

Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire ASA
(A sub-region of ASA South East Region)

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2010 AT THE WINDSOR LEISURE CENTRE, STOVELL ROAD, WINDSOR, COMMENCING AT 2000HRS.

Present: R F Penfold (Hon Secretary), Mrs R M Large (Asst Hon Secretary), Mrs E M Adams, N J R Brand, S Dolan, Mrs J Hulbert, E J Lyne, D Mason, R J Moore, R J M Pay, J Rowley, Ms S Topchik.

Also present: Ms H Mack (Regional Club Development Officer, ASA South East Region), K Sutton (Regional Director, ASA South East Region).

Apologies for absence were received K H Adams, Mrs J Brown, Mrs B Coker, Mrs M M Felmingham, Mrs S D Green, Miss S M Harrison, Mrs J Hopkins, Mrs M S Lyne, D McCreadie, R G Prior, K J Rolph, Mrs L Rootes, G D Shields, F W Timms, Mrs T Turner, H H V Wilkinson.

47 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF MEETING

In the absence of the President, it was

RESOLVED: That Mrs R M Large be elected Chairman of the meeting.

(Mrs Large in the Chair)

48 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

49 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

16/13C/38 A report, by Mrs S Topchik, had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting, on a possible programme designed to foster inter-club co-operation, following discussions with Ms E Waddy and Mr N Willis. The Committee endorsed the proposed programme, but suggested that implementation be delayed from the time being.

41.3 It was reported that approaches had been made to the operators of the new pool at Northolt, about its possible use for the County Championships in 2011. The operators had indicated that it would not be possible for the Association to hire the pool on the dates previously identified.

Further approaches had, therefore, been made to the operators of the pool at the Magnet Centre, Maidenhead, about hiring that pool for at least one weekend. Agreement had been reached for the championships to be held at Maidenhead over one weekend and one Saturday in 2011. The Championships Hon Secretary proposed, as a result, a programme providing for a weekend at Maidenhead on 12/13 March 2011, an evening at Aldershot on 19 March 2011 and a day at Maidenhead on 26 March 2011.

The committee discussed the proposal fully and agreed to adopt the programme, subject to further consultation with clubs and coaches.

Turning to the "No Frills" meet, 2010, the Hon Secretary reported that, in accordance with the Committee's decision, he had expressed the Committee's disappointment to the ASA South East Region, both in writing to the Chairman of the Board, and at a meeting of the Board, about the clash between the "No Frills" meet and the Regional Championships. He advised of the receipt of the following letter from the Chairman of the Regional Management Board

"As you are aware, the clash was caused by the fact that the Region was unable to gain a booking at any 50m pool for the Bank Holiday weekend and, indeed, could get only one day at K2 during that weekend. The only possibility left was to use the Portsmouth pool on the following weekend. To have delayed further would have caused problems for swimmers trying to gain National Qualifying Times before the deadline for entries.

"You will also know that we did make every effort to hold the events on the correct weekend and had absolutely no desire to move them. I, indeed, spent a considerable amount of time and effort researching and negotiating with the Hillingdon Pool and thought we had solved the problem, only for our plans to be dashed a few days later by Hillingdon Borough Council.

"I can assure you that our events team will make every possible effort to avoid any such recurrence, but, with the paucity of facilities in the South East, and the lack of will on the part of many of the authorities and pool operators to promote competitive swimming, it will continue to be an uphill struggle. In the current economic climate, it is unlikely that any more 50m facilities will become available in the foreseeable future."

It was reported that the meet had generated a surplus of £95, which compared unfavourably with that generated in previous years. Mr E J Lyne proposed, seconded by Mr R J M Pay, submitting a claim to the Region for compensation of £2,000 for the lost income. This was put to vote and declared lost.

It was reported that the Aldershopt pool had already been booked for the 2011 meet, on the customary Saturday.

Finally, it was noted that the working party considering proposals for the celebration of the Association's centenary had yet to meet.

44 At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed Keith Sutton and Helen Mack to the Committee.

46A The Committee was reminded about the arrangements for the dinner.

