

ASA EAST REGION TECHNICAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday September 29th 2007 at the Village Hall, CHIPPENHAM at 1000.

Present:

Bernie Buck - BB (Chair) , Paul Hayes - PH (Essex), Ashley Buck - AB (Suffolk), Liz Reid - LR (Cambs), Don Neate DN - (Technical), David Robinson - DR (Records),

1. Apologies:

Chris Jessup - CJ (Beds), Sally Lelean - SL (Norfolk), Anne Edmonds - AE (Herts)

Before the meeting commenced, Paul Hayes informed us that Chris Jessup from Bedfordshire had stood down and to date, nobody has replaced him on the Beds Committee

BB asked PH to chair the meeting as he has been dealing with e-mails and correspondence prior to hand over. PH welcomed BB to his new position and thanked everybody for their support since he took on the role and wished BB well for the future and offered his full support to BB and the East Region.

PH handed over an e-mail from Anne Edmonds and, modestly, did not mention the vote of thanks offered to him for getting Masters swimming in the East Region where it is today. Her sentiments were shared by the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and confirmed as a true record

3. Regional Inter Counties Team Competition November 18th 2007 - Colchester 2007

The Lane draw was made as follows~:

Lane 1 - Norfolk Lane 2 - Cambs Lane 3 - Herts Lane 4 - Essex

Lane 5 - Suffolk Lane 6 - Empty

BB would like to remind Team Managers that he would like the provisional Team List by Wednesday November 14th please by e-mail to BUCKHOUSE@sky.com and bernie@cleanbrite.co.uk

Each County is to supply 1 Judge and 2 Timekeepers. Essex as host to supply Lead Referee + 2 Referees, Starter, 3 Chief Timekeepers, 2 Judges. PH will approach his Committee for help. PH informed us that Fred Gale had agreed to act as Lead Referee.

PH confirmed that Colchester Pool had been booked and paid for and that he had spoken with Greg Nathan (Colchester) with regard to operating the Electronic Timing. He will advise if he is unavailable and will find somebody else if he can't make it.

PH advised that there will be 2 x 20 minute Warm Up sessions as last year. Warm Up will be at 1pm with a 1.40 start and will run for approx 3 hours.

The Car Park is free.

DN advised that Mike Rayner (East Region President) will present the trophies. Sally Lelean has informed PH that she has the Runners Up Trophy.

It was proposed that the 2008 Competition be held at Thetford with Norfolk as the host - this to be confirmed at the next meeting.

4. East Region Masters Championships 2007

BB informed the meeting that there were 108 entrants from 37 Clubs (41 Relays and 460 Individual Swims). Income = £2628.00. BB will provide a breakdown of Club's and numbers in Age Groups for analysis and future action. The most obvious are to target is the 18 - 24 Age Groups where there are hardly any entries.

Entry cards would be posted on Monday October 1st together with a welcome letter, location map and Team Declaration Forms for those Club's entering Relay teams.

BB will produce the programme and DR will send the latest East Region records for inclusion. BB will also provide the British, European and World Records for the results wall and will have the relevant claim forms if needed. Any swimmer breaking any of these records will be presented with their medal by the President.

DN has collected the medals and East Region Officials Polo Shirts which are free for those that have not officiated at a Regional event before. Subsequent ones will need to be purchased. It was suggested that a box be provided for unwanted medals for which we would make a donation to a suitable charity. BB will include a note in the programme. DN provided the e-mail contact details for the swim shop to provide a location map and parking details and for Bury Pool (Clare Maller) to confirm the number of tables required.

DR informed us that the catering for officials was all in hand and BB would send the timings of the event to ensure food was available at the right time.

5. Education Training Days 2008

PH advised that the new format for the Masters Module was being organised and he had spoken to Brian Brinkley who had agreed to run a day. Three excellent venues were suggested - Framlingham College near Stowmarket and Ipswich High School for Girls or Culford School near Bury St Edmunds.

6. Development Plan

BB was reminded that the annual budget has to be submitted by December 20th and PH would advise BB of the breakdown of last years figures. DR pointed out that it will be easier to work the budget out now we have some data to work from. PH highlighted the progress made in the Region and of the various CPD's he had organised.

7. Masters Manager

PH informed us that he had advised Andy Wilson that he was no longer the rep for the East Region since September 9th and has volunteered to be the substitute rep. PH outlined the format of how the ASA Technical Masters Committee worked.

8. AOB

a) DN advised BB that there is a Training Day on January 12th at a Holiday Inn followed by a Board Meeting on the Sunday.

b) DR expressed his thanks to Adam Lelean for providing lots of record claims for Norfolk. (This was from the Norfolk Open Championships so Adam sent claims for all swimmers that competed that broke records from all six counties not just Norfolk. DR ratified them all, as he was the promoter. I informed the recipients that Adam had claimed them on their behalf. Adam & DR had e-mailed record breakers to make sure they claimed. Adam also sent DR the results, highlighting any East Region records, from the British Championships but DR was not able to put these through. These are the ones we emailed which resulted in a lot of claims, about 35 LC Records.

c) DR also raised the issue of the current age bands for record purposes in respect of the 18 - 24 group. The rules currently state 19 - 24. and it was agreed we should amend our rules to reflect the change.

d) LR advised us if her new e-mail address: liz.reid@btinternet.com

e) AB advised us of his new e-mail address for masters matters: suffolkmasters@yahoo.co.uk

f) BB closed the meeting and thanked PH once more for his excellent work and wished him well with his other commitments.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 8th having confirmed that the Milton Keynes Masters Meet is on Sunday December 2nd and BB has a two-day announcing commitment on December 1st & 2nd.