



ASA East Region



Technical Masters Swimming Committee

A meeting of the Technical Masters Swimming Committee at the Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, Cambridgeshire.
On Saturday February 17th 2007 at 1000 hours

Attendees: Paul Hayes (Essex and Chair), Sally Bettinson (Norfolk), David Robinson (Suffolk), Anne Edmonds (Herts), Liz Reid (Cambs)

MINUTES

1. ***Apologies received from Chris Jessup (Beds), Gavin Kilpatrick (Cambs) and Don Neate (Suffolk)*** Liz Reid welcomed to the meeting. Liz said that Richard Goddard would also be present to future meetings.
2. ***Minutes of last meeting and matters arising***
Minutes were ratified and there were no matters arising
3. ***Regional Intercounties Team Competition Colchester 2007***
Items for discussion:
 - *Proposal agreed for Colchester November 18th 2007*
 - *Pool has been hired for £116.00 per hour at a cost of £580.00 to be confirmed in writing.*
 - *We will not have a swim shop*
 - *Formulate maps*
 - *Team lane draw to be completed at next meeting*
 - *New trophy presented for the committee to view. Essex kindly donated this Cup for the 2007 Intercounties meet. The old shield would be used as a runners up trophy.*
 - *Bernie Buck would be asked again to help run the computer and records but we would ask kindly that Bernie seek assistance and propose that we try to find Bernie some help on the day who will be more familiar with the systems etc.(PH) to write to Bernie accordingly.(SB) wanted minuted the mistakes made during the last meet to ensure that care taken for the future.*
 - *(PH) will organise people for electronic timing at pool and will write to Greg Watcham at Colchester regarding electronic timing.*
 - *Attached is a copy of the proposed format for the event.*
4. ***Regional Competition Bury St Edmunds 2007***
Confirmed the schedule of events and date, the committee agreed to drop the age group 240+ from the relays and attached is the final draft for consideration. Items discussed.
 - *Program to be on the website soonest we agree format.*

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- Possible advert in swimming times.
- PH would seek conditions of the EAST Region from the Management board and put together with committee and list of conditions (based on speed swimming adapted for Masters). An entry form to be included and everything on website before next meeting. PH would seek Andy Wilson's help for setting out conditions also.
- Don would contact East supplier to run swim shop at Bury St Edmunds
- PH to call catering firms recommended by pool leisure management
- PH to confirm costs to ensure that a budget could be completed.
- PH talked to David regarding officials. David has responded and is taking actions.
- Bob Outtram regarding medals. Order is for 475 Gold, 365 Silver and 270 Bronze.
- Charges £5.00 per Individual and £8.00 for relays.

Summary of actions taken.

PH corresponded with Clare Maller Assistant manager at pool to confirm costs for all day. Initially £635.55 charged but this was not for all day. PH called caterers at pool Sophie at Cambridge coffee company. Sophie is sending a PDF file with charges. PH asked for a buffet lunch plus a tea and sandwiches price. Lunch 12-1pm, tea 4pm until 5pm at second break. Medals cost around £2.00 and we need to estimate approx. number required. PH is trying to talk to Clare for advice for Electronic timing.

5. **Education, training days 2007**

Correspondence received from Val Bull regarding opportunities to run a training day. View of committee was to support a training day but one that involved all the counties in the region. Liz pointed out that within Cambridge it is hard to bring Masters days on board and that any such days include invites and opportunities to counties where it would be at present impossible to run such events and that the opportunities must run to all. PH would seek assistance to current changes in gaining the Master's module from Nikki Baker via the regional website. PH sent Nikki a mail on February 26th awaiting response. Once established pathways are clear PH would invite Val Bull to assist in future training days and bring Val on board, so that her vast expertise can be channelled effectively to promote future events.

6. **Development Plan**

Any development plans would involve Kevin Wray and copy to Ian Mackenzie. This would certainly pertain to Education training days as above.

7. **AOB**

David said that 24 swimmers had received certificates or would be (as Essex cert. were given to PH at meeting due to no address' being available from Essex) PH distributed them in week 9. 35 to 36 records were broken at the Peterborough meet and there was now a good spread. David also thought that there was better awareness now that Bernie had kindly printed record claim sheets.

David expressed concern that PH was placing a little too much hope in the board in that they would meet and assist in the running of masters championships, David's view was that it is the masters committee who run the meets and would need to look for officials, catering etc. PH remarked that his view was just that with local knowledge both David and Don between them could help when booking Bury St Edmunds and advice would still be sought. PH would need to get a medal account for championships in October and David reminded PH that the tasks of completing a budget need to be done as soon as possible. PH remarked that due to work commitments the earliest he would be able to do this would be at the end of week 9. PH would ideally ask Mike Rayner to organise officials as he had

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no experience or knowledge of regional officials and was out of his depth in this area. This was considered of course a learning curve and PH would call upon the committee to help in various ways during the coming weeks and months and we try to establish a championships as a forerunner to future events. David's help as always was gratefully received.

PH advised the committee that he would attend the latest ASA meeting March 9th in Loughborough and would report on discussions that affect the region and Masters swimming in general.

8. *Next Meeting*

Next meeting would be held at Chippenham on Saturday May 12th at 1000 hours.

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