

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 13th September 2010 at 8.00pm.

Present; Caroline Holt, Ian Mackenzie, Barbara Scorer, Richard Sumner, Su Tysoe, and Bryan Thompson.

Barbara Scorer was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the following 12 months and BS formally welcomed Su Tysoe to the Committee.

Apologies for Absence

S10/147. Apologies for absence were received from, Mark Horrod, Karen Huckle, Marilyn Hughes, George Kent, Sheila Mackenzie and Derek Milton.

Minutes of Previous meetings

S10/148. The minutes of the 14th July 2010 meeting were formally approved.

Matters Arising

S10/149. BT reported that Mr Harris had met the bulk of the cost of the lost Herts trophy and IM is re-creating the back history of the (200m Breaststroke) trophy.

Masters update

S10/150. RS reported that a provisional booking had been made at The Venue, Borehamwood, for the 2011 Herts Masters Championships on 25th June.

S10/151. RS also noted that requests for availability to swim in the Inter Counties Masters gala at Newmarket on November 21st had been sent out to masters and replies were being received.

Competition update – Development Meet 2010

S10/152. BT reported that a Licence had been granted for this Meet at level 4 and the pool has been booked.

S10/153. BT noted that he is rewriting the entry for the Development Meet in the County handbook to recognise the changes to the programme.

Competition Update –Daplyn Trophy 2010

S10/154. BT noted that the pool has been booked and a licence applied for, for this event.

S10/155. On a wider note than just the Daplyn event, BT commented that he was ordering 100 shirts for Events Support Team members at £10 each plus VAT. There was discussion on how these shirts would be allocated and it was agreed that they would be handed out, initially at the Development Meet. At the end of that meet they would be handed back or could be purchased for £10. If an individual attended 5 sessions in the year from December, as a member of the Support Team, they will get to keep a shirt for free.

A poolside pass will be issued to Support Team for each session.

S10/156. Team draws will be made before the gala and as the event is licensed, Gary Robb will need swimmer names to upload them into his computer. The last allowable changes will be at the Coaches briefing. The order of swimmers in the relays will also be required before the start of the event.

S10/157. BT noted that he had spoken to City of St Albans SC who would still be running their ‘peanuts’ style gala on the same night as the Daplyn this year but hoped to change it for next year.

S10/158. There was a discussion about the County website and there was agreement that it needed a fresh look, however, it was clear that there was no one around to do this at the moment and the County cannot afford to pay a web designer.

Competition update – Bagcats 2011

S10/159. BT had received a quote from Tilley’s of St Albans who would produce branded 2011 Herts Championships, Hoodies, Polo shirts and T shirts at £17.50, £12.50 and £10.00 respectively. There would be a straight link to the Tilley’s website for sales and all orders would be made direct to Tilley’s. A small set up cost may have to be paid but the County would not need to pay for a production run in advance.

It was agreed that the selling prices would be, Hoodies - £20.00; Polo shirts - £15.00 and T shirts - £12.50. BT will check how postage costs are to be covered. These prices would give the County a modest profit on each item sold. BT would ask Tilley’s if they could provide an opportunity for swimmers to personalise any of the items.

Hopefully, information on the above could be issued with the 2011 Championships information package that goes out in December.

S10/160. BT is working on the rule changes needed for the County Handbook and, hopefully, these will be available in draft form for the Coaches Forum on October 14th. They should then have 2 weeks in which to comment on them.

S10/161. IM felt that the Events Management Group should meet as soon as possible to produce a timeline for the Championships and other events. This was basically a brainstorming session to identify and solve the major and minor issues that can arise.

Competition update – Inter Counties – National

S10/162. BT reported that he has a list of potential swimmers for this event and he would be approaching them very shortly. The event is at Sheffield Ponds Forge on Oct 17th, with an overnight stop at Doncaster the night before. There would be a pre-event training session at The University of Hertfordshire Sports Village on Sat 16th Sept.

BT will organise a coach (wheeled variety) to get the swimmers to Sheffield and will be booking rooms at the Premier Inn at Doncaster. He hoped to try and place the male and female swimmers on different floors. He will be appointing appropriately qualified team managers.

Competition update - Open Water

S10/163. BT welcomed Su Tysoe who was joining the Committee to organise the OW aspect of County swimming. ST is now the County's representative on the East Region OW Technical Committee although IM noted that the Region did not have an OW Manager at the moment.

S10/164 . BT noted that there will be an Open Water Coaches forum in Jan 2011.

S10/165. ST will convene a separate meeting of those interested in OW as soon as possible to establish what is needed for next years OW programme in the County and to ensure that we are ready for the start of the next OW season in May 2011.

Talent Camps - 2010

S10/165. BT noted that the next Talent Camp would be the training session prior to the National Inter-Counties meet.

S10/166. IM felt that it would be very helpful to put the date of the next 2011 Talent Camp in the Bagcats pack to be sent out in December. IM will also raise the format of the Camp at the Coaches Forum in October. IM's main concern, however, was funding the event which is not cheap.

Officials and Education update

S10/167. In the absence of MH there was no regular update but IM noted that there needed to be an Officials update session sometime in October. He will speak to MH.

County Development Plan

S10/168. Under item 1.1 IM noted that Database security issues were becoming more of an issue. He suggested that requests for officials for galas should be made through MH and not direct to the Officials as this could breach the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

S10/169. Under item 2.1 BT will publicise the criteria for identifying talent, on the County website.

S10/170. Item 3.4. This was being changed to green from amber. The Committee would review the success or otherwise of retaining the services of Events Support staff, after the distribution of T Shirts.

S10/171. Item 3.5 will remain as amber. BT needs to speak to The Venue about its services.

S10/172. Item 4, (Introduce the facility for Competition for Disabled swimmers), will go back to amber. IM noted that we now have representatives, Sandra King and Janet Warrington on the Regional Disabilities Group. There will be a 'Disabilities' day for Coaches in Feb 2011.

Records

S10/173. There was 1 record for the Committee to consider at the meeting and this was duly ratified. The record is attached to these minutes.

Any Other Business

S10/174. IM reminded the Committee of some upcoming dates;

- A Club Forum on Sept 29th
- A Coaches Forum on Oct 14th
- The Herts ASA 75th anniversary dinner on Oct 1st at the Best Western hotel in Welwyn.
- A Regional Conference weekend on 8/9th Jan 2011 at the Histon Belfry hotel.

Date of next meeting

S10/175. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st October at the Welwyn Civic Centre.

The remaining meeting in 2010 is booked for Wednesday 24th November.