



BERKSHIRE AND SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Performance Swimming Events Committee

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Minutes of a meeting of the Performance Swimming Events Committee:

Venue: The offices of St James' Place at -
Staverton House, 3 Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, Berkshire

Time: 20:00 on 23 June 2014

Attendees: Stuart Fillingham (Chairman); Rob Moore; Gary Shields; Jonathan Mills; and
Bob Odell (Ex-Officio capacity.)

Agenda items:

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Minutes:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.	Apologies for absence were received from Sue Green and Helen Whittle.	-
2.	Minutes of the last meeting of the previous swimming committee were reviewed and were formally approved as a true record of the meeting.	-
3.	Matters arising from the last meeting:	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most matters arising from the last meeting were agenda items for the current meeting and accordingly are documented below. Those items not covered later in the meeting are as follows:GS had been working on equipment insurance for Bracknell & Wokingham SC and for the County but has now advised that this is not a viable proposition given the dispersed storage locations of the equipment.All other brought forward action points were reviewed. Most were completed or considered as a later part of this meeting. Those <i>outstanding</i> not considered later were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Given an entry closing date of 23/9/14, it was agreed the Development meet would open for entries on 1/8/14.For the 2015 County Championships, we would update the top boy / girl and club points position during the course of the championships.Consideration will be given to taking to Maidenhead the Bracknell / Wycombe / Nigel Brand PA systems.SF agreed to liaise with Aldershot and Wycombe over the distance meet session; though the preference was to go Wycombe if a suitable fee could be agreed. SF to liaise with Kevin Brooks.It was agreed that a group would be established to consider an overhaul of the County Championships for 2016 when the new pool at Wycombe could be available. SF agreed to coordinate a first meeting in autumn 2014.	JM RM / GS GS SF SF

4. Update from the County Management Board. -
- SF noted the following items which were relevant to the Swimming Events Committee:
- a. Whilst only indirectly related to the swimming events committee, Matt Heathcock has still not been approached about the post of Open Water Manager.
 - b. Joan Scarrott has now declined to take the position of Swimming Development Manager, though we believe is undertaking most of the components of the role.
 - c. The Management Board has made no further progress in relation to appointing a Masters Manager.
 - d. Nominations for the 2014/5 County Management Board close on 23 June 2014.
 - e. SF confirmed that he had reported to the Management Board that no representation had been made by the County to the ASA consultation paper on proposed changes to the competition structure. It was agreed that no further action was required until more detailed proposals were received.
5. County Development Meet: -
- RM confirmed that the meet has been licensed with the ASA. -
 - JM confirmed the updated conditions were posted on the website. -
 - RM has advised Herman of the medal requirements for the 2014 development meet. -
 - GS confirmed that Fine Designs wished to attend the Development Meet at Bracknell and would be sending a sweatshirt design nearer the time. GS to follow up. GS
 - GS confirmed that Mailsports are booked to attend the Development Meet at Bracknell -
 - A review of the Development Meet task list was undertaken and updated as required. SF agreed to circulate the update with the minutes. (See attached.) -
6. County Championships: -
- Discussion was had previously about the correspondence received concerning the entry of a nine year old disabled swimmer into the 2014 County Championships. The meeting ratified the previous decision to allow the nine year old to swim using as a basis a 25% relaxation to the entry times for an able bodied swimmer in the same age group. The meeting also agreed to apply this new rule for classified swimmers in 2015; though with a promoters discretion override. RM confirmed that he had updated the championship conditions for the 2015 meet to reflect this position. -
 - The top club competition points scoring have been revised for 2015 to make the competition more inclusive. Scoring will now be for the first eight places in each championship event in each age group and hence will now be more inclusive. -
 - At the last meeting, SF noted a letter of complaint received from Wycombe SC captain about medals and presentations for relay events. The committee agreed that what had taken place was consistent with the conditions for the championships and the practices of the last few years. SF advised that he had now responded to the letter on behalf of the committee and that no further correspondence had been received. It was therefore presumed that the committee's views had been accepted. -
 - At the last meeting, SF reported to the committee that he had been made aware of the fact that Amersham SC had been streamed to their website live pictures of the Championships. As the promoter and committee were not aware of this, SF agreed had been asked to ascertain on behalf of the committee how it is that Amersham SC thought they were complying with ASA regulations on photography and had ensured compliance with the rules on personal use of photography. SF now reported that he had been in email correspondence with the club and that they had agreed not to undertake this activity in the future. S further advised that the complainant had dropped the matter. Accordingly, the committee now considered this matter to be closed. SF
 - In connection with the previous matter, SF had previously agreed to update the photography log to ensure these matters were covered. SF confirmed that this had now been done. -

