the event now competes with other (more attractive, see above) Opens in terms of securing entry times for Counties – and loses out to them in a very busy gala timetable.

S11/155. The Committee made a number of comments regarding what could be done, including:

- clarifying the meeting's focus
- bring back the 50m races
- vary the programme even more
- consider whether licensing was necessary
- return the event to its earlier Novice focus

IM closed the discussion indicating that he would take the issue to the Coaches Forum (to be held on 18th January 2012) to seek the Coaches' comments and develop a way forward for 2012.

Competition update - Daplyn Trophy 2011

S11/156. IM noted that only 7 clubs (Berkhamsted SCSC, Cheshunt, Hoddesdon, Potters Bar, Stevenage, Tring and Watford) were involved in the event this year delivering 13 Female and 11 Male teams. This compared with about 17 or 18 teams in 2010; another disappointing turn-out.

S11/157. Again IM noted that he would take the issue of the poor turn-out to the Coaches Forum (to be held on 18th January 2012) to seek the Coaches' comments and develop a way forward for 2012.

S11/158. DH reported that the Officials' turn-out was good – with nearly 40 volunteers. CH noted though that only 3 volunteers were available for the Event Support Team.

S11/159. BT reported that other aspects (medals, trophies, programmes, meet management etc) were all under control.

Competition update – Counties/BAGCATS 2012

S11/160. BT reported that the Licensing application would be sent on 29th November.

S11/161. BT further reported that the Programme for the events would remain largely unchanged with only a couple of small alterations:

- Timing of Girls 100m IM & 100m Fly have been changed that they are not on the same day
- 14 year old Girls have been brought back into BAGCATS in line with ASA guidance.

S11/162. Regarding arrangements at the Pool BT reported that he was exploring the option for 'Big Screen' projection of events. Also, that The Venue, Borehamwood were likely to have an increase in Pool Hire charges before the event – the Daplyn event was the last event at Borehamwood at the existing price for the County.

S11/163. IM proposed that an Events Mgt Group meeting was required asap to start the planning process. A date of 14th December was proposed and agreed during the meeting. BT/KH would arrange for the appropriate paperwork to be sent out to participants.

Officials and Education update

S11/164. DH (for MJH) reported that J1 and J2 (Part 2) courses would take place at Stevenage on 6th and 13th December 2011 respectively. In addition the next J1 (Part 1) course would take place in Stevenage on 28th January 2012. This course was fully booked with 30 participants.

S11/165. Successful Assessments for a number of J1s, J2s and T/Ks had been completed by IM and MJH at the recent Development Meet and Watford Open.

S11/166. DH reported that he had attended a Regional training day where the two new CPD presentations on 'Contemporary Issues' (a revised version of the original course) and 'Mentoring' (a new course). Course notes/slides/embedded videos were provided. IM asked DH/MJH to set up a briefing meeting for County Referees to present the new presentations and establish a way to deliver them to the county.

New initiatives 2102 and beyond

S11/167. IM reported that permission to stage one of the ideas discussed at the last meeting (S11/133 and 134) had been given by the Management Board. The event should be a swimming event (not cross-discipline). GC had asked to be involved. The Committee felt the 'easiest' to set up would be:

- Successive swims in 'all' Herts pools – like the 'Three Peaks' event
- Swims to Follow the Olympic Torch around the County, or
- A 24 hour endurance event

Planning would need to start quickly in order for the selected event to be successful.

S11/168. IM also reported the he was planning a Disability coaches Conference on 18th February 2012 and a Coaches conference at some date later in the year.

County Development Plan

S11/169. The CDP for 2011/12 was discussed by the Committee. The remaining 'Amber' issues, unlikely to be resolved by the end of year were:

- Training Camps (though partial success had been achieved at two events during the year)
- Talent Criteria (a difficult task, as the ASA don't publish their version and criteria might be too inflexible and prescriptive)
- Partnership Links (though some Good Practices had been established and were now being disseminated via the County Chairman's Forum)

S11/170. A new plan for 2012/13 needed to be developed. BT to send the current plan out to all Committee Members and Members should offer ideas for the new plan.

Records

S11/171. Records ratified by the Committee at the meeting and to go to the Management Board were:

<u>ALL COURSE</u>						note:
<u>WOMEN'S</u>						
200m Individual Medley	Lucy Charles	Hatfield SC	2:17.31 (was 2:17.40)	8.10.2011	a	
200m Individual Medley	Lucy Charles	Hatfield SC	2:17.25	12.11.2011	b1	
<u>MEN'S</u>						
100m Breaststroke	Sean Leahy	Hatfield SC	1:03.42 (was 1:03.67)	12.11.2011	b2	
<u>BOYS'</u>						
100m Backstroke	Caleb Hughes (dob: 22.11.95)	Hatfield SC	59.01 (was 59.07)	12.11.2011	b3	

a) Set in the National Arena League Round 1, swum at the Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield, (25m),
beating Katie Ambridge's time from 2010
(details at: <http://www.nationalswimmingleague.org.uk/london/results/1443-division-one-2011-round-one>)

b) Set in the National Arena League Round 2, swum at the Hertfordshire Sports Village, Hatfield, (25m),
b1) improving her own time from round 1 a month earlier
b2) beating Jonathan Quinn's time from earlier in the year
b3) beating Alex Baker's 2009 junior record
(details at: <http://www.nationalswimmingleague.org.uk/london/results/1548-division-one-2011-round-two>)

Any Other Business

S11/172. CD apologised for not being present at the Development Meet

S11/173. The meeting closed at 9.30

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