

ASA East Region



Technical Swimming Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at the Chippenham Village Hall on Sunday 15th February 2009 starting at 10.00 p.m.

Present: Mike Rayner, David Robinson, John Rushmer, Ian Mackenzie and Don Neate.

Apologies: Bob Outtram, Vix Metcalf, David Metcalf and Roger Howkins.

09/01 Minutes of the last meeting:

The meeting on July 12th 2008 and the meeting at UEA Sportspark on November 4th 2008 were considered. Both were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

09/02 Matters arising:

09/02/01 MR pointed out that there was an anomaly between the two sets of minutes as the cost per session in one was £2 per session and £3 in the other. It was agreed that this was covered in the agenda.

09/03 Correspondence

DN said that there was some correspondence but it was all covered later in the agenda.

09/04: Camps Update:

DN said that in answer to a request he had now had the list of selections for the camps put on the website. There had no billing from the National Team for the cost of camps to date but this team appears to be over worked and consequently not very good at communication with the Region. The final phase of the camps will be in April.

09/04/01 The new Talent Development Officer (TDO) for the Region has been named as Mike Parker who is a former coach from Leicester. The Region has had no communication with Mike although it is believed that he visited St. Felix.

09/05 Championships

09/05/1 Officials: David Metcalf had sent a report to DN saying that he had sent invitations to all Swimming Technical Officials (STO's) that had helped at the Regional Championships before and also the recently qualified Judge Level 1's and Referees. There is also a copy of the invitation on the website.

Bob Outtram has confirmed that he can cover entries, programme preparation and organization at all events.

Louise Mackey will announce at all events and Bernie Buck and Warwick Thompson can cover all the events as commentator between them.

DM has received 32 positive replies to the invitation to date.

Catering was discussed and it was agreed that David Metcalf be asked to provide a list of special dietary requirements to JR.

09/05/2 Helpers: JR reported that he will not be available for the Bagcats and hopes that this will push someone into taking responsibility for that event.

JR said he will advise Steve's PA of the dates and get an up to date quote.

NOTE: Steve has confirmed the dates with John and the price will be £10 per weekend more than last year, which is an acceptable increase.

JR offered to obtain the float for the door and DN agreed to get the cash boxes, medals, shirts and photography and accident books from the Regional Office.

JR said that he and Chris Galer had a stock of water from last year and he will order additional water for this year with more individual sports bottles and a few large bottles for STO's who bring their own water bottles.

JR said that he will organise the lap cards for the distance events.

DN will check with Bill Blackaby to check if he is prepared to organize medals and trophies again.

JR will check with Lynn Meale about the arrangements for parking on the Monday of the Youth Championships.

JR asked that Bob Outtram produce the stickers for entries and photography as usual.

JR agreed to approach Paul Mattin and Pat Stebbings to act as warm-up marshals, if they are not volunteers will be sought from the Coaches present.

09/05/3 Charges and Entries: These were discussed and the spectator entry price was agreed as follows:

Youths £4 per day or part thereof

Bagcats £3 per session

Programmes £5 – this price can be lowered for Monday for the Youths and Sundays for the Bagcats.

Swimmers entries were discussed and the following agreed:

Individual swims under 800m £7

Individual swims 800m and over £10

Teams £10 per team.

DN agreed that these prices would meet the budget for 2009/2010.

Coaches passes were discussed and it was agreed that annual passes would be offered for 2009 and these would cost £20 giving a saving of £4 over the year at £6 per weekend.

IM agreed to handle the Coaches passes and it was agreed that the annual passes would be individually produced and laminated and of a different colour from the weekend passes. The weekend passes would be a generic pass with the club name and date added by permanent marker as required.

It was agreed that the passes would include access to poolside plus free tea or coffee and biscuits in the Town Close room.

Food will again be offered to the Coaches at £8 and will have to be ordered in advance.

JR will obtain a list of suggested menus from the UEA and circulate these to the TSC to obtain a consensus on what is requested.

09/05/4 Trophies

DN had questioned if the trophies should be presented as some of the swimmers do not appreciate them. This was discussed and it was agreed that as we have the trophies they should still be presented.

09/05/5 Format of Winter Championships

This was discussed at length and it was agreed that for 2009 the Winter Championships should stay short course at Norwich. The reasons for this was that the ASA and swimming generally encourage a short course season from October to December and it is the intention of the Region that the Winter Championships should be a high quality event with a swim down facility.

Norwich is to be used as it provides the swimming requirements of the Championships and as a holiday area it provides plentiful accommodation for swimmers, their families and Officials. However DN undertook to look at other available eight lane pools with swim down facility in the Region and the associated accommodation facilities.

DN said that there had been a complaint from an Official that those working on the boom got excessively wet. This was discussed and while it was agreed that getting wet was one of the problems associated with the job we would look at having a canvas or plastic banner attached to the boom railings to cut out some of the splash from swimmers in the swim down pool.

09/06 Inter Counties:

These will take place on July 5th 2009 at Water World at Thetford and will be organized by Norfolk. DN agreed to liaise with Robin Barrett to ensure that he had the Conditions and was aware that the Region would pay for the venue and take the revenue from spectators entries. Also that Norfolk may organize a raffle and keep the proceeds. DN agreed that these details should also be sent to the Norfolk Secretary.

09/07 Licensing:

The January update had been provided by Roger Howkins and were distributed to the TSC for information. The licensing procedure was discussed and DN said that although Cambridgeshire had been late applying for the County Championships Roger had been able to get these added to the list and they had been advised by Roger of their license numbers.

It was agreed that licensing in the Region was working well and Roger Howkins was congratulated on his work ensuring that this was the case.

09/08 Officials Group:

09/08/1 Contemporary Issues CPD

David Metcalf had sent a report to DN saying that Bedfordshire had held a CPD at which 41 STO's had been present, Hertfordshire were holding the CPD in February and Suffolk were planning to hold one together with their County Training day. The other three Counties had not indicated when they were likely to present the CPD and it was agreed that they should be encouraged to do so as this is now a mandatory requirement for STO's to become licensed.

DR asked who could present these CPD's and DN said that he had been advised that any one could present them provided that they had the Power Point presentation. It was suggested that they should be presented by a Referee or Course Leader.

DM had also provided the numbers of applications for officials training with 175 applications for Timekeeper, 249 for Judge Level 1 14 for Judge Level 2 and 26 for Judge Level 2S.

A meeting of the Swimming Officials Group had been held in December and the minutes had been circulated.

09/09 Records:

DR said that he was getting a steady stream of Records applications, although the bulk of the applications were coming from Masters and Disability swimmers. He said that the Winter Championships had produced 14 Female records and 3 Male records.

DR had received an e-mail from Nick Juba asking if swimmers could claim records when representing their University at the BUCS annual Championships as at present this is not allowed. This was discussed at length and it was pointed out that swimmers making a record at ESSA could claim the record. It was therefor agreed that DR should amend the Records Procedure to allow record claims from swimmers representing their University at National BUCS Championships.

It was agreed that this did not apply to swimmers representing their University at any other competition.

09/10 Any other business

09/07/1 Event Publicity

It was agreed that the dates of future championships should be advertised in the event programmes. DN agreed to ask the SRS shop and the photographers if they would like to put an advert in the programme.

09/10/2 Swim Shop: DN confirmed that SRS would be providing the swim shop for all events. Also that DE would be event photographers for all events.

09/10/3 Staff representation at TSC IM said that under the new asa organization there would no longer be a staff representative at the TSC as their new responsibilities would be on a County basis.

09/11 Date of Next Meeting

It was suggested that DN should set up the next meeting as a conference call between the Youth and Bagcat Championships.