

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 24th January 2011, at 8.00pm.

Present; Mark Horrod, Karen Huckle, George Kent, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Derek Milton, Richard Sumner, Su Tysoe and Bryan Thompson.

Apologies for Absence

S11/01. Apologies for absence were received from, Caroline Holt, Marilyn Hughes and Barbara Scorer.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S11/02. The minutes of the 24th November 2010 (item 10/206) were amended to show that apologies had been given by Su Tysoe.

Matters Arising

S11/03.IM noted that there was no progress to report on the upgrading of the County website.

S11/04. Under item S10/221, IM noted that he would be investigating the Sawbridgeworth facility for OW swimming and reporting back to the Committee. ST noted that Denham Lakes was a good venue but lacked on-site Health and Safety cover.

Masters update

S11/05. RS reported that he was working on a newsletter for masters swimmers that would be highlighting the achievements of 2010 and giving early information on the Herts Masters championships at The Venue, Borehamwood, on Saturday 25th June.RS was looking at last year's programme but saw little requirement for any changes for 2011.

Competition update – Development Meet 2011

S11/06. The date for this event was confirmed as 20th November. This is the same date as the East Region Inter Counties Masters gala but this covered a different spectrum of competitors and was not considered as a serious clash of events. The meet will be licensed at level 4 and the pool will be The Venue at Borehamwood which has yet to be booked by BT.

Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2011

S11/07. The Daplyn Trophy event will be held on Saturday 3rd December at The Venue, Borehamwood and will also be licensed at Level 4.

Competition update – Bagcats 2011

S11/08. BT noted that there had been a management team meeting for this event which he had not been able to attend. However, he reported on arrangements for the Bagcat competitions as follows;

- The Event is licensed.
- The Venue pool is booked for all dates.
- There is a deal with the local IBIS hotel for discounted accommodation.
- Goggle Box will be on hand from 8.00am to 8.00pm on Saturday and 8.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday. They will not be at the pool on the first Friday.
- An official photographer will be at all the events, including Friday night if required. He will need a list of entries and events before the first meet date.
- Shirts and hoodies are selling reasonably well; hats need to be ordered by BT.
- BT expected the events to be well subscribed on the basis of qualifying times already met.
- BT noted that he had received one complaint about entry fees but had pointed out the large financial loss incurred by the Meet last year.
- Sue Thorpe had offered, at the Coaches Forum, to make enquiries about local physiotherapists to see if she could obtain their services for the Meet.
- IM noted that BG (British Gas) are giving sponsorship of £500 to the event and some shirts.
- BT will hire Harpenden Hall for Thursday 4th April for trophy presentations.
- KH will investigate more about the possibility of having medal engraving at the Event. -
- BT will review the possibility of selling advertising space in the Bagcats Programme to suppliers such as Tilleys and Goggle Box.
- MAH will ask Goggle Box and ST will ask MRC Photos to provide black and white A5 artwork for use in the event programme.

Competition update – Inter Counties Regional

S11/09. BT noted that the County had been doing very well in this event and he will be accepting the invitation to take part in 2011, when he receives it. Although the event is costly, BT was not in favour of charging swimmers to represent their county. Following comments from ST, he would, however, sound out parents to see if they would be interested in travelling to the event in a supporters coach.

Competition update - Open Water

S11/10. IM had attended the East Region OW meeting and will be sending ST a copy of the minutes.

S11/11. IM reported that the East Region OW annual competition was highly regarded and will be held on 17th July this year. This would, as last year, incorporate the Hertfordshire OW Championships.

S11/12. IM noted that Lee Portingale had given a presentation on the use of Letchworth open air pool as a cold water OW training facility and he will let ST have information on this so that it can be circulated to Clubs in Hertfordshire.

S11/13. IM will send out a list of dates for OW county events in 2011.

S11/14. ST had suggested, at the Coaches Forum, running a form of league competition for Herts OW county events and Lee Portingale had supported this initiative. ST noted that there had been a large increase in the numbers of swimmers entering OW events in 2010 and hoped for yet more swimmers in 2011.

Talent Camps – 2011

S11/15. It was agreed that a talent Camp should be held for Bacgat winners and June 18th was suggested as the first choice and June 25th as the second. IM suggested Berkhamsted pool as the venue for this and using local hands-on experts rather than commercial operators in order to save some of the potentially large cost of running this event. IM will speak to Michelle Hewson about the event, possible dates and the use of Berkhamsted pool.

S11/16 It was noted by GK and agreed by the meeting that Richard Charlesworth would be a suitable 'star' attraction for the event.

Officials and Education update

S11/17. In the absence of MH her written report was considered and is attached to the Minutes.

County Development Plan

S11/18. BT commented that he owed DM an updated CDP for the year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012, by the end of January.

S11/19. BT requested the Committee to undertake a short high level review of the current CDP to decide if all the items listed needed to be retained in the plan. This was done and the Committee agreed to keep all the item headings in place for the next plan year.

S11/20. KH suggested that a target for licensed Officials should be added to the Plan and this was agreed.

S11/21. It was also agreed to add in reference to Club Forums in addition to Coaches Forums, under section 3.1.

Records

S11/22. There were no records presented for ratification by the Committee.

Any Other Business

S11/23. BT noted that he will be drawing up a budget for swimming events for the year from 1st April 2011, to present to the Management Board.

S11/24. BT will invite Charles Dainton to forthcoming meetings of the Committee as Charles is President Elect of Hertfordshire ASA.

Dates of meetings in 2011

S11/25. The scheduled committee meetings at Welwyn Civic Centre for 2011 are;

Monday March 14th
Wednesday April 20th
Monday June 13th
Wednesday July 13th
Tuesday September 20th
Monday October 24th
Monday November 28th