39 CORRESPONDENCE

	Date	To/From	Subject
1	28.04.10	National Child Safeguarding Co-Ordinator, ASA	County and Regional Welfare Officer Training Day, Loughborough, 30.10.10
2	04.10	ASA	The new home of swimming – SportPark, Pavilion 3, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough University, LE11 3QF (01509 618700)
3	09.05.10	Regional Office & Finance Administrator, ASA South East Region	Details of South East Conference for swimming teachers, coaches and tutors, Ascot, 26.06.10

4	11.05.10	Mrs S Glover	New Secretary, Windsor SC – Mrs Sharon Glover, 7 Castle Grove, Newbury, RG14 1PS; 01635 48646; Sharon.glover07@gmail.com
5	12.05.10	Regional Office & Finance Administrator, ASA South East Region	ASA Open Meet Licensing News – important information and changes to licensing
6	12.05.10	Regional Office & Finance Administrator, ASA South East Region	List of ASA suspended clubs in the region: only BSB entry is Abbey School
7	12.05.10	Regional Office & Finance Administrator, ASA South East Region	Aquaforce Volunteer Awards 2010
8	18.05.10	Mrs M M Felmingham	New secretary, Maidenhead Marlins SC – Ms Helen Kirkaldie, 9 Burnt Oak, Cookham, Maidenhead, SL6 9RL; 01628 525401; Helen.kirkaldie@arthaus.co.uk
9	19.05.10	Regional Office & Finance Administrator, ASA South East Region	ASA South East Region Newsletter, May/June 2010
10	05.10	ASA	Wavelength, 137
11	07.06.10	Regional Director, ASA South East Region programme	Information about Inspiring Young Volunteers for the Games
Ms H Mack undertook to devise a scheme for local application.			
12	09.06.10	Ms T Rea	New Secretary, Chesham SC – Neil Heslop, 33 Woodside Avenue, Beaconsfield, HP9 1JH; 01494 672543; neil.heslop@kontrolfreax.com
13	13.06.10	Ms H Mack	Introduces herself as the ASA South East Region Regional Club Development Officer covering Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire
14	06.10	Regional Director, ASA South East Region	Annual Council Meeting, Crawley, 18.09.10
15	06.10	ASA	Wavelength, 138

50 HON TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report from the Hon Treasurer, whom had presented her apologies for absence due to injury.

51 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1 General Purposes

There had been no meeting.

2 Swimming

It was noted that outstanding issues had been discussed, at length, arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

3 Synchronised Swimming

Reference was made to success of Reading Royals SSC at the British Championships, and to the winners of the County Novices' event - swimmers from Reading Royals in individual events, while Bracknell SSC had taken the team event.

4 Diving

No report

5 Masters

No report

52 REPORTS OF OFFICE HOLDERS

1 Public Relations Officer

The Public Relations Officer advised that electronic versions of the Association's logo/badge were now available.

2 Swimming Officials' Organiser

No report.

4 Hon Trophies' Secretary

No report.

2 Water Polo Manager

No report.

53 SUB-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Hon Secretary observed that the drafting/refinement of the Sub-Regional Development Plan would be a task for the Autumn, and that he hoped that the Regional Club Development Officer would be able to assist the Development Group with the exercise.

54 ASA SOUTH EAST REGION

The Hon Secretary reported on the meetings of the ASA South East Region Regional Management Board held on 11 May and 8 June 2010, when the Board had received an initial report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010 and had settled the affiliation fees for 2011.

The Region's fees would remain as for 2010, although the ASA was intending to increase its membership fees, which were collected at the same time, and by the same process.

The Region's accounts were again expected to show a significant surplus of income over expenditure, notwithstanding the budget expectation of a sizable deficit. A particular concern was the surplus made by the Swimming Group. Mr E J Lyne indicated that he might well raise questions at the Region's ACM about issues like swimming training and development, while Mr R J M Pay felt that the submission of the accounts to the Region's ACM might be a suitable opportunity again to raise concerns about the limited number of accessible long course pools in the Region.

55 RATIFICATION OF COUNTY RECORDS

No claims for County records had been submitted

56 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Hon Secretary reminded those present that the Annual Council Meeting would be held on 14 July 2010, and of the deadline for the submission of nominations for office, and for motions to be considered at the meeting. In this connection, the Committee recalled the decision, at an earlier meeting, to change the Conditions for Establishing County Records to remove the residence or birth qualification criteria.

57 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Mr E J Lyne thanked Mrs E M Adams for her help and support in producing the 2010 County Handbook.

B Ms H Mack advised that her new contact details would be circulated soon.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2130hrs.