



ASA East Region



Technical Masters Swimming Committee

**A meeting of the Technical Masters Swimming Committee at the Chippenham Village Hall, Chippenham, Cambridgeshire.
On Saturday October 14th 2006 at 1000 hours**

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

MINUTES

1. Apologies received from Chris Jessup (Beds), Gavin Kilpatrick (Cambs) and Don Neate (Suffolk)

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes were ratified but under matters arising David pointed out that his records report had not been mentioned in the minutes. This was duly noted and apologies offered to David by Paul Hayes.

3. Regional Intercounties Team Competition Peterborough 2006

Items for discussion:

- *Bookings Confirmed with Peterborough*
- *Timing equipment hired and invoice received*
- *Awaiting swim shop reply*
- *Formulate maps*
- *Team lane draw to be completed at meeting*

Bernie Buck had set up the meet on the swimming software program to enable the printing of cards. Meet managers would present these on the day according to the order of the program and swimmers need give their cards at time of races to timekeepers who would pass to chief timekeepers for completion before going to the referee. The recorders would then ensure that these go to Bernie to record via a spreadsheet system similar to one currently used for county league swimming. There is no need to run the meet linked to our electronic timing, which is in place due to the efforts of Roger Adams at Peterborough. Roger offered some invaluable advice on parking and the set up at the pool on the day. Both Bernie and Roger were thanked by the committee. Card completion notes will be drawn up for the meet managers to ensure that swimmers names and dates of birth are entered clearly prior to commencing of races. PH sent a list of addresses to Bernie for card and pack distribution. PH agreed to act as warm up Marshall on the day and that counties would warm up in lanes specific to the draw. Times should be split by young guns and old guns respectively.

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Anne offered to see if she could get someone for the swimshop on the day but unfortunately they are double booked as is the usual region approved swimshop. Tried Allen's of Kingsbury a recommendation of Roger Adams but alas they are also double booked. Will try Goggle box as per recommendation of SB, will revert back to committee if successful. The lane draw for the event is as follows:

LANE 1	ESSEX
LANE 2	BEDFORDSHIRE
LANE 3	SUFFOLK
LANE 4	HERTFORDSHIRE
LANE 5	NORFOLK
LANE 6	CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The draw was made by AE, SB, and DR pulling two names each from the table, each taking it in turns to initially draw a piece of paper.

We agreed that if a swimmer from a county could not swim the lane would be left empty and that Counties would swim in their designated lanes. However, if a county were to withdraw a team the outer teams could move up a lane effectively. i.e. If Norfolk withdrew, Cambs would move up to lane 5. If Suffolk withdrew, then Beds would take lane 3 and Essex lane 2.

Eligibility was discussed but with no real issues, however, it was reiterated that this was a 19-24 category inclusive. DR wanted PH to confirm the eligibility of London Essex clubs in the event. PH explained that at ASA Committee the view was taken that for 2006 the London Essex clubs of Waltham Forest and Romford would swim in the East Region as London could not host a championship. Middlesex would then swim with South East Region and other considerations were also made. Each county had been asked to supply a pair of timekeepers plus one judge. DR would discuss with Don Neate on how the officials side was progressing. All Masters county managers are called to make official invites to their respective county presidents to attend this inaugural meet. It is hoped that the presidents from each county would attend plus the Regional president who would be invited plus Ian Mackenzie. PH to send email to remind master's managers. The 2007 meet would be held in Essex to celebrate the centenary celebrations of the county. Essex offered to donate a trophy for the event. This would be called the Essex Centenary Trophy, Scribed underneath the logo Masters swimming. On the reverse of the Trophy, it would say ASA East Region Inter-counties competition. It was not at this moment in time possible to confirm this would be ready in time for the event on November 19th. DR therefore suggested that we would swim for a 'substitute Trophy' and sometime when the Trophy was ready, we would then present this new Trophy. PH said that he would do this with the current ER president and invite the Essex president along also. This may have to take place in January 2007.

4. Regional Competition Bury St Edmunds 2007

- Confirm the schedule of events and date, ratification for presentation to EMB.

The schedules of events presented by PH were discussed. Alteration was made to the age groups for relays which would be 72+ allowing 4 x 18 year olds although the age group 72+ meaning up to next age group being 120+. Age groups for the relays were discussed to include 72+ up to 120+ up to 200+ up to 240+. The first championships would be run over one day at a short course 25m pool. A schedule of events is attached with the minutes. (See attached). The conditions must be made very clear as to the relay requirements etc. but at this stage a draft for the conditions could be made and discussed at a deeper level when available. PH would ask Don Neate if he could provide a telephone contact for the Bury St Edmunds pool, as we would like to book this for Sunday 14th October so that it

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would not clash with the Speedo league galas in the region on the Saturday prior, or it could be Saturday October 20th which is a week before the GB Masters. 20th October was the considered date. If Bury St Edmunds could not be confirmed we would look elsewhere in the County, perhaps at Newmarket/Forest Heath. It was agreed that this event would be hosted around the counties and that possibly Biggleswade, Bedfordshire be considered for 2007. PH would work on the conditions shortly and present to the committee for discussion.

5. Education, training days 2007

- Discuss proposal to run a masters module and training day, venue possibly Framlington College for a date to be decided.

PH presented a masters training day program for discussion. This was a previous SCASA training date PH provided in 2005. PH would consider running an event in 2007 at a venue such as Framlington College with Brian Brinkley as course tutor. SB said that Norfolk were running a similar event with Brian very soon and that she would revert back to PH with details. SB would ask the course arranger if PH could be present, possibly to take part in order to take forward a proposal for next year with the 5 remaining counties plus any other Norfolk coaches who missed this one. This could be held during the summer of 2007.

6. Development Plan

This would run side by side currently with the proposals for an education day. PH is involved with a project of the ASA committee to try and provide a masters manual or bible, within the coming years. PH said that at the last ASA meeting in June, AUSSI swimming guidance was sought and that their representative at the meeting would send a draft of the Australian 'manual' to the committee for appraisal. PH would follow this up with Andy Wilson and Verity Dobbie.

7. AOB

- Website

PH urged the county secretaries to let him have all the dates of their county championships or open events. These should be then put on the regional website. Records were a major contribution to the website but DR stressed that Masters committee were not doing enough to raise the profile of claims and that indeed not enough claims were being made. At least some of the Masters committee had not even made appropriate claims, including the Regional Masters manager! All those present agreed that more would need to be done to promote the claiming of records and that each county secretary would promote this within its own county. Claims must be made within 28 days of a swim. All the results of the Intercounties event would be sent to DR. We must support this and improvements measured for next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

Next meeting would be held at Chippenham on Saturday February 17th at 1000 hours.

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