

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1st June 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, Mrs K Woolliscroft

APOLOGIES: Mr M Savill (Treasurer), Mrs Pauline Draper (Para Swimming), Mr N Carrucan, Mr A Rigg

Item No.		Action
27/2016	MINUTES OF MEETING Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th April 2016 were signed as correct by the President.	
28/2016	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) None Standing Orders were suspended before the start of the meeting. Proposed Brian deVal seconded Tim Pearce. Carried.	
29/2016	COMPETITION DELIVERY GROUP Nothing to report	
30/2016	WINTER COMPETITION (INCORPORATING 100IM OPEN & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS) 2016 There had been discussions over the change of Inter County in Sheffield and it was agreed that the Winter Competition be moved to 15/16 October. K2 has been booked. B deVal was querying the qualifying times and produced a table he had done after last year's competition. Brian Smith assured the meeting that the times were correct and discussed with the sub group as confirmed in an email from Nigel Carrucan. He also emailed the following: 1. The short course winter QTs are generally faster than the long course champs purely because they are short. It seems strange as they are earlier in the season but it seems to work. 2. The 16 & over age group covers too broad a spectrum of swimmers and therefore may seem too difficult for the younger swimmers just moving into this age group & too easy for the over 20s etc. I have asked for a separate 16/17 QT & 18+ but am told nationally we are not allowed. We don't have to award these age groups just have QTs for them separately. As a county and nationally it seem we are losing over 70% of 15 & overs from the sport so any methods we can use to attract them back would seem the right thing to do locally. A similar thing happens when we join the 10 & 11 QTs at championship level. 3. The 200m fly is an anomaly in Sussex as not many swimmers do it or train for it so the QTs for it don't relate to other strokes or the next level of regionals. 4. By the time this event's closing date comes around, swimmers will have had on average another 3 to 4 months of competitions to gain qualifications. License to be applied for and catering to be booked.	DP

31/2016	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS/AGE GROUPS 2017 Suggested dates for 2017 are 5 th Feb LD, 11/12 & 25/26 February 2017. They have been provisionally booked with K2 but Crawley council doesn't confirm bookings until August/September.	
32/2016	RELAY GALA 2017 Booked at the Horsham pool for 29 th January	
33/2016	DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2016 All information has gone out. Closing date is 21 st June. Catering to be booked. It was suggested that referees must moderate the walking about as there are normally enough qualified officials who should be observing the strokes, turns etc. It was suggested that smaller clubs (with manageable numbers) can sit on the spectators' side. The onus will be on the team managers to manage the swimmers. As long as it is handled sensibly with the clubs. It was suggested to write to the clubs to explain. Also all fire exits need to be kept clear. Clubs should abide with the small bags policy which is on the conditions. Cheques will be accepted for this gala, but from the next County galas only BACS payments will be accepted by the county.	DP BdeV
34/2016	COMPETITION CONDITIONS Open water conditions need to be looked at, but as all the information for the sea swims are already on the website; this will be done for next year with Dave Pollard.	DP/CH
35/2016	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING Brian deVal is to write to Nigel re a date for a possible training session for the Sheffield Squad. Bede's pool was suggested for this. The coach and hotel have been booked for the new date 22/23 October 2017.	BdeV
36/2016	VOLUNTEER CPD DAY 2016 The date will be 19 th March 2017 from 9.30am – 5pm and Deedee Pickering will be contacting the various tutors and book Dorothy Stringer School.	DP
37/2016	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN There is no change in the budget. Brian DeVal has booked pool time at K2 for training. Brian asked if a training session for younger swimmers on 21 st January 2017 would work for the coaches. This would familiarize these younger swimmers with a LC pool. A Development squad of 56 swimmers attended Christ' Hospital. Nigel did a briefing on warm up.	

38/2016	PARA SWIMMING 'I note from the minutes of the last meeting that Brian DeVal was due to speak to Dave White about the low numbers of para swimmers taking part in the Sussex counties. I think one reason may be that we don't have that many swimmers with a classification, and that, I believe, is one of the criteria for competing. I am not sure if any Sussex Squids swimmers have a classification. I thought there were 5 Sussex swimmers who took part – Fabienne Andre, Georgie Howell, Christopher Lovejoy, Callum Pearson and Caleb Grace, but I could be wrong. The remaining Mid Sussex Marlins swimmer with a classification - Louis Moyes, was unavailable. Did Dave give any further reason for the low numbers to Brian? The St Bedes training on 8th May was coached by Sharon Wheeler, and the six swimmers who attended found it a very useful session. I know the numbers are low, but I extend the invitation to swimmers at Sussex Squids, Hastings, Lewes, Bexhill and Littlehampton but they rarely take up the opportunity. Georgia Howell finds it often clashes with other training sessions / competitions. Nic Cole did attend this time. Otherwise I don't often get much response so the swimmers who do attend are often from MSM. Fabienne Andre, Georgie Howell, Callum Pearson and Caleb Grace competed at the international para swimming competition in Glasgow on 23rd / 24th April. I believe Georgie and Callum were in a couple of finals, which was a great achievement. The Sussex Squids gala took place on 23rd April and was once again very successful with about 50 para swimmers taking part' Brian DeVal had spoken to Dave White and learnt that Sussex Squids are predominantly with Learning Disabilities and as such are not classified. David White feels that all swimmers able to enter our galas do so already. All our galas are advertised in the newsletter he produces.	BdeV
39/2016	AOB In view of the new license for 4 county galas being unavailable for a short while last year, Brian Smith will order a new set for 2017 to be delivered to him. Deedee had received 2 letters: Lilly Cherriman who would like to hold a cake sale at the Dev gala. She is going on a charitable expedition to Zambia next year where she will help to refurbish a school and teach the local children. The meeting agreed as long as it was cleared with catering at Horsham. Deedee to write to Angela. The 2nd letter was from Paul Parker who has new software for swimming clubs which is called Swim Manager. Brian Smith said that the county cannot use it and would be for club membership only. Chris Hobbs told the meeting that a couple of refs weren't happy about the officials in attendance report and said that the ASA license should be ASA membership. Brian DeVal had correspondence from Grant Robbins re a County conference in Derby on 19th October. This will be taken to the Management meeting to decide for 2 reps from the county to go. Brian Smith asked if we could use the sound system at Dorothy Stringer to save him bringing his. Deedee to enquire.	BS DP BdeV DP

	Horsham Council have now introduced all day parking @ £1.50 on Sundays at the Pavilions. Brian will negotiate car parking spaces for officials.	BdeV
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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:
27th July, 5th October & 7th December 2016 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed dated