

ASA East Region

Technical Swimming Committee

**Minutes of a Meeting held at Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, on
Saturday 25th March 2006 starting at 10 a.m.**

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

06/08 **APOLOGIES:** Mr. R. Howkins, Mrs. S. Spibey, Mrs. T. Lander, Ms. Alex Morgan, Mr. P. Hayes, Mr. P. Summers

06/09 MINUTES OF MEETING 29.01.06

It was pointed out that in 06/04.2 £2 should read £20 and in 06/05.2 the word Bagcat should be inserted after ASA East Region. With these amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

06/10 MATTERS ARISING

MR said that he had discussed the problems experienced with Cambridgeshire licensed meets highlighted by the Licensing Officer and had received an answer from the County Secretary and this was passed to Don for filing. As no unregistered swimmers from Cambridgeshire had swum it was assumed that they must be from visiting Counties and the responsibility must lie with that County. The late application for a License was due to the original application having got lost in the post. Cambridgeshire were responsible for the other problems, which were due to lack of experience of some of their newer members.

It was pointed out that previously people applying for a license had been informed of the number by the Licensing Officer but this now does not happen. It was felt by the meeting that either this practice be resumed or that the application form should say that License numbers will be available on the Regions web site.

The need for Club Questionnaires was questioned and it was agreed to ask the Licensing Officer if these were still considered necessary by the ASA.

06/11 COMPETITION

Bob said that entries for the Youth Competition were slow but hoped that there would be a spurt towards the closing date.

06/11.1 Catering: JR has made a deal with the UEA Catering who will be providing a meal at £7 plus VAT against £8 last year and the UEA will rent us the John Jarrold Suite for 2 hours instead of the entire day making a considerable saving for the catering over last year. A new deal will need to be agreed for the Age Groups.

JR will organise water for Officials and Helpers on the same basis as the LC and will approach Waitrose or Morrisons for sponsorship.

06/11.2 Pool set up: It was agreed that we will again ask Norwich Swan for the loan of their start system so that we have a back up and hopefully will be able to start 50M events at the boom end of the pool which will making running the event much easier. DN agreed to contact Norwich Swan.

It was agreed to contact Chris Galer to see if he could provide protection for the cables at the boom end as he had suggested. Also if we need the pads on the boom where there are no 50M events

NOTE: Since the meeting I have been to the pool and spoken with Chris and UEA have constructed a cover for the cables which should overcome the problems experienced previously. Chris also said that the pads were permanently fitted to the boom. - DN

06/11.3 Hospitality: DN agreed to write to the Counties inviting their Presidents to attend one or more blocks of all three of the Championships.

06/11.4 Management: It was agreed that DN would again produce meal tickets and BO would produce 100 Officials passes to allow for losses.

06/11.5 Programmes: for the Youths print 400 covering complete weekend and charge £6 with free entry. For Bagcats print 500 per weekend (2 different programmes) and charge £5 for each plus £1 entry with children and concessions free.

It was agreed that the programme should include National Qualifying Times and also a list of Regional Records to be advised by DR.

BO will provide artwork for the covers and include Cheestrings logos etc for the Bagcats programmes.

MR agreed to ask Andy Morton for a forward for the programme.

06/11.6 Officials: MR said that the numbers volunteering were low and for the Youths he had 40 for day one 39 for day 2 and 32 for day 3. The ideal team is 44 to allow correct comfort breaks etc. DN and DR we endeavor to get more volunteers from Suffolk and Norfolk.

MR will advise the UEA Conference Centre of the numbers of rooms required and would enquire how we should make firm bookings at next weeks Board meeting.

06/11.7 Medals and Awards: BO said that he had sufficient of the generic medals for the Youths but would need more for Diving Championships and would ask for approval at the Board meeting to order a further supply. Medals for the Bagcats were discussed and it was agreed that these should be less expensive and Bob tabled a sample of a cast and enameled medal which was considered suitable and BO agreed to order these at a price of approximately £2 each.

