

# **ASA EAST REGION TECHNICAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2007 at the Village Hall, FRECKENHAM at 1000.

**Present:**

**Bernie Buck - BB (Chair) , Ashley Buck - AB (Suffolk), Liz Reid - LR (Cams), Don Neate DN - (Technical), David Robinson - DR (Records), Sally Lelean (Norfolk)**

**1. Apologies:**

**Paul Hayes (Essex), Anne Edmonds - AE (Herts)**

BB advised the meeting that Bedfordshire still did not have a Masters Representative and all communication will go to Joan Wheeler

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes were agreed and confirmed as a true record

**3. Matters Arising**

**a) Regional Inter Counties Team Competition November 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 - Colchester 2007**

- i) It was agreed the meet ran very well and quickly
- ii) It was requested a 15 minute interval be built in for 2008 and this was agreed
- iii) Letter of thanks to John North for assisting with the recording and linking the electronic timing to the software. BB to arrange
- iv) BB had included names on the programme but this had confused some when changes had been made so will be dropped for 2008
- v) Thanks to DR for getting the results on to the East Region web site within 3 hours
- vi) Nationally, the overall results were very slow in being published we believe due to software problems.
- vii) It was suggested that Norfolk host the 2008 competition at Thetford. SL prefers to use the UEA pool and it was agreed this would be a better venue. SL would check availability subject to the date being the same. BB would e-mail Andy Wilson to confirm the 2008 date. BB will book the pool and arrange payment via the ASA East Region office.

## **b) East Region Masters Championships 2007 - Feedback and 2008**

- i) LR said that the feedback she had received was positive about the longer distance events - i.e. 400 Free and 200 all strokes
- ii) SL felt the publicity for the event was not very good. No link on the British Swimming web site
- iii) Numbers were low but not disappointing. Entries for the 50's and 200's good - 100's were low. Relay entries were very poor.
- iv) Officials - DR said there was a good response and there were no problems. BB to send a letter of thanks to Jane Robinson for the excellent catering.
- v) SL stated a concern about the depth of the pool at the shallow end. DR and DN advised that it is 1.0m deep so not sure what the concern was
- vi) There was concern expressed prior to the meet about the location of the steps to exit the pool causing delays but was unfounded
- vii) PA system was good
- viii) Getting the results into the National Rankings and Decathlon competition proved difficult although the East Region Web site, again thanks to DR, was very prompt. They are in now but the results are still not listed. BB to check with Dave Chaney
- ix) 2008 - It was agreed that Bury would be provisionally booked although the new pool at Newmarket may be an option
- x) There was some concern about the date being too close to the National Championships, although for most it was thought ideal as a good lead in event
- xi) It was agreed the date for 2008 would be Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> 2007
- xii) BB will look at the Programme of events and running order with a view to keeping the same range of distances
- xiii) It was agreed to allow scratch relay teams and the fee being collected on the day of competition
- xiv) There is a move towards temporary membership, which if in place for 2008, may help to encourage more swimmers to enter
- xv) BB will ensure the date is included on the British Swimming web site

## **c) Education Training Days 2008**

BB to e-mail PH to see if he had any dates programmed for this - otherwise still on-going

#### **d) Development Plan**

DR to e-mail BB with the Development Plan as agreed 2006 / 2007

#### **4. Update from ASA Technical Masters Committee**

i) Feedback on the T30 Challenge. Participation generally expected although LR expressed a very valid concern regarding small pools. Her pool is only 4 lanes and they only have one hour sessions which reduces the number of people that can take part. The rules state only two a lane

#### **5. Lifelong Participation Officer**

This new role was discussed and has been welcomed. Feedback for ten topics to Nuala Muir-Cochrane being gathered and BB to feedback

#### **6. AOB**

i) BB asked if everybody had completed their conflict of interest forms and returned them to Kim Stevens

ii) AB reminded everybody about the Sudbury Valentines Meet on February 16<sup>th</sup> 2008

iii) DR advised that 38 records were broken on October 14<sup>th</sup> (16 male and 22 female). Medals for record breakers were presented by the East Region President Mike Rayner. Certificates had been sent. There were 25 claims outstanding from the National Championships but he is a bit behind with these due to setting up Disability records

iv) DN advised that non-Club members would be covered by ASA Insurance provided they lodge their name and address with an officer of that Club. Also, over 75's are only covered for third party risks

#### **7. Next Meeting**

Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1000 at Chippenham Village Hall subject to availability