

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION **SWIMMING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre, 16th July 2008 at 8.00pm.

Present; Jim Duncan, Jane Evans, Karen Huckle, Richard Sumner, Bryan Thompson (Swimming Manager), Barbara Scorer (Chairman) and Ian Watson (Chairman MB).

Management Board representatives; Alan Bowell and Ian Mackenzie

Apologies for Absence

SO8/16. Apologies for absence were received from Craig Hunter (Management Board representative), Lynn Fernandes and Peter Summers, the latter having expressed the view that he could no longer commit the time to be a member of the committee.

Preparation of Minutes

SO8/17. Richard Sumner agreed to prepare the minutes of the meeting and would distribute a draft copy to Barbara Scorer and Bryan Thompson for comments.

Minutes of Previous meeting

SO8/18. The minutes of the meeting held on June 10th 2008, as considered by the Management Board on 2nd July 2008, were agreed as a true record of the proceedings

Matters Arising

SO8/19. Ian Mackenzie confirmed that he would purchase 60 competitor shirts to cover the rest of the season's competitions.

HASA Competitions and events - 2008/9

SO8/20. The Development Meet will be on November 15th and the pool has been booked at Borehamwood. The information pack is due out in mid-September and all the information in it, including any fee increases, will be agreed at the next committee meeting. Jim Duncan will produce the medals. Karen Huckle has taken lead responsibility for this event.

The Daplyn gala is scheduled for December 6th but a pool is needed. This might be the new Watford pool and Jane Evans will try to book it. The charges for this event need reviewing and JE will check last year's figures and report to the Committee. This event

needs to break even but does not need to make a profit. Barbara Scorer has taken lead responsibility for this event.

It was confirmed that the Age Groups/BAGCATS would be run in 2009 as they had this year, that is, as a combined event. The dates for 2009 are ;

7&8 March at Borehamwood
14 March at Borehamwood
15 March at the Hatfield University pool
21&22 March at Borehamwood

Lynn Fernandes had indicated that she was not keen to assist with the results if the 2009 format remained the same as in 2008. Bryan Thompson will approach LF to see if she will assist Barbara Scorer in 2009 so that BS can take over this role in the future.

Bryan Thompson will talk to Hi Tech to see how much they would charge for an AOE training day, possibly in October or November. It was agreed that BT would be the Committee's corporate contact with Hi Tech.

It was noted that clarification was needed on section 117, 'Swimming of the Events' on Page 30 of the county handbook, in respect of the swimming of finals. The handbook indicates that finals will not be swum in individual events, but they are!

Inter county events - 2008.

SO8/21. The ASA Inter Counties competition will take place at Sheffield on October 17th 2008. Jane Evans has taken lead responsibility for this event and will organise pre-event training, transport, overnight accommodation, team selection and officials.

Masters events

SO8/22. Richard Sumner reported that the Herts Masters competition had taken place successfully on June 21st. The McMullen Club trophy had been won for the third year running by St Albans Masters Swimming Club. RS would approach McMullens brewery, remind them that they had donated a trophy which was still being presented, and ask them for future sponsorship. RS noted that the date for this gala in 2009 was Saturday June 27th and a pool needs to be booked.

RS reported that he had recently attended the East Region Technical Masters Swimming Committee and confirmed that the Inter Counties Masters team competition would be on Sunday 16th November but that no pool has yet been booked. The new Newmarket pool had been the favourite choice but was still not ready. RS will be selecting the Hertfordshire county team for this event.

RS commented that his first major task would be to pull together a list of Masters contacts throughout the county so that he could pass on county, East Region and national

information on Masters events and receive feedback. The rest of the Committee agreed to pass him any relevant information on contacts and suggested he approach Gary Robb for his list of Hertfordshire Masters contacts.

Swimming officials

SO8/23. It was reported that there had been a 100% pass rate by the 14 participants on the 29th June, Timekeepers course. There is a Judge 1 course scheduled for 11th October in the morning and Judge 2 on the same day, in the afternoon. On September 7th there will be a Timekeepers course at Hertford.

County Records

SO8/24. Bryan Thompson will send out a note of the ratified records with these minutes and will be the Committee's chief contact with County Records Officer, Mike Boyce.

Jane Evans confirmed that she had so far completed 230 official county record certificates covering the period up to February 2008. The Committee expressed their thanks for her efforts and admired her stamina!

Reports from representatives to ASA East Region Committees

SSO/25. There were no reports from representatives to East Region committees, other than that from Richard Sumner, which was contained in 8/22 above.

County Development Plan

SO8/26. This was held over for discussion at the next meeting.

Hertfordshire ASA Website

SO8/27. Bryan Thompson agreed to take over responsibility for posting information to the website.

Any Other Business

SO8/28. Thanks were expressed to Barbara Scorer for running a successful East Region Inter counties competition.

Buntingford will shortly be having a meeting with the ASA's new Swim 21 representative.

Bryan Thompson will formally call the next Swimming Committee meeting.