



Technical Swimming Committee

**Minutes of a Meeting held at Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, on
Sunday 10th December 2006 starting at 11 a.m.**

Present: Mr. I. MacKenzie (In the Chair) Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. D. Robinson, Miss V. Metcalf and Mr. D. Neate.

APOLOGIES: Mr. R. Howkins, Mrs. T. Lander Mr. P. Summers Mrs. S. Spibey and Mr. J. Rushmer

06/53 Minutes of last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

06/54 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

06/55 Proposal from Regional Development Coach

Mick Hepwood had made a proposal for Development Camps for the period until the new English and Regional Development Camps started in September 2007, this was to have three Camps around the Region where selected swimmers attend and are filmed (underwater) and provided with a DVD which they can use with their Coaches as a Development Tool. It had been proposed that the first of these be held during the February Half term.

06/55.1 This was discussed at some length and the meeting agreed that February was too soon to get the selections in place and the swimmers informed. It was proposed that instead of this that Mick set up Coaches Meetings in each County at County Championships to discuss with the Coaches if this proposal meets with their needs and those of their swimmers. To this end it was agreed that Mick should approach each County for a suitable time during their Championships when a meeting could be held.

06/55.2 It was proposed that the three Regional Camps be put on during the Easter Holiday period.

06/55.3 It was further proposed by those present that these meetings would be an ideal time to ask for nominations for representatives to the Regional Coaches Forum.

06/55.4 The suggested dates of meetings of the Coaches Forum was discussed and it was felt that the dates should be:

May – during the Regional Youths

August - during the Nationals

November - during the Regional Long Course.

06/55.5 Don was asked to check with Nick Selwood, the English Development Manager when the proposed Camps

discussed at the ASA-TSC for mid year 2007 were going to be held.

06/56 Budgets and Development Plan

06/56.1 Championships

Don said that he was having difficulties preparing budgets for the next years Championships as he does not have full information but he has prepared and circulated a draft and he will update this with the latest information and recirculate to members of the TSC for their approval.

06/56.1 Development Plan

Don said that due to the uncertainty about future plans it has been difficult to prepare a Development Plan for Camps and Development generally but again he will produce what he can and circulate for approval.

06/57 Championships

Ian said that there would be no Cheestrings advertising needed for 2007 as the sponsors have decided that swimming does not fit into their current marketing policy. However the sponsorship was covered by a contract and will be paid for at least 2007 although the situation for 2008 is not yet clear. The ASA are seeking alternative sponsorship for the Bagcat events.

06/57.1 Accommodation

Mike said that the accommodation at UEA had been booked for the Youth's in May and the Bagcats in June but the UEA Guest Suite is fully booked for November 3rd. Kevin is working on Sponsorship from a hotel group which may include accommodation and Don will be seeking accommodation from other hotels in the area of the UEA.

06/57.2 Catering

Mike said that the food provided by UEA was not satisfactory and a number of ways of persuading them to improve their offering were suggested and these will be discussed with John Rushmer with a possible visit to UEA to discuss the catering.

06/58 Trophies

Don said that there was now a full list of trophies for the Senior Long Course event but we had only two of the 200M Junior events. Mick had handed Don a trophy from Len Badcock which was marked "For the Best Boy in the youngest age group" however this is already filled in that we already have trophies for the nine Bagcats age groups. It was suggested that by adding a stroke and distance this could then be used for the Junior events of the Long Course event. Don agreed to follow up this suggestion.

Don said that he already had an offer of a trophy from the Essex President and it was agreed that the 200M Junior events be filled first and the offer is accepted for a 200M event and another appeal be put on the website and also in event programmes for further donations of trophies.

06/59 Licensing

It was noted that an updated list of License applications had been circulated and this included a note from Jane Davies that East Region had not applied for Licenses for their Championships. Don had received an e-mail from Bob Outram pointing out that applications only need to be made three months before the event so there is still plenty of time.

Ian said that Roger Howkins is now at home and recovering well after his recent heart attack.

06/60 Swimming Officials Group

Mike said that the Region was well ahead of the KPI's for new Officials with 16 people sitting the Referees paper, 14 the Race Results and a total of 186 had sat the Judge and Timekeeper papers with a very high pass rate.

Mike said that the Regional Championships had had enough Officials for all events and the performance of Officials had been very good.

06/60.1 The SOC meeting preceding the TSC meeting had discussed the far reaching changes being made to the way Officials are trained and the introduction of Licensed Officials and these details will shortly be made public by the ASA through it's usual channels of communication.

06/61 Records

Dave said that now we have a wider base of records the applications are now slowing down slightly although there were a number of records set at the Long Course Championships and several Masters Records from the National Masters and the Inter Counties Masters at Peterborough.

06/61.1 Record Conditions

Dave tabled the Records Conditions with minor changes to allow swimmers competing at ESSA events to claim records and these were discussed and agreed. Claiming records while swimming for Universities and other bodies was discussed but it was agreed that this would not be allowed.

06/61.2 Disability Records

Dave said that he had been asked to set up Disability Records for the Region and tabled a suggestion of how he should proceed. This was agreed and he said he would continue in consultation with Liz Christian, the Regional Disability Officer.

06/62 Any Other Business

06/62.1 Vicks Metcalf said that she had been asked to see if the Region could run time trials to allow swimmers to gain Long Course times for the distance events where short course times were no longer accepted for entries. It was questioned if this was the case for 2007 and Don agreed to check before we proceeded further.

The way that swimmers could be given an opportunity to gain Long Course times was discussed including taking part of the pool at Norwich or hiring the pool at Loughborough. Don said he would obtain hire costs once he had looked at the need for LC entry times. It was also agreed that if we did go ahead we would need QT's and Consideration Times to ensure we did not get overloaded with swimmers who could not possibly make National times.

06/62.2

Don had received a query via Roger Howkins from a club that had been asked to provide time only swims for swimmers who reached the age of 12 after the meet but before the Regional Championships. This was discussed and it was agreed that this was governed by the promoters conditions and was not a matter for the TSC.

06/63 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on April 1st 2007 at Chippenham starting at 10 a.m.