

Hertfordshire ASA

Minutes of Swimming Committee

Thursday 8th January 2015 – Welwyn Civic Centre

Present:	Mr Grant Chivers (GC) Mrs Karen Huckle (KH) Mrs Deborah Huggett (DH) Mr Graham Huggett (GH) Mr Ian Mackenzie (IM) Mrs Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Mr Bryan Thompson (BT) Mr Marcello Tontodonati (MT)	Finance Officer Secretary Swimming Manager
Apologies Received:	Mr Mark Horrod (MH) Mrs Vicki McQuaid (VM) Mrs Ann Quinn (AQ)	President
Absent:	Mrs Jean Cook (JC) Mrs Caroline Holt (CH) Mrs Barbara Scorer (BS)	Chairman

Swimming Manager welcomed Marcello Tontodonati as new member to the swimming committee

S15/01 Apologies

Apologies received as shown above

S15/02 Minutes of the Meeting on 11th November 2014

No minutes available

S15/03 Matters arising from the minutes

Not Applicable

S15/04 Competition Update

S15/04.1 Masters

Hertfordshire team came 4th at the East Region heat of the Inter-County team competition on 15Nov14 with overall national placing of 17th out of 29 counties.

Chris Dunn from Potters Bar SC has offered to create a masters database within Hy-Tek Meet Manager to maintain up to date county club masters contact details and county records.

Borehamwood pool has been booked for 20Jun15 for the HASA County Masters competition and Chris Hisgrove booked for running AOE at the event.

S15/04.2 Development Meet

2014 Competition – Overall event went well and young novice swimmers excited to receive their medals. Disappointed on number of entries, BT contacted clubs to try and establish why, as club coaches had requested for event to remain with same format. Larger clubs tended to be wrapped up in licensed meets and chasing swimmer county qualification times whereas the small clubs didn't respond.

On the suggestion received from IM the meet was used for the development of officials which worked really well.

Outstanding Actions from 2014 Competition:

- CG to refund 10% discount of the total swimmer entry fees for the participating swim 21 accredited clubs
- KH to document feedback and share with swimming committee
- KH Review/update conditions

2015 Competition – Discuss at forthcoming coach's forum 12Jan15 format and due to the national competition update possibility of moving from November to June.

S15/04.3 Daplyn

Daplyn 2014 - Definitely a spectacular finale to the county swimming event calendar with balloons, Brazilian carnival band, spot lights and disco glitter ball the atmosphere was good. It was great to see swimmers have an enjoyable party atmosphere alongside fierce competition. Introduction of bonus points based on swimmers executing good start and turns seemed to work well.

Post Gala Issue - Competing clubs notified organisers that bonus points had been assigned for disqualified swimmer in the boys competition therefore invalidating the winner results announced on the night. Results were corrected and the affected clubs organised for exchange of medals and trophy accordingly.

Daplyn Results:

Top 3 Girls Teams:	Top 3 Boys Teams:
1 st Harpenden	1 st Berkhamsted
2 nd Berkhamsted	2 nd Harpenden
3 rd Cheshunt	3 rd Watford

Daplyn 2015 – County championships will be moving to January the committee would like this final competition of the year to remain on the 1st Saturday in December (2015 would be 5th)

S15/04.4 Junior Inter County Competition (8Feb2015)

Swimming manager had received applications from 4 club coaches (2 Female and 2 Male) to take on the role as county coach for this event. Due to conflict of interest for the swimming manager he requested independent individual to draw names resulting in Kevin Pickard and Amy Thompson taking on these roles. They have picked the team and swimmer invites have been distributed with reserves in place with the proviso if no response by 14Jan that individual would be deselected. Team Manager Position to be assigned received interested from 2 individuals email request to go out for the required officials.

S15/04.5 County Championships, BAGCATS and Youth Competitions

2015 Competition - Delayed production of the club information pack endeavouring to be completed, distributed to clubs and posted to the website over the weekend of 10/11Jan and presented at coaches forum on Monday 12Jan

Need to add clarification to information pack regarding acceptance and imposed fine of returned trophies if not in condition that they could be re-presented, no changing on poolside and no massage equipment allowed on poolside or any other area hired by the promoters.

KH to organise events management meeting prior to closing date on 6Feb BT agreed core team should consist of; Swimming Manager, Event Promoter, Entries Officer, Events Support Staff Co-ordinator, Event Director, Principal Referee, Officials Co-ordinator, Awards Co-ordinator and MT volunteered to join.

SM - Questioned whether the free doddle scheduling internet tool could be used to oversee event support staff volunteers.

GC/BT – Organise appropriate event licenses.

Possibility will change from long course to short course pool, BT to review and confirm.

It was decided to swim the long distance events as short course.

2016 Competition – Qualifying period to be confirmed. Suggested competition dates 23/24, 30/31 January and 6/7 February with a closing date 18Dec15 which will be shared at coach's forum on Monday 12Jan15, distributed to clubs and posted to the website.

Majority organisational tasks will be over the Christmas period and need a project plan with dates for actions to ensure on target with our organisation.

S15/04.6 Regional Inter Counties (5Jul2015)

HASA are hosting this completion at Borehamwood Pool

S15/05

BAGCAT Development Day

BT to organise a session at the London Aquatics Centre during June with coach transport.

S15/06

Open Water Update

No update

S15/07

AOB

IM – Changes to FINA rules effective from 01Jan15 agreed at FINA Extraordinary Congress December 2014 to be shared at the coaches forum 12Jan15 and Officials forum 11Feb15

IM - Changes to the ASA Open Meet Licensing criteria will become effective from 1Mar15 IM will share link with swimming committee

IM – Received a request for loan of county lap cards for a club long distance champs was not aware that the county were loaning out this equipment. The committee agreed that loaning of this equipment is acceptable with the provision that they are returned dry and in condition they were received.

SM – Seeking clarification on medal requirements whether same as last year for BAGCAT, Youth and County Championships this was confirmed by BT

BT – Apologised to committee for overlooking circulation of the records to be presented for ratification by the committee. Proposed to circulate post meeting. BT also notified he had

received a query for missing county record certificates this will need to be addressed and ensured certificates signed and distributed accordingly.