- In connection with the previous matter, RM also agreed to update the Championship conditions to prohibit this activity going forward. RM confirmed this had now been done. -
 - The Committee then discussed what activity the County's PR officer could undertake next year in line with the conditions that had now been published. It was agreed this probably did not permit video posting to the internet and accordingly it was agreed to revisit this matter nearer to the Championships. SF
 - GS observed that we had now received the income due to us from Mailsports. -
 - Given that the 2014 Championships failed to reduce the number of entries by the planned 10%, it was agreed at the last meeting that a further selective tightening of the times will take place for 2015. SF reported at this meeting that a further 10% of swims had been removed for the 2105 Championships by further tightening the entry consideration times. Approximately two thirds of the consideration times had been made quicker. The process by which this was done was to decide which events to tighten, then determine how many heats in each event were to be removed to achieve the overall 10% reduction and thereafter for each event reduce the number of swimmers in each age group in proportion to the number of entrants in each age group for the same event in 2014. JM
- The Committee agreed to accept these consideration times, subject to one final review to be performed b JM against the 2014 Regional times.
- (Addendum: This review conducted subsequent to the meeting by JM identified three times for 17+ boys where the county time was faster than the regional tome. Given we were anticipating a tightening of the Regional times following the over-subscription in 2014, it was agreed by email correspondence to retain the use of the proposed times.)*
- At the last meeting SG was requested to propose a change to the order of the Championship events that would better facilitate officials testing. A proposal has been submitted by SG and JM to change the events in session 3 & 4 by interleaving boys / girls rather than running boys / girls in the same session. This proposal has now been incorporated into the conditions for 2015. -
 - The Committee were informed that the mixed Open relays had been be added to the distance session programme. A review of the order of events for the session was undertaken and RM was asked to change these to 49/51/50 and 53/55/54. Otherwise the programme of events was approved. RM
 - GS was asked to enquire of Herman as to whether or not there are any unused trophies (e.g. 100m IM) that could be awarded to the winners of the new mixed relays. GS
 - RM confirmed he had updated the 2015 conditions for the disability conditions so as to be consistent with the new requirements set for the Development meet in October. -
 - RM observed that he had only just received the invoice for the 2014 AoE hire at Wycombe. SF agreed to ensure this was accrued into the financial statements of the County Association and was then subsequently paid. SF
 - It was noted that once the long distance session has been booked, RM or SF would need to book the AoE supplier if we are to be using the Wycombe pool. RM / SF
 - A discussion was had as to whether or not the conditions for disability swimmers should be revisited to allow classified disability swimmers to enter the championships without the need for an entry time. No conclusion was reached given there are only 3 such swimmers in the county and JM agreed to revert to the next meeting after further discussions with the Regional disability officials. JM

7. County records:

a. Name: Fiona Shaw
ASA nbr: 424937
Club: Wycombe District
Event: Womens LC 100m Free
Time: 00:59.47
Location: Crawley
Date: 13/04/2014

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b. No other claims since the last meeting

8. Any other business:

a. SF indicated to the meeting that he would again be offering his services to the Management Board for the 2014/5 season as Performance Swimming Events Manager. Subject to his appointment, SF requested the current Performance Swimming Committee to also volunteer their services to the committee for the following season. Both JM and GS agreed at the meeting that they would be willing to stand for another season.

b. Finally, the Committee thanked Mr Bob Odell for his attendance, support and encouragement at meetings of this Committee during his tenure as County President.

c. Date for next meeting – 15/09/14 at 20:00

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