

SUSSEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF SWIMMING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 6.30pm at County Hall, Lewes

PRESENT: Mr P McCallum (Chairman), Mr A Gimson (Vice President), 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 J White, Mr A Lobley, Mr P Blyth
APOLOGIES: Mrs C Barber (President), Mr M Elliott (Treasurer), Mrs Pauline Draper (Disability), Mr P Williams, Mrs K Woolliscroft

Item No.		Action
01/2014	MINUTES OF MEETING held on 4th December 2013 were signed as correct by the Vice President. After discussion by the meeting it was agreed that 39/2013 should stay as it had been discussed at the previous meeting, so it was right to have been minuted, so the minutes were left as they were. 47/2013 - Both Sussex referees were unsuccessful.	
02/2014	MATTERS ARISING (Not covered by the Agenda) None	
03/2014	RELAY & DEVELOPMENT GALAS 2014 Horsham is available for 7th September 2014 at £137.30 per hour. Plus 2 hrs rigging and set down. We are to expect a 3% increase from April. Development gala will no be held in 2014/15 if we are to have winter championships. The meeting was told some coaches in Sussex are now in doubt about having long course championships in 2015. If there are serious doubts we can revert back to short course and don't need winter championship. The Development galas don't need to be to qualify for counties any longer, as the clubs' championships should give the swimmers the licensed times needed. The "Development Gala" could be a gala for inexperienced swimmers and be later in the year. One suggestion was we try 2015 long course. Andy Lobley suggested and email was sent to all the clubs – secretaries and coaches – to ask YES or NO to long course championships. Brian DeVal to compose the note and Margaret Tuppen to send out and only one response to	BdeV/MT
	come back from each club. Replies to be in to Deedee by 23rd March so we can discuss at our next swimming meeting. Brian DeVal has written to all the pool operators to find out what availabilities they have for the weekends of 25/26 October and 1/2 November. The only pool operators who have replied are Horsham and Freedom. Freedom replied that they cannot offer K2 but Prince Regent is OK. We will have to give it some thought to what sort of gala we will hold.	

04/2014	CHAMPIONSHIPS & AGE GROUPS 2014 All in hand – now waiting for entries before closing date 18 th Feb 2014. Drinks bottles will be handed out to all the swimmers at sessions 2, 4, 6 & 8. Wendy Stanton has sent letters to several clubs asking for help with drinks. Management discussed the increase to £40 for coaches passes, and decided this was not going to work as the extra £15 would not be enough to cover all the sessions' food and drink. The treasurer suggested £80 to cover all the costs and after discussion it was decided to stay with £25. Brian DeVal said we have increased revenue and it was a poor decision by the Management Committee. The quote for the hire of K2 was incorrect. Brian DeVal & Deedee to sort out with K2.	BDV/DP
05/2014	SUSSEX SQUAD, INTER COUNTY AT SHEFFIELD & TRAINING Brian DeVal was asked whether he had a response from Nigel. County to hire K2 for a 2 hour training session and letting clubs have a lane with their coaches running their own session. It was suggested to have another training session at perhaps Christ Hospital School. No elite training day has been planned for 14/15 as it would be difficult to find a elite swimmer as they are in training for the Commonwealth Games. The next one is planned for May 2015 (15/16 financial year)	
06/2014	VOLUNTEER CPD DAY2014 We had 14 people attending the Team Manager 1 and 13 for the Team Manager 2 workshops. 20 officials attended the FINA Rules update and 19 attended the Contemporary Issues. The Safeguarding & Time to Listen workshops are planned for 6 th April, but venue has not been agreed – still waiting for the cricket club.	

