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ASA South East Region

Management Board Meeting - 14 November 2006

REPORT

For information and circulation to: Sub-Regional Secretaries and Sub-Group Managers

Items on the Agenda included:

Appointment of Sub-Group Managers and Board Champions

The Board confirms the appointment of Regional Sub-Group Managers on an annual basis and for 2007 the following individuals have been confirmed:

Swimming Group Convenor	- Mike Lambert
Swimming Group Competitions	- Lis Hartley
Masters Group Manager	- Geoff Stokes
Water Polo Group Manager	- Mike Clark
Diving Group	- Ricky Smith
Synchro Group	- Janet Holdstock
Disability Group Manager	- Sue Barker
Open Water Group Manager	- Keith Barber

The Board also appoints members for each Regional Sub-Group as Board Champions and for 2007 the following Board members have been appointed:

Swimming Group	- Mike Lambert
Masters Group	- Lis Hartley
Water Polo Group	- Alan Lewis
Diving Group	- Daphne Geer
Synchro Group	- Roger Penfold
Disability Group	- Roger Prior
Open Water Group	- Trevor Marshall

Regional Annual Dinner

The Region held an inaugural Annual Dinner on the evening prior to the Annual Council Meeting. The Board looked at the support for the event and the cost of it.

The lack of publicity was cited as one of the reasons for a relatively small number of attendees. The issue of club secretaries failing to pass the information received from the Region to their club members was also highlighted. A suggestion to communicate with club chairmen was made.

The Board **agreed** to support the event in 2007 to be held on Friday, 7 September at the same venue (Grange Hotel in Bracknell) but would want to see a much better support for it. The Dinner Secretary, with the assistance of

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the Communication Group, should utilise the long lead up time to promote the event and generate more interest.

Budget to date

The budget spend for the first six-month of the year was considered. There is an underspend in the area of development and disciplines. There is a need for staff to encourage clubs to apply for course subsidies. Disciplines are now given up-to-date information on their accounts on a regular basis. The Region is unlikely to achieve the budget set for the year.

The ASA has produced a paper regarding the reduction of its support to Regions over the next three years. Concerns were raised regarding the ASA timing of reduced support and some of the principles mentioned in the ASA paper. The Regional Chairman, Board member responsible for Finance and Regional Director will represent the Region at the Regional Liaison meeting scheduled for 19 November where this issue will be discussed.

Concern was expressed that the Region might be penalised for lack of progress in accessing external funding. The use of agents/consultants to seek commercial funding was considered and the Board **agreed** to allocate up to £5,000 in this financial year for this purpose.

Appointment of Board Members

The Board appointed Shelley Robinson and David Harman as Board members until September 2009 to fill the two vacancies.

Regional Director's Report

The Board received the Regional Director's Report outlining the significant developments between July and September 2006 and progress made against KPIs for the first six months of 2006/07.

The discussion focused on areas where targets were unlikely to be achieved. The Board expressed concerns regarding the underspend on development budget and limited claims made with regards to the ASA Development Grant. EK-C confirmed that staff was acutely aware of the situation and totally focusing on areas where the underspend was occurring namely course subsidies. Jenny Norvill has now been appointed as the Regional Education Officer and will ensure that membership is aware of the opportunities and have courses more available to them.

The issue of the Region not achieving KPIs and the impact it might have on the ability of the Region to access funding in the future was raised. EK-C did not have a definite answer but felt that the Region will be judged by the ASA on the delivery of its KPIs over a period of three years. If the Region is not spending on development then the ASA will not contribute as much as it has offered in 2006/07.

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Work Programme

The RMB work programme for 2007 was discussed.

The Sub-Regions will be asked to submit their requests for funding of development areas that they can deliver as identified in the Regional Operational Plan for 2007/08.

Sub-Group representatives will be invited to attend a Board meeting between January and May 2007.

Talent Development

EK-C outlined Talent Development Pathway (TDP) paper prepared by Natalie Cunningham. The process of consultation with disciplines regarding the TDP has now begun. The Region will be kept informed of the progress being made.

Please let us know if you are finding these reports useful. Your comments will be greatly appreciated

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