

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

## **HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**

### **Club Development Group**

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Welwyn Civic Centre on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 8pm**

#### **Persons Present**

Karen Lawson	KL
Sheila Mackenzie	SM
Ian Mackenzie	IM
Helena Precious-White	HPW
Jonathon Pope	JP
Shirley Burns	SB
Marcello Tontodanati	MT

#### **CDG16/14 Welcome**

KL opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees

#### **CDG16/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Nicola Rix, Leanne Brace, Karen Huckle

#### **CDG16/16 Minutes**

The minutes were approved from the January meeting.

#### **CDG16/17 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **CDG16/18 Correspondence**

KL had received 2 enquiries in relation to Level 1 coaching courses. Details of those interested had been passed to Leanne Brace, East Region.

#### **CDG16/19 Funding for courses/CPDs**

KL confirmed that funding had been approved for the Harpenden L1 coaching course and Trings 3 Time to Listen course. Grant Chivers, Finance Officer had confirmed payment of those.

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CDG16/20

### **Development/Budget Plan**

IM stated that the committee had 14 days to sign off the 2016/16 Development Plan. The following target areas had been reached or exceeded TM Modules 1 and 2, Time To Listen CPD,TKs,J1, J2, J2s, Refereeing and Guide to Refereeing, Helpers Courses and Club Forums. The County Conference target audience of 80 had in fact attracted 267. There were 2 areas where we had been unable to obtain figures and they were the online Club Captains courses and the Club Committee roles. IM asked if Leanne Brace would be able to access the relevant information.

The proposed 2016/17 Development Plan which IM had created was discussed. JP asked if the TK course budget could be increased to cover 16 courses. It was agreed to increase the budget to £1200 for this.

IM stated that under the Teaching/Coaching section that the L1/2 Teaching Aquatics should be removed as this had been agreed at Management Board.

MT commented on the success of the Open Water open event which had recently been run. There had been a high number of rejections. MT asked if there could be an opportunity to hold such an event at County level, held locally. JP stated that due to a clash with the Herts Majors League a high number of Watford SC swimmers had not been able to enter. MT stated he would check who had taken part in the Regional competition and write to all clubs asking for expressions of interest in an open water development day, advertising that it would be help in real open water and not a 50m pool, such water could be available at Stanborough Lakes or Sawbridgeworth, MT was keen that such an event should be aimed at more general development and not regional talent. IM stated that team managers should be present and indicated that Lee Partingdale from Hitchin was a qualified coach. IM would add to Coaches forum. KL informed MT that Joel Knight from Hoddesdon Triathlon Club may be a useful link, a past Junior European 1500m swimmer now involved in open water.

IM would add Open Water to the development plan with a budget of £2000.

**ACTION** LB to enquire re numbers for Club Captains and Committee roles online. MT to email clubs (through the Swimming Committee) with a cut off date for expressions of interest in an Open Water Day and check water availability.

CDG16/21

### **Swim21**

Nothing to report on swim21. All still very positive and LB was working closely with clubs who were working towards the award.

CDG16/22

### **Future of Forums**

SB asked if there was any way to amalgamate any of the Forums as some appeared to have the same content. IM explained that there were 2 club forums plus an officials forum in September covering the Fina updates. The coaches forum was for coaches. IM felt that If all club secretaries came to the club forums it would be to the clubs advantage. SM thought that the club and coaches forums should run as separate entities but could we

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use the quartered county map as a tool to encourage and disseminate information.

**CDG16/23 County Conference 2016 debrief / 2017 forward**

IM informed the committee that last years attendance had been 120 and this years had Reached 267 which was really good. SM highlighted that these figures were not individual's attendees and some people had attended several workshops. Dates had been booked for next year. JP thought the officials workshops had been good and suggested the same format for next year. KL reported that the 100% ME had been excellent but not well attended. HWP felt that this was perhaps due to a lack of understanding of the content. The psychology/nutrition talk had been good. SM stated that disability swimming were keen to contribute again perhaps with Carl Coopers help some coaches development ideas. It was agreed 2016 had been a success and IM made special mention of the hard works and contribution of Leanne Brace and Kelly Stannard at East ASA. Next years conference would follow a similar plan.

**CDG16/24 AOE**

IM informed that the AOE kit had been purchased but the county were awaiting the fixings To allow a test session to go ahead. This trial had been booked to run at Haileybury on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and would work on 6 / 8 or 10 lanes. It was proposed to charge county clubs £50 for club champs hire and a fee for discussion for open meets. IM proposed to launch the information regarding the AOE at the coaches forum.

**CDG16/25 Any Other Business**

KL asked if future meetings could start at 7.30pm. SM agreed to amend any future room Bookings to the new timeof 7.30pm start.

**CDG16/26 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.