

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

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Parish Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present; Karen Huckle, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer and Richard Sumner.

By invitation; George Kent (President-Elect).

**Apologies for Absence**

S10/119. Apologies for absence were received from Alan Bowell, Caroline Holt, Marilyn Hughes, Derek Milton, Bryan Thompson and Ian Watson.

**Minutes of Previous meetings**

S10/120. The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 meeting were formally approved.

**Matters Arising**

S10/121. SM noted that the reply to Joan Keevil of Hemel Hempstead SC had been drafted but not yet sent. SM reported that she had spoken to JK.

S10/122. The July Committee meeting was being held on Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> and not Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> as reported in the previous minutes.

S10/123 . SM reported that Sue Tysoe had been Open Water swimming at Denham but there had been no safety cover.

S10/124. SM reported that on item S10/116 the Post Office had confirmed that they would pay £39 towards the cost of the lost trophy as this was the maximum they paid for 'Recorded deliveries' that went missing. The cost of a replacement trophy will be about £160 and Mr Harris, father of the trophy winner, had agreed to pay the cost above £39. This does include retrospective engraving, however this may be insufficient to cover the whole cost and any additional cost will be borne by the County. The retrospective engraving will only cover the history of the Trophy back to 1995 when it became the 200m Breaststroke trophy.

**Masters update**

S10/125. RS reported on the recent HM gala on 26<sup>th</sup> June which had gone well and he thanked those who had contributed to the success of the evening, including MH for

rounding up 32 Officials, Sue Tysoe for looking after the poolside assistants and Derek Milton for the medal presentations. RS had produced some wash up notes of small issues that could be improved for 2011, including a significant reduction in the number of programmes produced. RS requested, and was given approval to book The Venue for the event next year, on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

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

S10/126. In BT's absence BS read the contents of BT's written report as follows; 'Licence applied for (level 4) clubs have all received the notes from the Coaches Forum (which are attached to these minutes and cover this item and other competition updates), advising that swimmers will need to be Category 2 ASA members for this event. This will be re-iterated later. Eligibility has been modified such that a swimmer who swam last year and did not make a County Qualifying Time (QT) will be able to swim the same event this year in the older age group. Any swimmer who swam the event at The County Championships 2010, or already has a 2011 QT, will be ineligible. The closing date for entries will be midnight on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October'.

### **Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2010**

S10/127. BT's written report said, ' Licence applied for (Level 4), and again clubs have all received notes from the Coaches Forum advising that swimmers will need to be Category 2 ASA members for this event. This will need to be re-stated at some point. The closing date for entries will be midnight on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. IM commented that the new arrangements may result in fewer teams taking part this year.

KH asked when the information pack could be issued and IM replied that details could be finalised at the September Committee meeting and packs sent out by the end of that month, at the latest. KH advised the Committee that she would begin a draft rewrite of the Conditions for the gala, as was required for the County handbook.

### **Competition update – Bagcats 2011**

S10/128. BT's written report stated that; 'QT's are now on the website (and appended to these minutes). I am designing hats and shirts and Tilley's of St Albans can produce the shirts. I will send them artwork and will then get costs from them. The intention is to have the swimmers order shirts/hoodies on line. I will also see if they have equipment suitable to be able to produce shirts at the event. I still need to organise a meeting at the Venue to discuss future events and costs. The closing date for the County Championships will be midnight on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

IM reported that the Coaches Forum (minutes attached) had been very successful and participative with 16 clubs represented. Coaches seem to have bought into the proposed competition changes and are generally supportive of them. IM noted that the rules for the competitions will need to be redrafted for next year's County competitions.

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

S10/129. BT's written report said; 'a slightly depleted team put in a tremendous effort to secure second place at the gala, losing out to Suffolk. Feedback from the Coaches and Team Managers was very positive with a few lessons to be learnt. The fact that we did not have our strongest team available and still took second place shows that, as a county, we do have some strength in depth. The results were; Suffolk 232, Hertfordshire 218; Essex 215; Bedfordshire 152; Norfolk 125 and Cambridgeshire 106'. We have a trophy for coming second.

