

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 3rd February 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 A Loble, Mr A Rigg, Mrs K Woolliscroft.

APOLOGIES: , Mr M Savill (Treasurer), Mrs Pauline Draper (Para Swimming), Mr N Carrucan, and co-opted members Mr D Pollard,.

Item No.		Action
01/2016	MINUTES OF MEETING Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2015 were signed as correct by the Chairman. 76/2015. Margaret Tuppen has been shortlisted for Sussex unsung hero. He and Margaret had been to the dinner on 29 th November and not 4 th December as stated.	
02/2016	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) None	
03/2016	COMPETITION DELIVERY GROUP Chris and Deedee have had discussions and have now been given more items to be discussed.	CH/DP
04/2016	WINTER COMPETITION (INCORPORATING 100IM OPEN & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS) 2016 Horsham pool has been booked for 22/23 October 2016.	
05/2016	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS/AGE GROUPS 2016 There are 113 less entries than in the previous year, but more swimmers have multiple entries. Income £15298 last year and £16000+ this year. The county are raising the bar and have improved the standard of swimming. It was agreed to not allow any clubs to sit to the left of entry to the pool. The medal tables will be situated. String bags will be given out again this year. Brighton and another large club are to use the lockers in the whipping area in order to keep lockers free for the public. The event manager on behalf of the Sussex County will be Deedee Pickering, as one of the referees has said that Chris couldn't be event manager and principal referee.	
06/2016	RELAY GALA 2016 Margaret Tuppen doesn't think that Horsham is big enough for all the swimmers and having no swimmers at the spectator side was fine for the officials but it made it uncomfortable for clubs around the two sides of the pool. Also some swimmers had large bags with them on poolside which didn't help the situation. It was agreed the meet went 99% well. Doors to spectator area should be locked until the start of the w/u and we possibly lost some spectator money as not everybody came back to pay. We should invest in wristbands for the spectators, so we know who has paid for 1 or 2 sessions.	

07/2016	DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2016 Horsham booked for 2 and 3 July.	
08/2016	COMPETITION CONDITIONS On going.	CH/DP
09/2016	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING Nothing happening at the moment. There had been a good session with 95 swimmers at K2 in January and clubs want to repeat this.	
10/2016	VOLUNTEER CPD DAY 2016 An extra tutor has been booked for the Safeguarding workshop as we have already over 30 applicants. The Young Volunteers' workshop is full as we can only have 16 youngsters.	
11/2016	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN Brian DeVal will be writing a draft budget for development plan. In addition to K2 training he would like to bring in specialists i.e. physios for parents, swimmers and coaches. Also specialists in nutrition, injury prevention and psychology. Have 2 sessions a night – 1 for the swimmers and the other for coaches, teachers and parents. We also need somebody to inspire the coaches, especially the newer ones – like Fred Furness. Rosa Gallop is working with clubs in the east of the county to form another network.	BdeV
12/2016	PARA SWIMMING Chris Hobbs reported that the training sessions for 2016 had been booked. This report was sent to the swimming secretary after the meeting: 'The latest St Bedes training took place on 24 th January and was coached by Sharon Wheeler. Seven swimmers took part and Mike Sambrook was the lifeguard. I am still awaiting confirmation from Chris for the 2016 / 17 dates. I know several Sussex swimmers took part in the para swimming nationals in Manchester in December and did very well. They will also be competing in the international para swimming competition in Glasgow in April. A few more swimmers will compete at the Counties this month, and then there is the South East Regional competition in Southampton in March which is an open competition so para swimmers without a classification will be able to take part. On another level, Sussex Squids are holding their annual disability gala in April when lots of Sussex swimmers will compete against each other for lots of medals! All in all – quite a busy time!'	
13/2016	AOB Andy Lobley made a complaint about an official, who raised his voice at him, at the Relays. Complaints have been made about a couple of officials previously. Officials need to be reminded that they are not in charge. We will have to find a way of managing the officials. One way of doing this could be at the briefing. With so many cameras watching all officials must be exemplary. We will now draw a line on the history of this. Brian Smith told the meeting that first splits in relays are no longer allowed for entries to galas. Brian DeVal asked whose decision it was to collect the relay moneys at the same time as the county championships fees. Brian Smith said it was easier to collect	

	everything in one go. As finances were run tightly, money to pay some of the bills was short as it was expected for the relay fees to come in first. It needs to be clarified in future that this is happening.	
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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:
1st Wednesday every other month, starting February 2016 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 8.19pm

Signed dated