

TECHNICAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday February 23rd 2008 at the Village Hall, CHIPPENHAM at 1000.

Present:

Bernie Buck - BB (Chair) , Ashley Buck - AB (Suffolk), Liz Reid - LR (Cambs), David Robinson - DR (Records), Sally Lelean (Norfolk) & Anne Edmonds - AE (Herts)

1-08 Apologies:

Paul Hayes (Essex), Don Neate (Technical)

2-08 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes were agreed and confirmed as a true record

3-08 Matters Arising

a) Regional Inter Counties Team Competition November 16th 2008

- i) SL had done everything possible to secure the UEA for November 16th, but the pool was not available
- ii) It was agreed that BB would take over the running of this competition to ensure consistency for the future instead of moving around the 6 Counties
- iii) Newmarket, which is the most central point of the East Region, has been provisionally booked although not open until May or June to enable a site visit
- iv) BB is in e-mail contact with Ruth Harman who is the main contact

b) East Region Masters Championships 2008

- i) Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre has been booked for October 5th 2008
- ii) BB had previously circulated a draft programme of events. The main changes proposed were dropping the 200IM and the re-arranging of events, particularly relays and the 200m Freestyle
- iii) After some discussion, it was agreed that we should keep the 200IM in the programme and BB will adjust
- iv) It was agreed that the entry fees of £5 for individual events and £8 for relays remain the same.
- v) Deck relays on the day was discussed and was felt to be a good idea. The suggested entry fee would be £10. BB would draw up

draft conditions for this to happen. It is something that the ASA are looking to encourage

- vi) BB will advise the East Region Web Site of the dates and venues for both events and will make available the entry pack by the end of March.
- vii) An advert will be placed in the Swimming Times for the May/June publication

c) Education Training Days 2008

- i) BB had e-mailed Paul Hayes to establish exactly if anything had been put in place, but other than a possible link with Brian Brinkley, nothing happening in the short term
- ii) After some discussion about the ideal time of the year to hold an education / stroke / development day, it was felt that January / February is best suited to the competition calendar and we should work towards an event in 2009
- iii) Ipswich High School comes highly recommended, as does Culford School near Bury St Edmunds. BB will explore the format and personnel to run such a day for future discussion

d) T30 Challenge

The ASA are pledged to publicise this event strongly in the future in particular to Swim Fit sessions and public swimming sessions as well as Clubs. LR mentioned that there are quite a few Tri-athletes that would have liked to have taken part but do not have ASA membership. BB will mention this at the ASA National Masters Committee Meeting on March 7th. The ASA are talking about temporary membership to cater for just such an issue. The results are now available and there has been some good representation from Club's in the East Region and some top 3 finishes.

4-08 Feedback from the National ASA Questionnaire (LLPO)

One of the main issues for many was cost and a suggestion was made, why not have a base entry fee of say £10 and then a fee of £2.50 per event. BB will mention at the forthcoming National Masters Committee meeting.

5-08. AOB

- i) AB highlighted that some of the Masters Records that remain unclaimed were challenging and may prove to be very difficult to achieve. DR explained that they were set using the time set by the 4th placed swimmer at the National Masters 2005 Championships. In quite a few cases where times for different age groups were the same, DR explained that the time set for a younger age group was in fact a time set for an

older age group so relatively easier to achieve. It was agreed that we cannot change the current standards already in place.

ii) DR had received a claim form Lizzie Bellinger set at the Rotherham Long Course meet held in Sheffield but would be refused as she was representing a non East Region Club.

iii) SL explained that Adam Lelean (Diss Otters) had broken a record but because a back up time had been used due to an AOE had failure, this would not be acceptable. DR said that this is acceptable and that he should submit a claim

iv) LR asked whether a lead off swimmer could claim a record and DR confirmed this is in order provided it conforms to the rules.

v) DR mentioned that the Management Board were meeting the following day and budgets would be one of the topics so there may be a need to re-visit the budget at some point in the future

7-08 Next Meeting

Saturday July 12th 2008 at 1000 at Chippenham Village Hall subject to availability