

ASA East Region



Technical Swimming Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Saturday 22nd September 2007 at Chippenham Village Hall starting at 10 a.m.

Present: Mike Rayner (Chair), Don Neate, David Robinson and John Rushmer.

Apologies: Bob Outtram, Roger Howkins, Alex Morgan, Vix Metcalf,

07/20 The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

07/21 Matters Arising.

JR asked about Annual Coaches passes and it had already been decided that these would start in 2008 but Coaches purchasing passes for the 2007 Senior Championships will get free tea and coffee from the supply in the Town Close Room and lunch will be offered at the cost of £8.

07/22 Development Camps

07/22/1 DN said that the organization of the camps was very poor and this was supported by an e-mail from Vix Metcalf to the meeting. The notification to Swimmers and Coaches was very late being sent mainly because only one person at the ASA office was responsible for this and it had involved in the region of 500 letters between the Nationals at the end of July and the Camps in early September. Vix who had attended the first camp and was currently at the second camp said that the organisation of the camps themselves was excellent and credit was due to Mick and Sara Hepwood and the Coaches involved.

07/22/2 Additional Regional camps were discussed and DN said it was difficult to make a decision until the final costs of the current camps was known. Vix had suggested that rather than have camps for swimmers if further training and or mentoring were provided for Coaches in the Region this would benefit all the swimmers in the Region rather than just a few. This was discussed and it was agreed that the change of emphasis of Development be put to the Management Board for approval.

07/23 Championships 2007

07/23/1 DR passed the list of Officials who required accommodation to DN who agreed to send these to the hotel nearer the time to allow for withdrawals. MR asked if we should continue using the Holiday Inn in future in view of the noise at the University and it was agreed to make a decision after the Senior Championships if the hotel proved satisfactory.

07/23/2 Officials DR said that all the invitations to Officials who had said that they would be available had been sent and it only remained to await replies.

07/23/3 Staffing JR said that he would be contacting Bernie Buck when he returns from holiday to determine his requirements for announcers/commentators and DN confirmed that Bill Blackaby would be handling the medals and trophies.

07/23/4 DN agreed to ensure that the Accident Book, Photography Record and Cash Boxes are in place. He also agreed to make sure the meals were in place and that the Officials Polo Shirts are available for those people who have not yet received one in 2007.

07/23/5 MR asked that details for the programme for Officials and helpers and any other information needed should be with him by October 19th. JR asked that he received numbers for catering by October 26th at the latest.

07/23/6 MR asked how many programmes were required and it was agreed that we should have 350 printed. He also needs the list of Regional Records, National Qualifying times and Championship best times and the deadline is again October 19th.

07/23/7 JR said that the good news was that there were sufficient helpers committed already although he will seek a couple of more people to be certain. An understudy for John was discussed especially as he was usually away for the period of the Bagcats and John said he did have some thoughts on this subject.

The general need for understudies was discussed and it was agreed that although we have an excellent team we need to be aware of suitable replacements for sickness etc.

07/23/8 DN agreed to check that the Shop and Photographer were also available and JR agreed to check with Lynne at the UEA to ensure everything was in place.

07/24 Championships 2008

07/24/1 DN had checked on dates for the Senior Championships for 2008 and proposed that we move it to November 22/23rd which would avoid the usual clash with the DSE Nationals and it was agreed subject to approval by the ASA TSC we would move to this date. DN agreed that this should be published widely as soon as it is finalized so that clubs and leagues are aware when setting their dates for 2008.

07/25 Licensing

In the absence of Roger there was no report but DN had received a request from Roger that the TSC consider a request from Hatfield that we waive the £25 fee for licensing their Club Championships at Level 4. This was discussed and it was agreed that Roger should work on the following guidelines: **Where a club has one or more Level 1,2 or 3 Open Meets during a year the fee for Licensing their club Championships at Level 4 should be waived.**

07/26 Officials Sub Group

MR said that he had now received the workbooks for Judge Levels 1, 2 and 2S and also the Club Timekeeper.

MR said that he and Bob Outtram were going to organise a course or seminar for Officials Course Leaders in the Region to bring them up to date with procedures and the new Workbooks. This is now known as "Aquatic Officials Professional Programme.

The list of the Regions Club Timekeepers will be as on the ASA Database but kept and updated as a Regional database and published in the Regional Handbook and Website.

07/27 Records

DR said that there had recently been a spate of record claims from both the Nationals and the International Programme. He said that two swimmers had broken British Records, Chris Walker-Hebborn of Ipswich and Ann Bochmann of UEA City of Norwich. Also Ellis Jackson of St. Felix had become the youngest swimmer to hold a Senior Record.

DR Said that the Disability short course records were set up and now appeared on the website and he is working on the Disability long course records.

07/28 Any Other Business

DN confirmed that UEA had been notified of the possible date change for the 2008 Senior Championships and he would organise the necessary paperwork in the coming week.

MR asked how Officials expenses would be paid at the Senior Championships and it was agreed that this should be paid from income from the door and we should obtain a "Paid" stamp to ensure that Patrick knew what had been paid.

07/29 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that further meetings would be arranged as required.