

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 6.30pm at County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT: In the Chair T Pearce (President), Mr B DeVal (Chairman & Development Secretary), Mrs M Tuppen (Hon Secretary), Mrs D Pickering (Swimming Secretary), Mrs C Hobbs (Welfare Officer), and elected members Mr B Smith, Mr P McCallum, Mr C Steenhoff

APOLOGIES: Mrs Pauline Draper (Para Swimming), Mr N Carrucan, Mr A Rigg & Mrs K Woolliscroft (by email and picked up after the meeting)

Item No.		Action
65/2016	MINUTES OF MEETING Minutes of the meeting held on 5 th October 2016 were signed as correct by the President.	
66/2016	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) None	
67/201	WINTER COMPETITION (INCORPORATING 100IM OPEN & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS) 2016 Moving the competition to K2 was a very good move. Andy Loble, Ron Philpot & Craig Steenhoff are getting together for a discussion. Perhaps get a forum together with other coaches. Provisional booking has been made for 21 & 22 October 2017 as the inter county in Sheffield is 8 th October and there is a Synchro competition on 14 th October. Deedee has been asked to make a provisional booking for 30/9 & 1/10 October at K2 as it was mentioned at the meeting that Crawley want to move to a different day. Deedee to contact Janice White re a possible swap of dates.	DP
68/2016	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS/AGE GROUPS 2017 Some 11 yr olds cannot get in to long distance competitions, but more clubs seem to have made arrangements. The Long distance championships need to be kept L1 for swimmers to qualify for British Championships. We could have a club run a L3 competition of 4 heats, for ages 11, 12, 13 & 14yr olds, with support from Sussex, with the club making the application and applying for a SER bursary. Swimmers could then qualify for counties and regionals. Sussex could run a county qualifier towards end of January 2018 and move the relays to in between the counties. Deedee to make a provisional booking at K2 on a Sunday (suggested 21 Jan 2018) from 3-7pm. The rest of the championships are all in hand and waiting for entries in January.	DP
69/2016	RELAY GALA 2017 We cannot get K2 for this gala, and as it was deemed not big enough for the number of swimmers, it will be limited to 2 teams per club per event. Pool to be booked from 8am – 5pm for a 9.35am start and lunch approx 12.30pm. finish should be at 4.45pm	
70/2016	DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2017 It was proposed by Brian DeVal and agreed that we would not be having the Development Galas in future as we are taking away business opportunities for clubs. The last one was poorly attended and didn't produce a significant amount	

	of revenue. There is the added stress of getting officials and coaches might over swim/train some of their swimmers. Brian DeVal will be writing to the clubs.	BdeV
71/2016	COMPETITION CONDITIONS Nothing to report	
72/2016	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING Sheffield inter county weekend will be 7/8 October 2017. It was a very good performance by the team and Sussex were promoted to Division 1. Brian DeVal will try not to charge any swimmer for training sessions. They will completely free. The aim is to stay up in Division 1. Regarding the England Programme correspondence, Brian DeVal said that in broad terms we run it according to the plan and a bit more. It was agreed for Brian to reply to ASA.	BdeV
73/2016	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN Brian DeVal told the meeting that the elite coach is Ian Armiger. He proposed to run 2 consecutive days (Wednesday and Thursday) – one in east and one in west of the county @ £300 per session. Ian Armiger's CV was passed around the committee. Initial thought from Ian will be a combination of gaining and understanding of the Performance Pathways for coaches & swimmers. Plus considerations applicable to the club environment (coaching the person, specificity of training/planning/preparation/implementation etc. Budget will need to be increased and it is hoped we might a grant from SER. Budget for pool hire in 2017 to be raised by 2.5 %. Draft budget will be agreed at the February meeting also entry fees.	BdeV
74/2016	PARA SWIMMING • The CP sport SplashStart session on Saturday 5th November was quite successful – five families attended and really enjoyed having an opportunity to get some tips on helping their young children in the basics of swimming. • The Mid Sussex Marlins disability gala held on 15th October was very successful with about 60 swimmers taking part. • There were only six swimmers again at the St Bedes training session last Sunday. This time it was coached by Andy Young from MSM as Sharon was unable to cover. All swimmers thoroughly enjoyed the session. We now have the bookings sorted for 2017 – please add to the budget when discussed, along with lifeguard costs. We are now using lifeguards from St Bedes to ensure cover and they are charging £9 per hour, therefore £18 for the session. The committee queried that with pool hire @ £10 per hour there are only 6 swimmers attending, yet 60 swimmers competed at the MSM gala. Chris Hobbs has booked the Bedes lifeguards for 2017.	
75/2016	AOB Brian DeVal – thanks to the team in Sheffield for getting us up to Division 1. Tim thanked Deedee for the mince pies. Craig asked when the changes from ASA were happening.	

	Chris told the meeting she had a call from Sussex Police re recent events that came to boiling point in football. She is waiting for an email from them for discussions in swimming. Tim asked for county dates in 2017. Deedee to send them to him Brian DeVal told the meeting there is an England talent programme 2 day training camp for appointed head coaches on 7/8 February 2017. Nigel thinks he might be OK. County will pay travel and ETP pay other expenses.	DP
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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

1st February 2017 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed dated