

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1st October 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), Mr M Savill (Treasurer), Mrs D Pickering (Swimming Secretary), Mr B DeVal (Development Secretary), Mrs C Hobbs (Welfare Officer), and elected members Mr B Smith, , Mr A Loble,

APOLOGIES: Mr T Pearce (vice president), Mrs Pauline Draper (Disability), Mr P Blyth, Mr N Carrucan, Mrs K Woolliscroft, Ms Charlotte Hunter

Item No.		Action
41/2014	MINUTES OF MEETING held on 2 ^{0th} August 2014 were signed as correct by the President.	
42/2014	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) Anthony Gimson, on behalf of the Sussex Masters, thanked the county fr running the event. 31/2014: Brian Smith proposed we give top boy and girl in each age group an award, points collected are based on FINA points. Chris Hobbs proposed we go up to 14yr age groups (same as Bagcats). 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14yrs. Total of 12 awards. Value agreed for the 12 awards up to £150 incl. Engraving. MT to speak to the person who does the small salvers. Time Trials for the Sheffield team will be on 20th September after the Masters Gala. Anthony Gimson has not had many replies from clubs regarding the Charity Swim. MSM will do it. Hastings wrote that they are not able to do it. Brian DeVal disappointed at the lack of interest from the clubs.	MT
43/2014	WINTER COMPETITION 2014 The closing date will be 20th October. The cost of the catering at Horsham will be £16 a head, which seemed very expensive. Last year the cost was £330 for 30 people. Book for 30 persons for 1st weekend. Change the number for 2nd weekend if necessary.	DP
44/2014	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS/AGE GROUPS 2015 Brian Smith said we were still waiting for the ruling by the ASA. No qualification times are available from Region or Nationals. Brian DeVal has asked the ASA for clarification of their statement. County events can be outside the new window in 2015, but we will have to move to earlier in the year in 2016. SER are waiting on communication from the ASA meeting on Sunday 5th October. So no changes for Sussex in 2015, but changes for the swimmers will be age groups as at 31st December of the year of the championships. Final decisions to be made after the Winter competitions and we can publish as late as 29th December if necessary. Top swimmer awards for championships - to be deferred to next meeting.	
45/2014	RELAY GALA 2015 We can have the Eastbourne pool from 11.30am. If we want the pool earlier in the day, the pool will want an extra £500, as they need to cancel their lessons. Brian DeVal proposed we book the pool on 8th March 2015 from 9-5.30 @ £1300 and absorb the increased costs. Ask Brighton Ladies to do the catering.	CH DP

46/2014	DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2015 Chris Hobbs to book 21 & 28 th June 11.00-7.30 @ £850 per day. Brighton Ladies to be asked to do the catering. Andy Lobley to make enquiries if Horsham is available if we cannot get Eastbourne	CH DP
47/2014	COMPETITION CONDITIONS These have now been finished. Chris & Deedee were thanked by the committee for their work.	
48/2014	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING .Sheffield all booked and the team selected. Chris Hobbs asked the meeting if Tracy Horner could come as assistant team manager. This was agreed as it meant there was an adult on the coach from the start of the journey. Andy had spoken to Nigel and the selection process for the development squad was now on the website. There will be a training session on 29 th October at Christ Hospital. There will be no charge to the swimmers. There will be training on 22 nd November at K2. Brian DeVal said it was impossible to find a suitable date for training at QE park London. Elite Training Day: Andy Lobley to discuss with Nigel on the coach to Sheffield what the best way forward is. There is an offer from Roedean to pay for some of their swimmers to take part in whatever we will run in 2015. The format may have got tired, so we need to find an alternative. Brian DeVal wants more commitments from the clubs to send more swimmers to the dry land sessions.	AL
49/2014	VOLUNTEER CPD DAY 2015 Chris had booked a mentorship course for 8 th October, but only 3 people had booked on it. It was agreed to incorporate this in the CPD day on 20 th March 2015. If we want initial J1 & J2 training, Mark Savill has volunteered to take this. This could be incorporated in the CPD day.	MS
50/2014	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15 Anthony Gimson made a personal plea for more detailed figures so we can compare like for like. We need to know the costs of entries, door, pool hire, food & medals as these are the items in our control. Brian Smith said there were 3177 entries to the 2014 championships with an income of £16000. We need a set of figures to produce a net amount. Mark Savill is to set up a spreadsheet. Development plans are updated and on the website.	MS
51/2014	DISABILITY SWIMMING This is the disability report: 5 swimmers attended the St Bedes training - a few less than usual for various reasons. Andy Young very kindly stepped in to coach the session at the last minute as I finally heard back from Sharon, after lots of chasing, and she was unable to take it. Fortunately the brother of one of the swimmers was able to be the lifeguard. For the budget - We would like this session to continue next year as the swimmers do find it	

	beneficial to have time to practice certain techniques, as well as have a decent swim / coaching session. There will be a couple of Sussex swimmers attending the disability nationals in Manchester in November. I have asked that those who do not live locally to me report back to me as to how they get on. I saw Lyndsey Hollands at the S E Regional disability competition last Saturday in Southampton, where there were a few Sussex swimmers competing, and we are trying to think how we might move disability swimming in Sussex forwards in the future, and to try and find someone who might work along side me so that we think ' succession planning' over the next few years. (Retirement from work for me beckons in July 2016 and I am not sure exactly what I will be doing after that!!). Finally, Mid Sussex Marlins are holding their Annual Disability Gala on 11th October	
52/2014	ANY OTHER BUSINESS Andy Lobley told the meeting, that more people from his club would officiate, but don't like to wear whites. Dinner is booked and in Sheffield will look at the choices. There has been some confusion over disqualifications before the start of races, with one of the referees removing the swimmer from the race. We agreed that we should be lenient and fair and let the swimmer swim for a time only. Perhaps Chris can speak to the referees in Sussex.	

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

3rd Dec 2014 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed dated