



Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire Amateur Swimming Association

A sub-region of ASA South East Region

President : Mr John Rowley (Bracknell & Wokingham SC)

12 November 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

MANAGEMENT BOARD

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Management Board, to be held in the Thames Suite at the Windsor Leisure Centre, Stovold Road, Windsor on Thursday 19 November 2015, at 8pm, to transact the business in the agenda set out below.

Yours faithfully

Hon Secretary

To: John Rowley (President), Nigel Brand, Kevin Brooks, Myra Felmingham, Stuart Fillingham, Janet Hopkins, Eddie Lyne, Terry Norris, Bob Odell, Roger Prior, Beverley Skelton

And Rosa Gallop, Rosemary Large, Helen Mack, Jonathan Mills

A G E N D A

1 MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Management Board held on 29 September 2015 (see pages 5 to 10).

2 ASA CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

At its first meeting, the Board decided to issue an open invitation to its meetings to the ASA Club Development Officer covering the Association's area. Rosa Gallop has, therefore, been invited to attend and may wish to report.

3 REGIONAL CLUB DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

At its first meeting, the Board decided to issue an open invitation to its meetings to the ASA South East Region's Regional Club Development Officer. Helen Mack has, therefore, been invited to attend and may wish to report.

4 REPORTS BY DISCIPLINE MANAGERS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

Members will recall that, at its meeting in September 2013, the Board decided an annual programme for discipline managers and other appointees to attend meeting of the Board.

In accordance with that programme, reports by the Masters' Manager and by the Interim Water Polo Manager are expected for this meeting.

5 MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

To consider matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

6 FINANCE

The Hon Treasurer will report at the meeting.

7 DATES OF MEETINGS

At its last meeting, the Board deferred setting the dates of its meetings in 2016.

The Hon Secretary suggests that Board meetings are held as follows - February 2016, April 2016 and June 2016. In order that arrangements are made for the start of the next "swimming" year, it is suggested that a meeting is arranged for early September 2016.

The Hon Secretary also suggests that the Annual Council Meeting is held in July 2016.

In this connection, evening meetings of the ASA South East Region Board have been fixed as follows in the months concerned - 15 June, 14 July and 1 September 2016.

The Board is requested to **FIX** the calendar of its meetings until September 2016 and the date of the Annual Council Meeting in 2016.

8 JUNIOR SWIMMING RECORDS

The Board will recall that it decided at its last meeting to review the criteria for setting junior County [swimming] records, by means of electronic communication.

The Hon Secretary reminded the Board that Constitution is now silent on records' criteria: it used to fall to the Council to change the conditions. The Board agreed that it would be sensible, in terms of good governance, to circulate the proposal, made orally at the last meeting, in writing, with a view to achieving an urgent decision by consensus from the Association's elected managing body: the Performance Swimming Events' Manger was keen to have the change implemented in time for notice to be given of it prior to the 2016 County Championships.

The Hon Secretary circulated proposals set out below by e-mail on 7 October 2015, requesting comments by 19 October, and asking that comments were shared with all Members. Kevin Brooks circulated some comments. No other Member responded to the original circulation or to Kevin's comments.

Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire ASA Junior County Records

Background:

The upper age limit for Junior Records is currently set as under 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition at which a record is being claimed. The upper age limit for competing in the County's Junior Championships is currently set as under 15 on 31 December in the year of the competition. As a consequence there is currently an age discrepancy with respect to matters identified as "junior" by the County Swimming Association.

Current Issue:

The age discrepancy is one which will create confusion amongst swimmers and parents / guardians as to when a swimmer may be either eligible to compete in an event or can be eligible to claim a record. The current arrangements can also cause frustration when a Junior Record could be held by a swimmer that cannot swim in the Junior Championship.

Proposal:

That with effect from 1 January 2016, the upper age limit for Junior Records is changed to be under 15 years old on 31 December in the year of the competition at which a record is being claimed; to ensure consistency with the upper age limit for competing in the County's Junior Championships. To avoid losing the existing records and database of times, it is further proposed that current junior records are rebadged as youth records which are retained for future posterity. It will however no longer be possible to claim a youth record, these records being frozen in time.

Recommendation:

The County's Performance Swimming Committee recommend that the Management Board ratify the decision to change the upper age limit for Junior Records from the current under 17 rule to a new under 15 rule.

Accordingly, in order that the criteria were in place well before the County [swimming] Championships in 2015, the Officers endorsed the proposals on behalf of the Board.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

The Hon Secretary will continue to report to the Board correspondence he has received, not otherwise reported in the agenda: any correspondence will be reported at the meeting.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members will recognise that, in light of the Board's decision that the agenda of meetings should include notice of every matter to be discussed, with written reports, complete with clear advice/recommendations as to action required, circulated at least 3 clear days in advance of the meeting, it is inappropriate to take decisions, at this meeting, on matters which may be raised orally under this agenda item.