

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 23rd January 2012, at 8.00pm.

Present: Grant Chivers, Mark Horrod, Karen Huckle, Derek Hughes, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Bryan Thompson, Su Tysoe.

Apologies for Absence

S12/1. Apologies for absence were received from: Charles Dainton, Caroline Holt, Marilyn J Hughes, Derek Milton and Barbara Scorer.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S12/2. The notes of the previous meeting of 28th November 2011 were confirmed as minutes by a quorate committee subject to one minor amendment in S11/149 which should be amended thus:

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

Matters Arising

S12/3. Feedback from the Development Meet and Daplyn Trophy are not for discussion as they are not agenda items. Comments will be sought from Coaches at the next Coaches Forum (in April)

S12/4. In relation to 11.159, SM noted that no 'keeper' trophies were made available at the Daplyn event.

Masters update

S12/5. DH, Richard Sumner and Janet Gardner are arranging a handover meeting in February.

Competition update – Counties/BAGCATS 2012

S12/6. BT reported that the information pack has now been sent out to Clubs and placed on the Herts ASA website. To date there had been no significant queries from Clubs regarding entries.

S12/7. Although there are no finals for BAGCATS, the Rules within the original pack mailing had included them in error. This has now been corrected; a revised rule set added to the website and revised set sent to all Clubs.

S12/8. DH (reporting for MJH) noted that Officials' numbers (ie licensed J1 and above) were between about 20 and 30 for each session. The minimum required was 23 per session. As the final entry date approached and 'last chance' galas were completed DH noted that numbers should increase as parents who were Officials would know when their children were swimming and so when they'd be available to officiate.

S12/9. BT confirmed that Gary has v4 of HyTek.

S12/10. A sub-group of the Event Management Team is to meet on 21st February (at Welwyn Civic Centre) to review the schedule for the various sessions. It was pointed out that the schedule for the 800m and 1500m events could be reviewed on 15th February.

S12/11. IM reported that a new, fast (36 page/minute), printer was to be bought for the Control Room at this and other County events.

S12/12. BT reported that The Venue pool hire cost had increased by only £474 compared with 2011 (about 2%), and that this was excellent news. BT also reported that The Venue had serviced all equipment associated with the event, including the scoreboard.

S12/13. Other administrative points were:

1. There should be a separate 'finals board' in a location easily accessible to both coaches and swimmers.
2. Adverts in the programme should be £50 covering all sessions.
3. We shouldn't be overly concerned regarding the technicality of the warm-up schedule – as long as there was a written programme this would be okay (for licensing)
4. We shouldn't charge for an advert in the programme for the photographers – Herts ASA were benefitting significantly in relation to their commission.
5. The Swimming Committee should seek to establish the 2013 event dates asap.

S12/14. The next meeting of the Event Management Team is to be on 2nd February at Hatfield Sports Village.

Officials and Education update

S12/15. DH (reporting for MJH) reported that the next J1 (Part 1a and 1b) course would take place at Stevenage on 28th January. This course was fully booked with 30 participants. The next T/K course was at Berkhamsted on 5th February with another at Kings Langley in planning.

S12/16. Successful Assessments for a number of J1s, J2s and T/Ks had been completed by IM and MJH at recent galas, a further batch were planned for Round 1 of Herts Major League.

S12/17. IM noted that Herts ASA official's numbers were impressively high compared to adjacent counties and that the quality of the Herts Officials was admirably high.

New initiatives 2102 and beyond

S12/18. BT reported that the favoured initiative (see S11/167) was most likely to be the 24 hour endurance event. GH/BT/ST to arrange a meeting as a sub-group of the Swimming Committee to drive this initiative forwards.

County Development Plan

S12/19. No further progress was possible on the CDP for 2011/12 as there was no time or resources remaining for the Amber and Red activities to be planned and implemented.

S12/20. The 2011-2014 County Development Plan was tabled at the meeting. Committee Members were to review the plan sending feedback to BT by 31/1/2012 regarding ideas for the 2012/13 plan. BT and IM will then produce a document prior to the next Swimming Committee meeting.

S12/21. Regarding the development of the 21012/13 plan IM and BT made a number of comments:

1. there had been criticisms that the 2011/12 CDP had been too big IM felt this was not the case and that a substantial plan was necessary to deliver benefits.
2. objectives should be more challenging so that they did not turn 'green' too easily.
3. costs and target dates for achieving the objectives should be more realistic.
4. the target age range for increasing participation was now 14-25 years old
5. 'participation' included not only swimming but coaching, officiating and general volunteering
6. the differentiation between 'elite' swimming and 'social/competitive' swimming within Clubs might now be better clarified and directed as British Swimming now had oversight of the former and ASA of the latter

S12/22. There then followed a useful discussion regarding Swim 21 and the changes due to be announced in September 2012 and launched in October 2012. An easier, less tiered system was planned with simpler application and assessment procedures. Including some Swim 21 targets in the plan might be appropriate.

Records

S12/23. No records were tabled at the meeting.

Any Other Business

S11/24. None

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