

HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

(County Association of the ASA East Region)

President: Murray Devine



Swimming Committee Minutes

Thursday 10th November 2016

Parish Centre, Welwyn

Present: Mr Murray Devine (MD) Herts ASA President
Mrs Sheila Mackenzie (SM) Herts ASA Association Secretary
Mr Bryan Thompson (BT) Herts ASA Swimming Manager
Mrs Anna Baker (AB)
Mr Graham Huggett (GH)
Mr Ian Mackenzie (IM)
Mr Marcello Tontodonati (MT)
Mrs Dee Ward (DW)

- S16/35 Apologies**
Mrs Jean Cook(JC)(Herts ASA Chairman), Mrs Karen Huckle(KH), Mrs Deborah Huggett(DH) and Mr Simon Lever(SL) (Herts ASA Finance Officer)
- S16/36 Minutes of previous meeting (8th September 2016)**
Minutes were agreed, subject to the date changes in S16/31:-
County Championships 2017 should be 21/22, 28/29 January and 4/5 February
Golf Tournament – 2nd July
County Championships 2018 should be 20/21, 27/28 January and 3/4 February
- S16/37 Matters arising**
No matters arising
- S16/38 National County Team Championships 2016**
BT reported
Unfortunately we were relegated from Division 1, however this was anticipated given the clash with half term and the number of clubs away on camps. All the swimmers swam their best, the feedback from the coaches and the President was that the weekend was a success. BT provided some background for the new committee members into Coach Selection & Team Manager Selection. MT asked if we would be using the same Coaching Team for 2017 and beyond or if we were going to change. BT stated that a debrief meeting was needed with all involved this year and then decisions could be made.
All in all it was a disappointing Inter County season with Hertfordshire not winning anything. On the up side we had some great swims and team spirit from our swimmers.
There was discussion as to how to get more buy-in from Team Managers.
- S16/39 Daplyn 2016- update**
BT reported

Entries are low this year and the event is potentially unviable. Currently we have 8 boys teams and 8 girls teams. We need at least 12 to allow 2 heats of each. The event will be reviewed post the closing date (midnight Friday 11th). BT provided background on the event for the new members of the committee including the 10m rule and its support by England Talent & Jon Rudd.

S16/40

County Championships 2017

The event is at present unlicensed – we are encountering issues getting our conditions past the Regional Licensing Officer. ** UPDATE – Conditions have been approved and licence applied for.

BT reported that everything is progressing as expected, there is a need for an Event Management Team meeting prior to Christmas.

It was pointed out that there will be NO programmes for next years event.

S16/41

County Championships 2017 – trophies

The Trophy Officer had sent a proposal to the Management Board for discussion which the Management Board passed over to the Swimming Committee. Bottom line is dealing with over 80 trophies every year is a time consuming and thankless task. People do not return trophies when they are due and they are often returned in an unacceptable condition. BT reported that the coaches forum had been asked what they thought and the majority thought we should still hand out trophies. It was pointed out that nationally the ASA now have photographs of each trophy and post a photo of the winner along with relevant details and then have a list of previous winners. Following a protracted discussion it was agreed that for 2017 we would follow suit. BT to draft a statement for the website explaining the decision and the rationale behind it.

S16/42

Masters 2017

June 17th – pool is not yet booked.

GH reported that he had withdrawn the county team from the Regional Championship due to a lack of numbers. This was a sad decision following on from a very good County Championships but there were simply not enough swimmers to be able to field a team. A note has been posted on the website to this effect.

S16/43

Stroke Efficiency (Golf) Day 2017

July 2nd – pool is not yet booked

BT explained roughly what the event is about and the format. Conditions need drawing up. IM pointed out that the Regional Inter County event is now scheduled for that weekend. We will need to look at age groups and make a call on the date. At present we should stick with 2nd July.

S16/44

Daplyn 2017

December 2nd – pool is not yet booked

This is to be reviewed following decisions about this years event. Given that this event now works on skills as well as speed and is approved by the England Programme Team we will not be looking to drop it from the calendar but may need to relocate it.

S16/45

Team Championships 2017

National Inter County 8th October

Regional Inter County 2nd July

Junior Inter County tbc

AB suggested publishing a date by which the team selection will be made for each event.

S16/46 Development Camps 2017

BT & IM reported that we are buying into the England Talent team request to run a series of 3 one day Development Camps for swimmers aged 11 @ 31/12/2017. Swimmers to be identified by a combination of times (post County Champs) and talent spotting. Camps to be funded by a combination of the County and the swimmers.
Coaching staff and support staff to be identified.

S16/47 Allocation of jobs

Pool bookings - GH to be responsible
Licensing applications - KH to be responsible
Records - discussion on the maintenance of county records, both during the year, and following county championships. A new SportSys package identifies records for the county. Enquiries to be made at clubs to identify a person who would be interested in fulfilling this role.

S16/48 Equipment hire

IM circulated a suggested pricing policy for the equipment the County owns – mainly the Timing System and printers. All agreed the pricing for the Timing System, the printers were more difficult, IM to investigate and make suggestion.

S16/49 County Development Weekend (County Conference)

IM reported on the 2017 conference and highlighted the range of courses and topics that will be covered.

S16/50 AOB

Future agenda to include reports on Open Water and reports from the county's representative to the ASA East Region Swimming and Open Water Committees.

MT raised Open Water Coaching courses and asked if these could be advertised on the website – agreed they can be.

Next meeting – January 2017 – day to be confirmed by Welwyn Parish Council