

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 24th November 2010, at 8.00pm.

Present; Caroline Holt, Mark Horrod, Ian Mackenzie, Sheila Mackenzie, Derek Milton, Richard Sumner, and Bryan Thompson.

Apologies for Absence

S10/206. Apologies for absence were received from, George Kent, Karen Huckle, Marilyn Hughes and Barbara Scorer.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S10/207. The minutes of the 21st October (item 10/179) were amended to read 'There was no Masters update from RS'. The Minutes were then formally approved.

Matters Arising

S10/208. It was noted that under item 10/180, Chris Hisgrove was not available for the Daplyn Trophy.

Masters update

S10/209. RS reported that The Hertfordshire Masters team had, on Sunday 21st November, won the ASA National Masters Inter County East Region Competition at Newmarket beating Essex into second place. He commented that the close result had made for a very exciting gala and he had been delighted with the performance and team spirit of the Hertfordshire Team. He would be getting the Trophy engraved and would, at IMs request, bring it to the ACM in July.

Competition update – Development Meet 2010

S10/210. The Meet went well with almost no negative feedback. There will need to be a decision on where to place the 200m Fly event in the Programme, next year. A de-briefing session had been arranged to follow this Committee meeting.

Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2010

S10/211. BT reported that entries had been received from 16 girls and 14 boys teams for the Daplyn Gala. CH is sorting out poolside helpers and programmes still need printing. Grant Chivers will be the Announcer. Chris Hisgrove will not be there and if the AOE does not work we will need to revert to manual timing.

S10/212. BT commented that he was not pushing specific venue requirements with The Venue at Borehamwood, at this particular moment, as he is waiting for them to come up with prices for next year's county Championships .He will take up the specific issues with them when the price structure for next year has been agreed.

S10/213. BT will advise SM about medal requirements. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented. Sue Tysoe will return the trophies to CH.

S10/214. BT did not have time to organise a pre- event meeting and will contact other organisers by email. MH and CH were requested to provide BT with a list of Officials and poolside helpers.

S10/215. There will be an 'After dark' presentation before and during the meet.

Competition update – Bagcats 2011

S10/216. BT confirmed that the 2011 Championships will still be sponsored by British Gas and we will be receiving the same money as last year. The Venue at Borehamwood has been advised that the Championships lost money for the County in 2010 and they are considering their charges for 2011.

S10/217. The Venue is also negotiating charges with the Ibis hotel next door to the pool and are also looking at car parking charges for officials. A poolside photographer and 'Swim Shop' will also be present at the Championships. The Venue has provided new blocks and lane ropes and is looking at refurbishment of the AOE.

S10/218. BT will be seeking a licence for the Championships.

Competition update - Open Water

S10/219. IM reported that Sue Tysoe had put forward her idea for Open Water competition in 2011, to the Coaches Forum. This was to run it on the basis of a League with different groups of swimmers from across the clubs.

S10/220. There is a regional OW meeting at Newmarket on December 5th and IM will probably attend for ST who cannot make that date.

S10/221. The RLSS, Herts Branch, are looking for OW venues in Hertfordshire. IM is investigating Sawbridgeworth as a possible site.

Talent Camps – 2011

S10/222. BT is still considering the options for next year and there was a discussion on the possible format of the event that covered the possible involvement of Olympic swimmers, psychologists and national coaches. It was felt possible to run the event ourselves rather than paying 'Total Swimming' to organise it for the County.

S10/223. On possible venues, IM felt that Berkhamsted College was a distinct possibility and it was agreed that the priority was to get a date in the diary for this event before the Bagcats competitions in 2011.

Officials and Education update

S10/224. In the absence of MH there was no regular update but it was noted that there had been an excellent turn out of Officials at the Development Meet.

County Development Plan

S10/225. BT will change the year dates on the CDP as appropriate. Broadly the CDP remained unchanged with minor amendments shown below.

S10/226. Item 1.1 needs amendment/deletion in view of the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

S10/227. IM noted that progress on this item would be made by the Swimming Action Group.

Records

S10/228. All the records presented to the Committee were ratified. The list of records is attached to these minutes.

Any Other Business

S10/229. In response to a comment by DM, IM noted that the new county website is due up in January and this would provide an opportunity for changes to be made to the county 'handbook' entry.

S10/230. In response to a question from Mark H it was confirmed that 'Goggle Box' needed to be at The Venue early on the Saturday morning of the Championships.

S10/231. IM noted that Mike Boyce had expressed a legitimate concern about not being consulted on the change to the definition of a County record which had reduced the club membership eligibility criteria from 3 years to 1 year. MB had sent IM a paper with his views on records and IM will study this to ascertain the points MB is making. IM will also try to establish if there is any national consensus about what constitutes a 'county record'.

S10/232. IM noted that there was now a pin for swimmers who had been awarded their county colours and he will send BT the contact details of the firm that has produced them.

Date of next meeting

S10/233. There are no further Committee meetings scheduled for 2010.