



ASA East Region



Technical Masters Swimming Committee

**Minutes of the Technical Masters Swimming Committee, held at the Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, Cambridgeshire.
On Saturday February 25th 2006 at 1000 hours**

Attendees: Paul Hayes (Essex and Chair), Chris Jessup (Beds), Gavin Kilpatrick (Cams), Sally Bettinson (Norfolk), David Robinson (Suffolk), Anne Edmonds (Herts)

Apologies: Don Neate (Suffolk), Ian Mackenzie (Chairman of ER Management Board ASA Committee Representative)

MINUTES

1. *Apologies and Introductions*

Paul Hayes welcomed attendee's and apologies recorded as above from Don Neate and Ian Mackenzie. Introductions were made around the table.

2. *Terms of Reference*

Committee accepted that in essence the Terms of reference were acceptable in light of the fact that it would appear derivative of a document that would initially be almost the same for all disciplines. Masters would work on a Specific terminology for Aims and Objectives as it identified areas specific in our opinion, to age group swimming. (GK) and (PH) would look at these aims and objectives and provide Kim Stevens with more specific wording for the future. (GK) was to look at the paper (distributed to all attendees) and revert back to (PH). The committee as a whole would then approve its findings before submitting to Kim for appraisal and initial agreement before going forward to the executive. The Masters committee would like to find out what is allocated within the budget for Masters swimming currently. (PH) to contact Pip Spibey as agreed.

3. *Regional Open Competition 2006*

Prior to discussing the ideas for a 2006 competition, a proposal had been made by Essex County via Mr Roger Howkins. PH read the email to the committee and all members present accepted it. This was to run an event along with the regional age group team event, to celebrate 100 years of Essex swimming in 2007. This would be held on Saturday July 7th 2007. The proposal was to organise this at Blackshots pool in Thurrock Essex. However, members expressed concern that the 2007 competition would run for just three hours. This was considered too short for any type of comprehensive schedule of events and program so it was agreed that we would run a program of 50's and 100' all strokes and IM, plus relays but ask Essex to run it for two sessions and consider hiring Blackshots for not just the Saturday but also the Sunday, if a full day could not be booked allowing one session for the age groupers and two for the Masters. In view of this we discussed plans for 2006 competition and decided to consider a limited program of 50', 100's and relays over two sessions, as the following year

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would have to be run this way. Approx.6 hours of pool time would be required. It was proposed that we ask the regional executive committee to possibly allow us to book Biggleswade pool for the day prior or following the 2006 regional team event being held on July 9th? PH would contact the committee to propose this sharing of resources and pool time to see if we could make this viable. The Masters committee felt that otherwise we would have limited time to try to organise an event this year although some consideration was made to October for future and possibly for this year failing sharing Biggleswade on July 9th 2006. SB recommended that PH contact Milton Keynes Masters for a version of their program for our 2006/2007 competitions as they run that style of program already. It was suggested PH go to the Milton Keynes website where the results were available for such an event. PH would view this and distribute a Schedule of events by end of week 9, plus send a version of the former Southern Counties and London Masters schedules for appraisal to all committee members. It was agreed that PH do this quickly in view of the time constraints. It was difficult for the committee to gauge any appreciation towards numbers that would event this event. As an open event we could attract considerable numbers?

4. *Regional Intercounties Competition 2006*

Agreement was reached that the Intercounties regional team competition be held around the counties each year. Cambridge would host the first competition as it was centrally placed and would be geographical choice for first Masters regional competition. Peterborough was mentioned as a pool and PH would contact Sheron Spibey and Mike Raynor for contact numbers and guidance. November 19th was mentioned as the date in line with the ASA calendar for this event. PH said that he would like to host 2007 in Essex. The committee accepted this proposal. Each county has to provide a Judge and timekeeper for the event but it is not entirely understood by the committee just what the host county has to arrange past ensuring that the pool is booked and has provision for electronic timing. PH would ask Geoff Stokes for some insight and detail.

5. *Education, training days*

It would be important to find out what was available to Masters in relation to funds (see also terms of reference minutes) to see if we could arrange some training days. Committee is tasked to propose ideas for development. PH said that, as he was an approved and accredited training provider (CPD) with both the East Region (ERM) and Essex (ECM), he would be agreeable to run various training days either as seminars, and or Masters coaches Module days. The aim is to create 'masters' aware coaches at clubs and provide interesting Masters specific seminars and discussions. Mr Brian Brinkley has tentatively agreed to act as tutor for these days, so long as we give him details and dates. Brian has run Masters seminars and Modules before and is an approved ASA Tutor. Committee will present ideas for Education, training days as soon as possible. Decisions would then be taken on which way the funding (if any) should be used and what areas we would like to promote.

6. *Development Plan*

GK asked if it were possible to obtain a print out of all the registered Masters for our region through the ASA? PH would ask Geoff Stokes who is the Chairman of the ASA Technical Masters committee for information regarding this. It would be interesting to try to find out what numbers we have that are registered in the region to give us more visibility as to what we have in this region. PH tasked the individual county representatives to offer a short summary of their counties. This summary would include number of clubs, possible numbers of swimmers and an overview of competitions held and general feel for masters swimming in the counties. We could then formalise these details and use this in conjunction with GK idea on registered masters numbers to gauge numbers swimming by numbers registered and look to investigate the results in a positive manner towards developing masters in the future. Our terms of reference should envelop our ideas on development. (See terms of reference). SB reminded the committee that we want to promote young masters into the sport and quoted 'Life after age group swimming' as a banner headline for future.

7. *AOB*

PH gave expense forms to attendees for mileage and confirmed that he would send an electronic version to CJ. DR who is records administrator began compiling records from Oct 1st for the region and Masters initially as short course. DR explained the process for selection to standard times and said that this involved using the GB Masters championships and the 4th placed time recorded in each category (age band). It was agreed that our records be ratified only at masters events and

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that anyone could claim a Long Course record at present, which can be recorded in the tables but where a record is not claimed, then that category (age band) would be blank until such time as it was claimed. DR agreed to look into CJ's record claim as he finished 4th at the Nationals and the time did not appear to be recognised. If recognised, this would appear as a Regional record. The committee thanked DR for his valuable time and attention to this area of masters swimming. CJ asked about the Vivienne and Leonard Cherriman award for 2006. All nominations must be received by Monday 12th June and the award is given annually to the organization or person who 'has done most to promote and foster the cause of Masters swimming in Great Britain.' All nominations would go through PH, who would then pass them on to the ASA committee accordingly.

8. *Dates and Venues for future meetings*

It was agreed that the East region Technical Masters swimming committee would gather three times for the first year initially but that after the initial year, we would collectively review the need for more than 1 or indeed 2 meetings per annum. It was proposed and agreed that we would meet again in Chippenham for Saturday, June 24th in Chippenham, again to be held at 1000 hours as AE explained that the Hertfordshire county championships were fixed for later that afternoon. PH formally closed the meeting at 11.42am and thanked each of the attendees for their time and consideration to this meeting.

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