

# ASA East Region

## Technical Swimming Committee

**Minutes of a Meeting held at Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2006 starting at 1 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Bob Outtram, Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. J. Rushmer, Mr. D. Robinson, Mrs. T. Lander, Mr. P. Summers and Mr. D. Neate.

06/01 APOLOGIES Mr. R. Howkins, Mrs. L. Christian and Mrs. S. Spibey.

06/02 MINUTES OF MEETING 20.11.05

DR said that he was not listed as present but had been at the meeting. DR said that minutes 05/07.2 said that the 19-24 year age group would not be included in the Masters Records whereas it had been agreed this age group would be included. MR said that in minute 05/02 he was listed as asking about bags on poolside, this had in fact been Mr. Rushmer. With these corrections the minutes were agreed as a true record.

06/03 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

06/03.1 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

06/03.2 JR confirmed that he had booked the PA company for the year at the same price as last year. It was pointed out that the Youth Championships was a three day event and JR agreed to discuss this with them.

06/03.3 JR had received a reply from UEA about having starts at both ends of the pool so that the timing does not have to move and they are looking at a number of ways to achieve this and JR will keep in touch with them.

06/03.4 JR said he is working on the cost of catering and would report results when he had held a meeting with the catering manager.

06/03.5 DN asked which shop we use as we now have a quote from Swimrite and after some discussion it was agreed that for 2006 we use both Allens of Kingsbury and Swimrite. Allens for both blocks of the Agegroups and Swimrite for the Youth and Long Course events. JR will action this with both suppliers.

06/03.6 BO tabled the Conditions and Schedule for the Youth Championships and these were discussed and agreed with minor changes. In particular the withdrawal time should be decreased from 60 minutes to 45 minutes before the start of the event. i.e. 15 minutes after the start of the warm up.

06/03.7 It was agreed that in the Schedule the Team Events should be moved to the start of the Finals session as it was judged that this is an advantage for the swimmers. It was agreed that all events should start at 9.30 with a warm up at 8.30.

06/03.8 BO agreed to make the necessary changes and get the entry packs onto the website.

## 06/04 ALL EVENTS

06/04.1 It was agreed that for all events in 2006 the programme should include National Qualifying times and the relevant set of Conditions.

06/04.2 Coaches passes were discussed at length and it was agreed as follows:

Day Pass £8    Youth Pass (3 Days) £2    Bagcat Pass (4 Days) £28    Long Course Pass (2 Days) £14

It was also agreed that the offer of food with the Officials should not be included. The administration of Coaches Passes was discussed and TL agreed to take on this job and BO agreed to add her details to the pass request in the entry pack.

06/04.3 Officials shirts were discussed and it was agreed to go with the same supplier and to order the following quantities: S 10, M 20, L 30, XL 35 and XXL 5. these should then be sufficient for the year but should we run out we will have time to order more between the various competitions. The price should be sufficient to break even.

06/04.4 Swimmers shirts were discussed and it was agreed that these should be white with the Logo and the words "Championships 2006". Roger Howkin had advised that the sizes used by Essex were 11/12 Years, 13 Years, Small and Medium but it will be necessary to ask how many to order and further advice will be sought from RH. The Essex price for the smaller sizes was £13.50 and £16.50 for the larger sizes all including VAT. A decision is required from the next meeting as to the correct price for the Region to charge.

## 06/05 AWARDS

06/05.1 It was agreed to award the generic Regional Medal for the Youth Championships, BO has sufficient in stock and will order the necessary ribbons.

06.05.2 Bagcats awards were discussed and it was agreed that we order nine perpetual trophies of the Swatkins nickel plated version engraved "ASA East Region Champion - Boys X Years" for the Boys 10, 11, 12,13 and 14 years and Girls 10,11,12 and 13 years. These will be ordered by the Trophy Organiser.

Bagcat medals were discussed and it was agreed that Bob should source cheaper medals for the individual winners in the events, probably with only the main Regional Logo with an enameled version for the Age Group winners. BO will report back on these awards to the next meeting.

## 06/06 BAGCATS

06/06.1 The Conditions were discussed and it was agreed that these should be essentially the same as the Youth with the necessary changes made to age groups etc. and BO agreed to make these changes.

06/06.2 The Schedule was discussed and the inclusion of relays in four of the sessions was agreed with Heats and Finals in each session. BO agreed to draft these and circulate them for approval before adding them to the website.

06/06.3TL asked if "Mr. Cheestring" will be attending as this will affect how and when the promotional awards are made to swimmers.

## 06/07 LICENSING

The Licensing Officer had asked the TSC a number of questions as follows

06/07.1 Is it relevant for Inter County Meets to be licensed? This was discussed and it was agreed that it was useful for swimmers to gain Regional and National times and should be continued.

06/07.2 Should Inter County Meets pay a licensing levy? This was discussed and it was agreed that these meets were not about making money and often lost money so past practice should be followed and no levy charged.

06/07.3 Should multiple meets be held on the same day within the Region? This was discussed in the light of the last weekend when Ipswich, Cambridge and Biggleswade all held meets. All three clubs had been oversubscribed so the need for these meets are there and they should be allowed.

06/07.4 Problems have been experienced with Cambridgeshire meets, what can we do about it? It was agreed that the Committee should make an unofficial approach the Cambridgeshire but the final sanction remains with the Licensing Officer who can refuse to grant a license.

06/07.5 Are the provision of Licensed Meets too heavy with too many Level 2 meets? It was the opinion of the TSC that this was not the case as Level 2 meets are what are required for swimmers to achieve Regional and National Qualifying Times.

06/07.6 Can the TSC call a Calendar Conference so that a calendar of meets available can be published? This was discussed and it was agreed that the best way to approach this was to ask clubs holding meets to advertise them on the website and in this way a meaningful calendar can be produced.

#### 06/07 OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP

MR said that the inaugural meeting of the group had been held and Counties will be approached to provide information so that a data base can be set up and details of Course leaders, Examiners etc. will be included in this mailing.

#### 06/07 RECORDS

DR said that Jonathon Quinn of Hatfield had recently broken a British Record when competing in Berlin and the Regional President has agreed to write and congratulate him.

06/07.1 DR asked if Masters Records could be achieved at any event or must they be made only at Masters events. It was the opinion of the meeting that a Record can be made anywhere providing the Record Requirements are met and DR agreed to check this further and report back to the next meeting.

06/07.2 DR asked if a Masters Record could be achieved at a meet where Semi AOE was being used and it was considered that providing two timekeepers are being used as required the time decided by the Referee was a valid time.

#### 05/ DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April            )  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May            ) Following the ASAER Board Meeting

Other meetings will be convened as necessary.

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