

ASA East Region

Technical Swimming Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, on Sunday 20th November 2005 starting at 10 a.m.

Present: Mr. I MacKenzie (Chair), Mr. Bob Outtram, Mr. M. Rayner, Mr. J. Rushmer, Mr. R. Emmerson and Mr. D. Neate.

Apologies: Mr. P. Hayes, Mrs. T. Lander and Mr. P. Summers.

The meeting agreed that Mr. Mackenzie would Chair the meeting.

05/01 MINUTES

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MR said that the Seminar for Referee and Race Results candidates had been held at Norwich the weekend before the meeting.

05/02 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The organisation of the forthcoming Championships were discussed and JR said that coffee and tea will be available in the officials room all day. Water for Officials had been obtained and meal tickets and passes are available.

JR confirmed that the special cable for connexion between the Omega system and the results PC is available from UEA City of Norwich.

JR asked that a list of VIP's be made available to the guest marshal and DN agreed to do this, VIP's are Mr. & Mrs. Andy Morton, Mr. P. Eddy and Janice King of Essex who will be present on Saturday's finals and Mr. G. Garner of Norfolk, who will be present for Sundays finals. The remaining four County Presidents will all be present and working.

MR asked about bags on poolside and it was agreed to play this by ear and if necessary allocate a group changing room in each changing room for bag storage.

05/02/1 BO said that he had received entries for 1200 swims giving an income of £6575 which includes Coaches Passes. He said that clubs that had sent in hard copy entries with separate cheques had caused a problem and one club had posted their entries by recorded delivery which the Post Office had returned as undeliverable which meant that they missed the closing date and the programme was finalised before this was discovered.

As the fault was not the clubs it had been agreed that the swimmers be allowed to swim in the first heat where there were spaces or in an added heat if no spaces were available. This action was confirmed by the Committee.

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05/02/2 BO said that the method of withdrawals appeared to have been taken on board by the swimmers and clubs. However the conditions said that the 30 minutes notice required was before the event which could be translated as before the actual swim and not before the gala started.

05/02/3 The sale of Officials shirts was discussed and it was agreed that DN, who is Chairman of the JOA, will handle this, probably with the help of other members of the JOA.

05/0/4 The provision of walky-talkies was discussed and it was agreed that these would be a great help and MR agreed to purchase a pack of four.

05/02/5 The lap tops asked for in the wish list were discussed and it was agreed that RE should discuss this with Kevin Wray. BO said that he would use his own lap top as that was set up and ready to go but the Regions lap tops would be a useful backup.

05/02/6 MR circulated a copy of the weekends programme and said that these were printed and would be sold at £5 each as previously agreed.

05/03 DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

DN read an e-mail giving details of the proposed Camps which are to be held at UEA Norwich on 18th to 20th April 2005 and will be open to selected swimmers from West Midlands, East Midlands and East. It was felt that while it is correct for experienced staff to be used the East should have more input and DN agreed to take this up with the organisers.

05/04 EDUCATION

05/04/1 RE said that Running Sport workshops had been organised as follows:

Cambridgeshire	28 th November *
Norfolk	29 th November *
Suffolk	7 th December
Hertfordshire	12 th December

- There is some doubt if these two workshops will take place.

05/042 RE said that an LTAD Seminar had been arranged in Cambridge for November 23rd at the City of Cambridge FA, Ground.

05/05 SWIM 21

The revised Swim 21 format is due to be launched sometime in January and RE said he is being trained in the changes on 9/10th January.

05/06 OFFICIALS SUB-GROUP

MR said that the sub-group had not yet met and he envisaged that the first meeting would be held in January when the current round of exams were finished.

05/06/1 MR said that he would shortly be sending invitations to Officials to Officiate at the Regional Championships during 2006.

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05/06/2 The provision of exam statistics was discussed and it was agreed that these should be collated for each County and provided to the ASA SOC and John Russell of the ASAMD SOC.

05/07 RECORDS

DR explained the standard times he had produced based on ASAMD records, these will be used so that there is not a flood of swimmers claiming records for slow times.

05/07/1 BO said that the wording of the records conditions did not allow records for swims made at ESSA galas. This was discussed and agreed that the wording of the Records Conditions be changed to allow Regional Records to be set in Schools galas.

05/07/2 DR explained the principals he was proposing to use for Masters Records, setting standard times based on ASAMD and National times. This was agreed and it was also agreed that 19 – 24 year records would not be included.

05/08 DISABILITY

BO said that there were fifteen swimmers with a disability taking part in the Regional Championships next weekend. BO said that he had checked their classification but it was proposed by IM that they must show their certification to the Referee before the event in line with ASA Laws, this was agreed.

BO said that there were still problems Nationally with classification so the old style certificates will still be accepted.

05/09 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

IM said that there were no clear plans available yet to enable us to move forward as KPI's were still changing and proposed that no action could be taken at present, this was agreed. IM also said that Chris Galer of Norfolk had volunteered to become Manager of the Development Sub Group.

05/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

05/10/1 BO said that West Region have published their qualifying times for next years Youth and Bagcat events and proposed to publish ours based on 70% of the all time best and circulate to selected coaches at the Regional Championships next weekend for comments with a target date of December 3rd for final publication. This was agreed. It was proposed that the Youth QT's be in two year bands and that the fastest time from the two years be used. This was also agreed.

05/10/1 It was proposed that the trophies be presented at the end of the relevant finals session and this was agreed. DN agreed to ask Kevin Wray to bring the relevant trophies with him to the Championships.

05/11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that future meetings be held as follows:

29th January at 1 p.m. following the RBM

21st May at 1 p.m. following the RBM

10th September at 1 p.m. following the Annual Council meeting

It was also agreed that an Ad-hoc meeting of the TSC be convened after the Championships for feed back.

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