

**HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**  
**SWIMMING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 8.00pm.

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

By invitation; Sheila Mackenzie and Derek Milton (President).

BT welcomed Marilyn Hughes to her first meeting. Marilyn had volunteered to fill one of the vacant places on the Committee but it had not been possible to advise the Management Board of her appointment as its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 was cancelled due to heavy snow.

**Apologies for Absence**

S10/01. Apologies for absence were received from Alan Bowell.

**Minutes of Previous meetings**

S10/02. The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were formally approved and the notes of the non-quorate meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were also approved.

On the notes of the 20<sup>th</sup> October meeting the following changes were agreed. In item S09/127, the date should read 16<sup>th</sup> September and not 20<sup>th</sup> October. In item S09/151 the year shown should be 2010 and in item S09/156, Ernie Lewis should be Ernie King.

**Matters Arising**

S10/03. With reference to item 09/138 MH noted that the Officials meeting at the 2009 Development Meet had been a FINA rules update and had not been about contemporary issues.

**Masters update**

S10/04. RS reported that the Hertfordshire team at the Masters Inter Counties East Region event at Newmarket in November had come second in a very close contest (1<sup>st</sup> Norfolk, 174.5 points ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Herts, 169 ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Suffolk, 166 and 4<sup>th</sup> Essex, 162.5 ).RS will organise the engraving of the Runners-up shield. In the national county rankings Hertfordshire were 15<sup>th</sup> out of 29 counties.

S10/05. RS reported Masters competition dates for 2010 and they were; East Region Masters and Seniors Age Group championships at Newmarket on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct and the East Region heat of the national Inter-County team competition, also at Newmarket, on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

#### **Competition update –Development Meet 2009 and 2010**

S10/06. BT reported that, broadly, the event had gone well but with the usual problems of swimmers who had swum in the county championships entering the Development Meet in the same event. Ways to avoid this happening needed to be found and a sub-group of BT, KH, MH and BS will review options.

S10/07. The 2010 Development Meet will be at The Venue, Borehamwood, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. BT will check what medals still require to be presented for the 2009 event.

#### **Competition update – Daplyn 2009 and 2010**

S10/08. The Competition went well but medals were an issue. Only gold medals were issued on the day and consideration will be given to issuing silver and bronze medals which could be presented to the clubs by the President (DM).

S10/09. The idea of presenting small keepsake shields for the winners was discussed and SM will look at costings. IM will raise this at the Management Board and a rule change will be needed, if implemented.

S10/10. BT reported that Watford pool had reneged on the booking for this year so the Daplyn event will now go back to The Venue at Borehamwood on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Competition update - BAGCATS 2010**

S10/11. There will be a meeting of senior officials prior to the event on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

S10/12. BT noted that the PA system and Announcers were booked.

S10/13. There was a discussion about admission prices and in view of the profit made on the event last year, it was agreed to keep programmes at £1 and charge £3 per session with £2 for concessions. These figures will be reviewed in April this year, just after completion of the Bagcats events.

S10/14. There was a discussion on the maximum numbers allowed on poolside and in the gallery and it was agreed to ask Gary Robb how many swimmers there were per session last year before any further action could be taken. Gary also needs to provide entry numbers for this year.

S10/15. There was agreement to move the admission desk nearer to the glass doors to better control spectators entering the pool and signing-in needs to be completed in the foyer. The medals table needs to be taken off poolside if at all possible.

S10/16. IM noted that he had received a whinge about the entry time being reduced by one week. BT commented that this was because Gary Robb was on holiday and in any case electronic submission would give swimmers more time to put in entries.

S10/17. SM reported that she had ordered medals and most of the trophies had been returned, of which 55 are at the engravers.

S10/18. It was agreed to remain with The Venue for the supply of food. A more substantial meal for officials is needed after session 2 and before session 3; sandwiches are not enough. IM asked that we be provided with hot water and coffee and tea bags to make our own drinks as the made- up teas and coffee were awful!

S10/19 Gary Robb has bought a wireless connection so that the AOE box can talk to his results box. This needs trialling.

S10/20. Looking ahead to next years Championships BT would like the Committee to consider putting swimmers names on the electronic display board and having underwater cameras.

S10/21. It was agreed that, if possible, the gallery should be cleared between sessions. This can be argued as necessary for cleaning but also prevents parents from sitting on and not paying for additional sessions.

S10/22. The following would form a sub- group to take forward the organisation of the Championships; KH, CH, MH, BT, SM and IM.

S10/23. British Gas are providing a pop up and 50 shirts for Officials and ribbons for medals. Ideas for using the £500 from BG were considered, amongst which were clip boards and pens for Officials. More ideas are required.

### **Competition update – Inter Counties**

S10/24. The regional Inter-Counties event will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Ipswich and the National event on 17<sup>th</sup> October at Sheffield (Ponds Forge). BT reported that Tina Lander had quit as team manager but she will prepare a procedural note for BT. Mr & Mrs Huggett had previously said that they might consider taking on this role and BT has spoken to them to ask if they would be and they are still considering this.

S10/25. Grant Chivers is approaching Cozy Travel Ltd to see if they would like to become our preferred coach supplier.

### **Open Water**

S10/26. BT's draft Open Water conditions had been reworked by IM and IW, for which BT expressed his thanks. The second draft was discussed and following this IM will tweak the document with some further changes and discuss with BT before putting it to the Management Board. IW commented that we need to approach the Management Board to advise them that we are now covering Championships, Age Groups and Masters in Open Water events.

S10/27. After discussion it was accepted that, for the time being, medals would be presented on a 'minus one' basis, subject to the agreement of the Management Board.

### **Officials and Education update**

S10/28. MH reported that she had received 32 positive replies from Officials for the forthcoming championships and reminders will go out shortly. There will be a pre-meeting of senior officials and other key personnel on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.

S10/29. MH is trying to tie up last years training programme with final assessment due. Since the last meeting MH reported three J1 and two J2 passes. For this year 34 people are already booked on a J1 course; three on the J2 and two, with a possible three more, on the J2S. Sue Tysoe and Mark Harrod have indicated their intention to sit the Referee's exam.

S10/30. MH is looking at taking Timekeepers off the county list/database as they cannot be used at licensed meets.

S10/31. IM noted that we now had new lap cards.

### **County Development Plan**

S10/32. Discussion of the CDP was held over to the next meeting.

### **Records**

S10/33. Records verified between 10 Sept 2009 and 17 Nov 2009 were ratified by the Committee and details are attached.

### **Any Other Business**

S10/34. IM reported that week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> May would be National Swimming week throughout the country.

### **Date of next meeting**

S10/35. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the usual venue.

Subsequent meetings in 2010 are booked for;

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November