

Hertfordshire ASA

Minutes of the Disability Committee meeting

13th October 2016 – Civic Centre, Welwyn

Present:

Jackie Harvey	Disability Manager
Committee Members	
Ian Mackenzie	Minute Secretary
Sheila Mackenzie	Association Secretary
Murray Devine	
Janet Warrington	SO
Carl Cooper	ASA Para Talent Pathway officer

Item		Action
16/25	Apologies	
16/25.1	Leanne Brace and Ros Cramp	
16/26	There were no 'Conflicts of Interest' identified	
16/27	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as true and correct.	
16/28	Matters Arising - There were no items raised	
16/29	ASAER committee report	
16/29.1	The main topic was the Regional competition that was to be on 9 th October. Everything was in place with most individuals carrying out their allocated duties	
16/29.2	One member complained about the lack of support for deaf athletes, but all events were open to athletes with a hearing impediment. It was also pointed out that all AB meets were open to S15, but the complaint then was that there was no time concession for S15	
16/29.3	There was a round-up of what the counties had done since the last meeting but because of summer holidays there was little to report	
16/30	Herts ASA Conference 2017	
16/30.1	Regional Training – will take place as in the past. HSP have given us free water time and free rooms.	
16/30.2	There will be no charge to the athletes from the region	
16/30.3	Carl will lead a coaches skill development session, prior to the water session, for coaches from the region.	
16/30.4	Support will be required from committee members on the Saturday	ALL
16/31	Regional Talent	

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16/31.1	There is a long course training session at Basildon on Saturday 5 th November. Land training will take place between 16.30 to 17.30 theory and then 18.00 to 20.00 in the water. There is a £10 charge for this session	
16/31.2	The Short Course session will be at HSV on 18 th February with Hertfordshire Conference, as above.	
16/32	Special Olympics 26th November 2016	
16/32.1	JW reported that the pool at HSV was booked and there are a large number of athletes taking part	
16/32.2	Suzy has organised all of the volunteer helpers and she has a good number	
16/32.3	IM reported that there are several AB meets that weekend and it will be a challenge to get officials.	
16/32.4	JW had organised ribbons this year to award the athletes.	
16/33	Reports/Events	
16/33.1	ASAER event on 9 th October was very successful. JH had ensured the organisation happened. JH was only let down by one person and she filled the gap.	
16/33.2	All but one athlete showed up and everyone enjoyed the event	
16/33.3	IM expressed his concern that many athletes did not have coaches with them. All coaches should support their athletes at a regional event.	
16/33.4	ASAER will be running another competition in March 2017, the venue is expected to be in Bedfordshire and CC is meeting with the Bedfordshire rep on the Regional Disability committee to view a couple of venues.	
16/33.5	The intension is to have Classifications prior to the event.	
16/33.6	CC has already identified 17 athletes that he has put forward for classification.	
16/33.7	At the Nationals during the summer, both Louise Fiddes and Grace Harvey did extremely well, both medalling.	
16/33.8	Nationals will take place as usual in Manchester in November, hence the long course training at Basildon.	
16/34	Meeting dates for 2017	
16/34.1	It was decided that Thursday was the best day of the week, IM will endeavour to get dates for Thursdays, in January/May/October	
16/35	AOB	
16/35.1	Level Water – JW reported that it was still going well and the funding was still being received.	
16/35.2	Para – CC reported changes in the structure of the athlete levels. Consequentially there will be funding challenges for some. Para-Academy (Home Country), is a new non funded tier; Podium potential and Podium (British Swimming) athletes will all go through an online interview.	
16/35.3	JH to write to all clubs to establish what disability athletes they have so they are not lost to the system.	
16/36	JH thanked everyone for attending and that IM would advise everyone of the next meeting when the calendar has been secured from Welwyn Parish Council.	

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