### **Competition update - Open Water**

S10/130. BT's written report said; 'a big increase on last years entries; 38 swimmers this year across all age groups and covering all distances (11 in the 1.5K; 6 in the 3K; 2 in the 5K and 19 in the 800m). This is obviously a growing part of our sport and we need to work harder to provide support to the swimmers. Ideally, I would like someone to take on OW in the same way that RS has taken on Masters and I will contact clubs to see if they have anyone interested, otherwise we will have to do our best which may not be good enough'. MH had suggested that Sue Tysoe might be willing to promote OW swimming and Martin Williams had also been named as a possibility. BT will follow up these leads.

S10/131. IM reported that the Management Board had given approval for 16 trophies, 13 are needed for the Championships and Glen Williams is engraving them. 6 Trophies have been donated and 7 are being funded by the County.

S10/132. BT is currently representing the County at the East Region OW Committee but we should have a dedicated OW representative from the Hertfordshire Swimming Committee.

### **Talent Camp - 2010**

S10/133. BT's written report said; 'This sounds like it was another very successful and well received event with a few minor niggles but worth the effort. We had 48 swimmers in attendance and 11 Coaches. Invitations were sent to 50 swimmers and all accepted and ALL clubs were invited to send a Coach along. DM reported lots of positive comments from Coaches and parents and said that Michael Rock was excellent. We MAY need to look at charging for this event next year depending how the accounts work out for the County Championships'.

It was noted that the costs of the camp were quite substantial as 'Total Swimming' charges are quite high. They only had 3 and not 4 cameras working which had slowed down the event, a little. Swimmers had, this year, taken packed lunches and food was not provided.

S10/134. IM noted that we need to start preparing for this event next year and he will introduce it at the next Coaches Forum.

### **Officials and Education update**

S10/135. MH had given her apologies but had sent a written report that was read by BS. In it she noted that she had received an officials list from Dave Metcalf showing 42 licensed officials, but this number was going upwards.

S10/136. MH, in her written report, noted that there was a newsletter due out next week to all officials which includes the training programme for the next 6 months or so. MH had decided to go with Stevenage (Tuesday evenings) and Berkhamsted (Sunday afternoons), before Christmas, and Stevenage (Saturday mornings and afternoons) and Bishops Stortford (tba), after Christmas.

MH already had 28 names for J1 courses, 5 for J2 and 6 for J2S. The newsletter will list the newly qualified; 18 x J1s, 8 x J2s and 5 x J2s's since February. Of the 18 J1s, 15 had been fast tracked and have already started their J2 practical training. All starter candidates from 2009 are now qualified and only a few candidates from the J1 and J2 courses are now left but, realistically, they will not proceed any further.

S010/137. On future plans, MH wished to beef up the Officials section on the Hertfordshire ASA website and hoped to arrange a Referees seminar in September.

### **County Development Plan**

S10/138. The Committee considered the amber sections of the CDP and noted in Section 2.1 that the year needed changing to 2010.

S10/139. Under item 3.4 IM noted that giving shirts to Support staff might encourage them to come back to work at other galas.

S10/140. Item 3.5 also needed a year change to 2010. IM noted that forums with the Local Authorities have helped in the past but are now up in the air following the demise of 'free swimming' and better quality services from facility operators would only come through pressure for the Clubs.

S10/141. Item 4 .The County's competition structure had been reviewed and the County is sending two representatives from Hoddesdon SC (who have disability swimmers regularly swimming with the club), to a Regional disability committee meeting on 15th July.

S10/142. Also on Item 4, the Committee are reviewing the Open Water competition structure and this needed to be raised at the Coaches Forum so that it can be built into the County's overall competition structure.

### **Records**

S10/143. There were 5 records for the Committee to consider at the meeting and these were duly ratified. The records are attached to these minutes.

### **Any Other Business**

S10/144. GK asked about County squad training and, after discussion, IM commented that an Age Group squad was a possibility and he would raise this at the next Coaches Forum. SM noted that Luton's new 50m pool might provide a useful facility for this type of training. IM re-iterated the point that the County should be looking for an integrated competition structure and the best way to achieve this was through the Coaches Forum.

S10/145. IM reminded the Committee that the County's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner would be on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Best Western hotel in Welwyn Garden City at a cost of £25 a head.

### **Date of next meeting**

S10/146. The next meeting is now on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and should be back at the Welwyn Civic Centre, if repairs have been completed.

Subsequent meetings in 2010 are booked for;

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

