

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 6.30pm at County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT: In the Chair Mr A Gimson (President), Mr P McCallum (Chairman), Mrs M Tuppen (Hon Secretary), Mrs D Pickering (Swimming Secretary), Mr B DeVal (Development Secretary), Mrs C Hobbs (Welfare Officer), and elected members Mr B Smith, Mrs K Woolliscroft, Ms Charlotte Hunter

APOLOGIES: Mr T Pearce (vice president), Mr M Savill (Treasurer), Mrs Pauline Draper (Disability), Mr P Blyth, Mr N Carrucan, Mr A Lobley,

Item No.		Action
53/2014	MINUTES OF MEETING held on 1 st October 2014 were signed as correct by the President.	
54/2014	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) Eastbourne pool relay gala 8th March – food to be served in the Dance Hall – catering cold buffet. Brighton ladies to be asked. Eastbourne pool 21st June & 5th July – food also in the Dance Hall. Deedee to ask the Brighton Ladies Sheffield – most swimmers had pb's. Nigel is confident we can do better next year. CPD day – it was suggested we offer a course to already qualified J1 & J2 officials going through all the rules – taken by Mark Savill. ASA dvd is available to view on ASA u-tube. Officials to be emailed with the link. Anthony Gimson was very impressed with the budget information supplied by Mark. Congratulations for what he has done thus far.	DP DP
55/2014	WINTER COMPETITION 2014 Went well. Done and dusted. 26 Regional QT 's had been achieved. BS had hoped for 150. 2015 dates to be agreed next meeting.	
56/2014	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS/AGE GROUPS 2015 Licenses have been applied for. Brian DeVal has spoken to sponsors who will be supplying small bags for essentials for swimmers to take on poolside, as large bags will be banned. Times have been relaxed as 14yr olds had to do 16yr old times. The swimmers need to work for their times, but the galas also need to financially viable. We need to work out how many qualifiers there are for each age group and event. Thriving to get 16 swimmers minimum per event, but will probably end up with 20 or so. We need to try and refine this for 2016. It was proposed that the overall age group awards (10-14yr) be limited to first place only. 1 salver for each age groups and to call them: Age Group Champion Wording on the salver i.e. 10yr old age group champion. Trophy presentation at ACM – it was agreed to look for a larger venue. Management committee to decide. It was suggested we try Patcham. AG would like to see County record breakers to be presented with their medals at the galas.	Man.Com

57/2014	RELAY GALA 2015 Pools booked Same medals as winter competition medals with championship ribbons	
58/2014	DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2015 Pool booked	
59/2014	COMPETITION CONDITIONS Minor changes have had to be made following license applications as the panel wanted alteration made to our age groups.	
60/2014	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING Dealt with earlier	
61/2014	VOLUNTEER CPD DAY 2015 Dealt with earlier	
61/2014	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15 It was proposed to have 2 Dev Squad sessions at Christ' Hospital and 1 Long Course training session. The question was asked whether we want to increase the Dev training session with one more – cost £200. The specialist dry land sessions are open to all disciplines. Can we afford the long course training session - £1400, which the county pays for. Most clubs now book their own sessions at K2. Pre inter county training (time trials) to be held again after the Masters gala. It needs to be advertised better as some swimmers missed out. Para swimming training retained at £1200 The specialist lecture will be £1500 The meeting was asked if we wanted graduated entry fees. This was rejected. Mark Savill asked if we wanted Development meets. It was agreed that if these were unsuccessful that they may be dropped for 2016. Anthony Gimson proposed that our entry fees are increased to £5 from 1 st April 2015 and relay teams to be increased to £10. Charge the public £2 entry + £1 programme per session. Coaches passes will be £20.	
62/2014	DISABILITY SWIMMING 10 swimmers are due to attend the St Bedes training on 7 th Dec. Sharon Wheeler has said she can coach the session and Mike Sambrook will be lifeguard. Our final date in the diary is at the end of January 2015 so I will need to set some more dates for after that – do I still go through Chris Hobbs for this? I know of 2 Sussex swimmers who attended the disability nationals in Manchester 2 weeks ago. Fabienne Andre from Mid Sussex Marlins won 4 gold medals in her age group and classification and gained brilliant PB's in all events! Georgie Howell from Littlehampton SC also swam brilliantly and won several gold medals but I don't have the detail. You have probably heard that Lyndsey Hollands is leaving her post on 11 th December and moving to work with British Blind Sport. There are no plans to replace her at the moment which is a huge blow to disability swimming in the south. Hopefully this will change soon and there will be someone else in post. The feedback from parents who attended the nationals is that disability swimming in the Midlands and north is much more organised and active than in the south. I'm not sure what we can do about this but it is a concern. Finally, the gala at MSM in October was very successful! Para swimming secretary to be told that we need to have a full Para swimming	

	multi-classification event included in the counties for 2016	
62/2014	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Re letter from Nick Alff: A short polite reply that Junior & Senior Squads are not supported by the swimmers. Also we are very short of people to run the things suggested in the letter. Proposal by Brian Smith re County records. It was agreed to drop the championships records and agree long & short course records as per his paper. CH: Ray and Chris went to K2 to run J1 & J2 courses on Friday 28 th November. No reply received from Marlins and nobody turned up either.	DP

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

1st Wednesday every other month from February 2015 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed dated