

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 21st October 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present: Barbara Scorer (BS) (Chairman), Bryan Thompson (BT) (Swimming Manager) Jim Duncan (JD)), Jane Evans (JE), Caroline Holt (CH), Karen Huckle (KH) and Richard Sumner (RS).

Management Board representatives; none present.

Minutes prepared by Richard Sumner.

Apologies for Absence

SO8/44. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Mackenzie, Alan Bowell and Ian Watson (Management Board representatives).

Minutes of Previous meeting

SO8/45. The notes of the meeting held on September 16th 2008, as considered by the Management Board, were agreed as a true record of the proceedings.

Matters Arising

SO8/46. There were no matters arising.

Masters update

SO8/47. RS reported that he had made an initial selection of the Hertfordshire team for the National Masters Inter-Counties Championships (East Region) to be held on Sunday November 16th at The Breckland Leisure Centre, Thetford; warm up 12.15. Around 10th November RIS will speak to JE to obtain County shirts; hats will come from Ian Mackenzie.

RS commented that he was in discussion with the ASA about uplifting the Herts. Masters results onto a national database following comments from a swimmer. He will also be asking clubs to comment on the provision of medals at the event.

RS noted that McMullens brewery will not sponsor the Herts. Masters event but have sent two £25 gift vouchers for the event raffle.

Competition update -Inter Counties

SO8/48. The ASA Inter- Counties competition went well and Hertfordshire came 12th. Note was made of the excellent behaviour of the swimmers. BT is hoping to obtain some press coverage of the event and the Committee expressed their thanks to Tina Lander for her hard work in organising the team.

Competition update –Development Meet

SO8/49. KH noted that she did not yet have enough officials for the event and also that she might be away on the day. JE confirmed that she would be organising the mid session food and that there would be no collection of medals until the second session was under way.

BS will ask Gary Robb if BT can assist him with the results service at the gala.

Competition update – Daplyn Trophy

SO8/50.CH reported problems at the Watford Woodside pool, the proposed venue for the Daplyn event. JE will investigate in case we need to switch to Borehamwood.

Competition update – BAGCATS 2009

SO8/51. JE confirmed that the 800m from Session 3 and the 1500m from Session 7 will move to an extra session on Sunday evening. BS will check with Nick Juba that he will shorten the Hatfield Sunday evening session.

BT suggested that special hats could be made available for this event. The Committee agreed and BT will look into this.

The Committee decided not to hire an official photographer.

Swimming officials

SO8/52.Marilyn Hughes has requested about £210 for room hire at Stevenage pool for officials training. This was approved by the Committee. There will be an Officials refresher course on 24th Feb 2009, just before the County championships and three J1 and three J2 training sessions.

BT is going to add training dates onto the swimming pages of the County website and, hopefully, onto the County calendar of events.

Marilyn Hughes reported 18 new Timekeepers from her recent courses and the Committee expressed its thanks to her for her efforts.

County Development Plan

SO8/53. The CDP was discussed by the Committee and BT will reissue it, with amendments, for the Management Board. BT commented that not all clubs were aware of the Committee and its work and what its objectives were and he will, therefore, circulate these to the clubs.

Committee member's terms of office

SO8/54. BT noted that all members serve until the Annual Council Meeting in July when, should they wish to, they have to stand again for re-appointment.

Records

SO8/55. No records were submitted.

Any Other Business

SO8/56. JE will speak to Tina Lander to ask if she wants to take on the responsibility for the Inter-counties gala again in 2009. If not, then Deborah and Graham Huggett may be willing to take this over. If they did then the Committee agreed that they could be co-opted onto the Swimming Committee for the period needed to organise the gala.

SO/57. In response to a question from JD, JE replied that amendments to the County Handbook would go out from the Management Board.

SO/58. The Committee discussed nominations for County colours and BT will write to the clubs and ask for further nominations. BT may also suggest to the Management Board that badges or flashes could be given to awardees.

SO/59. It was agreed that the Hertfordshire County banner needs replacing. BT has a contact and will make an offer to the Management Board.

SO/60. BT will suggest to the Management Board that County T shirts and hats should be replaced, as they are out of date.

Date of next meeting

SO/61. The next meeting is on Wednesday 26th November at 8.00 in the Welwyn Civic Centre.