

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

(Founded 1895)

Minutes of the Emergency Committee meeting (Rule 15)

Meeting held by phone – 21 April 2016
 Brian DeVal – Chairman, Sussex County ASA
 Margaret Tuppen – Honorary Secretary

1.	Winter competition 2016
1.1	In December 2015 the Swimming Committee agreed and published date for the Level 2 meet Winter competition as 22 & 23 October 2016. The preferred pool (Horsham) was also booked.
1.2	The ASA subsequently published the date for the National Counties Team competition to 22 & 23 October.
1.3	SER also indicated that the closing date for their Winter Championships would be moved forward to 17 October.
1.4	Indications from coach's was that they would be reluctant to encourage their swimmers to join the county team at the National Team competition because they would prefer them to try to gain a range of regional times at the Sussex Winter competition. Senior coach's indicated that they would be reluctant to join the team if they were faced with a clash of events. Senior volunteers also suggested the clash difficult to manage.
2.	Influencing factors
2.1	Enquiries with Horsham pool originally suggested that the preceding weekend (15 & 16 October) was not available, this was subsequently changed. K2 was available.
2.2.	Eastbourne SC had provisionally booked a home gala for that weekend. (ESC committee meeting on 20 April did not come to a conclusion regarding moving their competition).
3.	Resolution
3.1	The Emergency Committee agreed to move the Winter competition to K2 over the weekend of 15 & 16 October. In doing so the meeting considered: • The impact on budgets because of the difference in pool hire costs resulting in an estimated £600 overspend – (Horsham £125ph, K2 £150ph). • The impact on swimmers in the available space at Horsham caused by the requirement of officials to clear one side of the pool resulting in approx 30% less space for swimmers. (attendances in 2015 averaged 300 swimmers per session). • The need to provide the best possible environment for swimmers aiming to qualify for the regional competition. • The revised closing date for the SER Winter Championships (17 October 2016). • The need to select the best team for Sussex to compete in the National County Team competition without asking them to choose between club and county. • The availability of volunteers to travel with the Sussex team. • The possible clash with Eastbourne SC open meet.
4.	The Management Committee is asked to ratify this decision.

Brian DeVal
 Chairman, Sussex County ASA
 23 April 2016