

TECHNICAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Finalised Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday February 21st 2009 at the Village Hall, CHIPPENHAM at 1000.

Present:

Bernie Buck - BB (Chair), Ashley Buck - AB (Suffolk), David Robinson - DR (Officials & Records), Richard Sumner - RS (Herts), Liz Reid - LR (Cambs), Paul Hayes - PH (Essex), Carl Cooper - CC (RDO)

01-09 Apologies:

Don Neate (Board Representative), Sally Lelean (Norfolk), Ian Mackenzie (East Region Chairman)

BB welcomed Carl Cooper to the meeting in his role as RDO and asked him to give a brief outline of his role and how the new asa structure would impact on the future.

CC explained that the RDO post was being made redundant. Under the new structure, each County would have a swim co-ordinator and there would also be a Senior swim co-ordinator per Region. The likelihood would be that there would be a co-ordinator with a responsibility for the Masters discipline.

The new structure has been introduced on the back of funding to the tune of £12 million pounds for free swimming and the swim co-ordinators would have a responsibility to work with local government, swim providers, Club's and schools to best utilise this money.

The Swim 21 Foundation (Masters) accreditations was discussed and CC was able to explain what is involved / required to achieve this. It is broken down into three main areas - 1) Compliance - meaning at least 2 hours spread over a minimum of 2 training sessions per week 2) Workforce Development - meaning a Qualified Coach trained to a minimum of Level 2 3) Athlete Development - meaning a statement from the Chairman of a Club to show commitment

All present thanked for CC for his time and valuable input.

02-09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Liz Reid pointed out that she had been missed off from the list of names present. BB apologised and the Minutes were agreed as correct

03-09 Matters Arising

- a) **Inter County Competition 2008** - DR advised the meeting that £250 had been received from the asa towards the cost of staging the 2008 Inter County event
- b) **Education Training Day** - The proposed training day has still to be confirmed as it will be an add on to the Suffolk County training and development day. Ian Cotton (Suffolk County ASA Chairman) is still working on a suitable venue and date
- c) **Clarification of 'Swimming Up' at the Inter County Event** - Confirmation that swimming up is allowed at the Inter County event
- d) **Clarification of the date for the Inter County Event** - Inter County Event will be on November 22nd 2009 at Newmarket
- e) **T30 Challenge** - A few swimmers had taken part in the T30 challenge across the region but not as many as was hoped despite the increased publicity mainly due to lack of pool time and space
- f) **Venue for the 2009 National Masters Championships** - The National Masters Championships for 2009 is confirmed for 23, 24 & 25 October at Ponds Forge Sheffield
- g) **Date and venue for the GB Masters** - The GB Masters Championships has been confirmed at Cardiff on June 19th 2009

04-09 East Region Masters Championships 2009

- i) BB confirmed that Newmarket Pool was booked for October 3rd and would be planning a site visit to assess all the facilities and the catering arrangements
- ii) Sheri Pettican (Newmarket Swimming Club) has agreed once more to run the meet software and prepare the entries
- iii) BB proposed that the meet schedule used for 2008 be adopted for 2009 and this was agreed
- iv) BB was aiming to get the entry and information pack completed and on the East Region and British Swimming web sites by March 1st

05-09 Regional Inter County Team Competition

- a) The date is confirmed as November 22nd 2009 and the venue to be Newmarket. The pool has been booked
- b) BB advised that the rule about swimmers who have competed in a County 'closed' Masters Championships is under review. This means a swimmer would be allowed to swim for another County provided they were registered members of a Club within that County

06-09 Any Other Business

- i) PH advised that there are new pools due to open in Harlow and Southend. Southend will have a diving pit incorporated in its design and that Essex were forging links with Newham and Stratford pools for the future

- ii) PH raised an issue regarding John Matthisen who was having problems securing training time since he moved. AB has also been in e-mail contact with John on the same subject as John now resides in Suffolk. It was felt that these issues are between John and the Club concerned and could not be resolved by any outside influence
- iii) DR advised that records were still being claimed. BB had supplied DR with the results of the Sudbury Valentines Meet where some records were broken. Notably Alan Jackson in the 70 - 75 age group breaking a British Record in the 100m IM with a time of 1.21.
- iv) DR informed the meeting that Dave Metcalf (ASA East Region President) had been appointed to be in charge of Officials for the Region with one representative from each of the disciplines (Swimming, Open Water, Disability and Masters). It was proposed and agreed that DR represents Masters
- v) DR has received Record Claims from John Bellis (Bedford) and he may be the person to contact with a view to get Bedford represented on the Committee. DR would e-mail BB John's contact details
- vi) RS stated that he will be at a meet with South Beds in a weeks time and would try to speak with them to test the water as it were
- vii) DR had noticed on the Cambs web site that the position of Masters Rep was vacant which came as a shock to LR as she has been in the post for some time. LR said that she will make contact with the Cambs Management Board to clarify the situation
- viii) The issue of officials for meets was discussed. Whilst at this stage, because Masters meets are not Licensed we are not directly affected, from 2010 Licensed Meets at Level 1 & 2 must use Licensed Officials. This will cause major problems, particularly at County Championships, which may end up as Level 3 and therefore qualifying swims for National events will not count. This could be very serious for the retention of good officials and seems to go against the "volunteer" ethos.
- ix) BB mentioned that the National Masters Decathlon details and results on the British Swimming web site were worth looking at as many East Region swimmers are doing very well. Hannah Ueckerman is at the top of the female points table currently. BB urged Masters meet organisers to ensure they send their results to Dave Chaney (davechaney@btopenworld.com) who masterminds the whole thing.
- x) It was noted that our Water Polo colleagues conducted their meeting by means of a Conference Call

07-09 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Saturday July 4th2009 at 1000 at Chippenham Village Hall subject to availability