



Technical Swimming Committee

**Minutes of a Meeting held at Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, on
Sunday 17th September 2006 starting at 10 a.m.**

Present:, Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. D. Robinson, Mr. Rushmer, Mr. Outtram and Mr. D. Neate.

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

06/40 Minutes of last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

06/41 Matters Arising

DR said that he had followed up the complaint from a club regarding inaccurate reporting of the Bagcat results in their local press and this had been submitted by Cheestrings themselves and they had apologized for the error.

DR has produced Meet Best Times for the Long Course as requested by the Coaches Meeting and will provide these to BO for inclusion in the programme in the event headings.

06/42 2006 Long Course Championships

06/42.1 It was agreed that there should be a one minutes silence in memory of Ron Berryman and Bernie Buck will be asked to introduce this at the start of the proceedings.

It was agreed that Bob Proctor be asked to attend the Championships to deal with cash receipts and expenses. (Note: Bob has been asked and has agreed to attend.)

DN agreed to provide a Presidents Greeting to MR for inclusion in the programmes.

Tina Lander will be asked to advise JR directly of the number of Coaches requiring food.

It was agreed that the pool staff should be reminded about the need to lower water temperatures before the event and DN agreed to do this by e-mail.

JR advised that on November 4th there will be two firework displays in the park opposite the pool which may give traffic problems but it was felt that this should not create too big a problem.

As previously decided the spectator entry will be £2 per day or part thereof and programmes will be £5.

DN agreed to invite County Presidents to attend the Championships and the Essex President had already advised that he would attend on November 5th when invited earlier in the year. He will advise JR numbers for food.

06/42.2 BO advised that he had received four entries already but said that most would be received in the week before the closing date. The QT's and schedule have been published for some time, he has received a few queries but no complaints to date.

BO said that as decided the Junior Championships will be declared from the heats and suggested that the presentations be made during the 15 minute interval before the Distance Events.

06/43 BAGCAT Championships

The format of the Bagcat (Age Group) Championships was discussed and it was agreed that this years event had been successful and it was agreed to keep it the same. BO said that there would be QT's for the Boys 800m and Girls 1500m events which would avoid the problems experienced this year.

06/44 Youth Championships

06/44.1 The age groups were discussed and it was agreed to use two age groups for each gender. Girls 14/15 years and 16 years and over and Boys 15/16 years and 17 years and over. This should overcome the problem of short finals and BO said that the National event was going in this direction.

06.44.2 It was agreed to drop finals for the 400m events as we have done in the LC Championships but to add 50m events for all form strokes. The proposal of B Finals was discussed but it was felt that these were not meaningful as there cannot be awards as slower swimmers in the B Finals would get awards but not the faster swimmers in the A Final.

It was agreed not to add a skins event as although it creates a good atmosphere it is not meaningful at this level of competition.

06/45 Regional Inter Counties

The 2007 event will be held on July 11th and will be hosted by Essex as it is their Centenary Year. The 2008 event will be hosted by Hertfordshire.

06/45.1 The conditions were discussed and points raised by Roger Howkins were discussed. And the following amendments made:

Add – ATTENDANCE: Counties who have accepted to attend the event by the closing date set by the organiser will be fined £100 for non attendance. There will be a second date set by the organiser for the provision of Team Lists which must include the swimmers date of birth.

Include the relays in the list of events and make the I/M event Open 200M and drop the I/M for the lower age groups.

Under eligibility make the limitation “not more than two individual events” giving Counties more flexibility for the relays.

The meeting did not agree with RH's proposed change to make the top age group Open and also felt that the wording of 5. Eligibility was sufficient as it stood.

06/46 Championship Budgets

These will be dealt with at the next meeting when the new Finance Manager has had time to review DN's input.

06/47 Trophies

DN circulated a list of LC Trophies which included those that needed to be purchased by the Region and these and their engraving were discussed. It was agreed that one of the trophies purchased by the Region should be called "The Ron Berryman Trophy"

It was agreed that the engraving should include the Regional Logo and the name of the event and that the shape of the trophy should be different for male and female trophies. BO has agreed to purchase the trophies on behalf of the Region and will put this in hand shortly.

06/48 Licensing

No update had been received from RH

06/49 Officials Working Group

MR reported that the next meeting of the ASA SOG would be held early in 2007.

MR has sent an invitation to the candidates for the Race Results and Referees exams to attend the training course on September 24th and it is also on the website. Also on the website are the workbooks for the course which can be downloaded. MR will also bring spare copies to the course.

DR is organizing the Officials for the LC Championships and has sent the invitations and received some replies.

The Region has already exceeded the target for new Officials qualifications and there will be an additional 177 taking exams in November.

06/49.1 We have been asked to provide the main Officials for the Regional Inter County Masters on November 19th at Peterborough. MR said he will ask the Cambridgeshire Officials Organiser to provide 3 Referees, 3 Chief Timekeepers and the starter and the rest of the Officials will be provided by the competing Counties. MR will also approach City of Peterborough SC to check if they can provide people for handling the entries and AOE operation.

06/50 Records Update

DR said that there had been 29 Individual and 8 Relay claims from the recent Nationals and there were a few during August including one from Johnathon Quinn for a record set while he was swimming for GB in Rio.

06/50.1 DR queried if he should accept record claims for swimmers competing in BUSA events in the same way as for ESSA events. This was discussed and it was agreed that BUSA events should not be included as Regional Records.

06/51 Any Other Business

MR requested that JR ask Steve Edwards of Kings Lynn SC to run the warm-ups at the LC Championships and he agreed to do this. DN said that should Steve Edwards not be available Keith Brown of Hatfield would be a good alternative.

JR asked about the Photograph and Accidents Books and DN said these were held by the Regional Office and he would ensure that they got to Norwich. BO agreed to provide stickers for people who had signed the photography book and also Entry Stickers for Spectators. MR said that the Chairman has offered to provide named badges for the Officials.

06/52 Future Meetings: These will be arranged as required.