Perpetual awards are required for the Bagcat age group winners and it was agreed that these should be nickel plated cups from Swatkins with the words ASA East Region Bagcat X year winner. These are required for Girls 10/11/12 and 13 years and Boys 10/11/12/13 and 14 years making a total of 9 trophies at a maximum cost of £1,000. BO will arrange to purchase these trophies.

06/11.8 JR pointed out that he will be on holiday for the Age Groups and that he asked Howard Ingleson and / or Jane McCormack of UEA City of Norwich SC to deputise his role .

06/11.9 Agreed that JR arrange a pre gala meeting at UEA as for the LC at UEA on 19th April.

06/11.10 Shop: DN had been speaking to Swimrite about Officials and Swimmers shirts and they had proposed that the outer ring of the logo be dropped for use on the shirts and hats this was discussed and agreed. Shirts and hats for swimmers will be white with a blue logo.

NOTE: Since the meeting it has been agreed with Swimrite that the main logo only will be used on shirts and hats and the shirts for Officials will be on sale by Swimrite at £14.99 and the Region will take any Officials shirts remaining at the end of the contract at a price to be agreed. DN

06/12 BAGCAT CONDITIONS

BO had produced a draft set of Bagcat Competition Conditions, Entry Forms and a schedule which had been circulated to the Committee. This was checked thoroughly and it was agreed that this was acceptable and Bob agreed to have it on the website as soon as possible.

It was agreed that 10 year entries to 100M events would be seeded on their 200M times which would mean they would be in the lower heats but these times will be able to be verified.

06/13 COACHES TO ATTEND MULTI REGIONAL CAMP

DN had received five applications from Coaches wishing to attend the Multi Regional Camp in April and these were sorted by area and experience and three were selected to attend. These were Jill Walker of Lowestoft, Janet Warrington of Hoddesdon and John Digby of Norwich. DN will pass these names to the camp organisers and advise all who applied of the result.

06/14 OFFICIALS SUB COMMITTEE

06/14.1 MR said that there were plans for a Referees and Course Leaders conference similar to the one held last year which would be open to three delegates from each County. If anyone has subjects they would like covered they should advise Neal Booth.

06/14.2 MR said that it had been asked that Regional Officials Organisers be given access to the ASA Integra system but this had been denied and they must access through their Regional Office.

06/14.3 It had been questioned whether Timekeeper candidates should be a member of a club before taking their exams this is currently requested on the application form but may act as a deterrent to some people the ASA-SOC felt that this may need changing.

06/14.4 MR said that there were still problems in the ASA Registration Department with a high turnover of staff. A new Registration form for newly qualified Timekeepers will be issued shortly.

06/14.5 There had been a request for training courses for Officials Course Leaders but no action has been taken at present. With the high pass mark for Timekeepers exams it is felt important that further questions are asked of Timekeepers when they take their practical exam. In an effort to standardize these questions Mike asked County Organisers to send him a list of the question bank that they currently use.

06/14.6 The Regions have been asked to encourage Officials to volunteer to work at National Level but where their expenses are above the £60 per day allowance the Region will be asked to fund the extra cost.

06/14.7 BO said that the take up of on-line exams was looking good. MR said that the exams to be held on April 24th were well supported with 14 Race Results, 8 Starters, 27 Judges and 30 Timekeepers.

06/15 RECORDS

DR said that Jonathon Quinn of Hatfield had improved his recent British Record for the 200M I/M.

DR said that he was receiving a steady stream of Record applications coming from the County Championships.

06/15.1 DR said that the Masters Technical Committee had followed the National Masters practice of only accepting Masters Records where they are set in a recognised Masters event it was felt by the TSC that a record was acceptable wherever it is made as long as the Record conditions were met but accepted the MTC decision.

06/16 AOB

Those that had attended the ASA Council said that it had gone well and were looking forward to attending the next Council Meeting in 2007.

06/ DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will be held following the Management Board meeting on the following dates:

Sunday 21st May - Following the ASAER Board Meeting

Other meetings will be convened as necessary.

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