07/2014	BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15 Budget has already been approved and Development as below as outlined by Brian DeVal Overarching note: The development plan for 14 / 15 will be informed by the long course championships consultation with clubs. Results from this close on 23 March. Draft proposals: 1. The county will enable athletes who do not have regular access to long course (50m) training to prepare for regional/national qualification. The preferred approach is to encourage club coaches to train their own swimmers in 'club' lanes. 2. There will be selection trails for the Sussex team travelling to Sheffield. Coaches from all clubs will be asked to encourage their swimmers to represent the county. 3. Specialist education sessions for members of the combined competition squad will continue. 4. Junior squad training will continue a programme of day camps. These may be moved to different venue around the county to reduce travel time. 5. It is hoped to be able to book combined competition squad training at the Queen Elizabeth Aquatics Centre in 2014. 6. Disability training (x4) will continue at St Bedes. 7. Disabled swimmers will be invited, after consultation with Disability Sec, to join other squad training events. 8. There will be no elite training day in 2014 because of the difficulty in finding a lead swimmer before the Commonwealth Games. It is expected that an elite training day will be provided in May 2015. The format to be agreed. Items under consideration: 9. Crystal Palace training camp – needs to be reviewed in the light of opportunities at Queen Elizabeth Aquatics Centre. 10. Format for coach education/networking to be reviewed. Items discounted: 11. Squad entry into open events.	

08/2014	DISABILITY SWIMMING Seven swimmers attended the St Bedes training day on 26th January which, this time, was taken by Andy Young. The lifeguard was supplied by St Bedes and I have sent her the expense claim form so am presuming she will send it in. Andy did not require any expenses to be paid. Several Sussex swimmers are taking part in the DSE Southampton gala on February 8th. The competition this time is only for swimmers who are classified or who are on the waiting list to be classified and a 400m freestyle event is to be included. The event will also be Licensed for the first time which means that swimmers will be able to use their times for the Nationals in March. I know of one or two swimmers who are planning to enter the Sussex Counties and their entries will be coming directly from their clubs. Unfortunately the dates clash with the Nationals so swimmers will be unable to do both. Sussex Squids are included on my mailing list for St Bedes training and the more local competitions, but now that swimmers enter the Counties through their clubs rather than through me, I don't send them any info. I think they should hear about most competitions through the other clubs they belong to or through Maz Eames, but I can't be sure of that - Lyndsey may know more. Please can the disability swimmers be invited to any appropriate non water based training. It would be helpful if I could know about it as well, rather than emails being sent to just the swimmers, so I am aware and can help support any who take part. There is to be a disability training day at K2 on Sunday 9th February. Geoff Buckle is hoping to arrange a series of 4 CP sport galas this year, most probably at the Dolphin, Haywards Heath.	

09/2014	ANY OTHER BUSINESS An email had been received from Federica Williams' dad asking for dispensation for the 100IM as she hasn't been able to do the time in galas. Brian Smith had already replied that she had achieved county qualifying times at the Crawley time trials. All records and results are on the rankings which are regularly checked by Brian Smith. All the records should be on the website. An email was sent to Brian Smith & Deedee from Karen Woolliscroft: <i>I am afraid I will not now be able to attend the meeting tomorrow night .I was hoping to bring the question up in AOB , as suggested by Brian Smith ,as to whether the committee would allow Amber Pennington to swim in a couple of races at Counties as she broke her hand recently and as a result missed all of her chances to add further county qualifying times to the 50m free time she gained several months ago.(please scroll down for email details of this enquiry).</i> The committee considered all the information provided, including the fact that at the date of the email she had not yet returned to training. After a wide discussion it was unanimously agreed that to allow exceptional entry where the qualification time had never been reached would not be in the best interests of the competition. Deedee to write to Karen Woolliscroft. A cup will be presented by the Burtenshaw family at the ACM in memory of Claire. Andy Rigg has been selected to officiate at the ASA British Gas Championships in Glasgow. He is waiting to hear if selected for commonwealth games as well. Brian Smith has a new printer. There will be a meeting of the Sussex League where it is hoped to have fixed dates for the galas in future. Brian DeVal has asked through the County coach to contact all the club coaches for comments on the current charter. He has had 1 response. We will be asking K2 for the water and air temperature to be regulated. It was agreed that the swim down pool can be managed by the marshals. Margaret asked if it was possible for the team managers to tell the swimmers to collect their medals at the session they won them in and to make sure they know what medal they are collecting. Medals should be collected by the end of each session. Medals not collected can go in an envelope with the club's name.	DP
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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

2nd Apr, 25th June, 20th Aug, 1st Oct & 3rd Dec 2014 – Brian DeVal to book room

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed dated