

TECHNICAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE

FINALISED MINUTES of the meeting held on Saturday July 4th 2009 at the Village Hall, CHIPPENHAM at 1000.

Present:

Bernie Buck - BB (Chair), David Robinson - DR (Officials & Records), Don Neate - DN (Board Representative), Richard Sumner - RS (Herts), Sally Lelean - SL - (Norfolk)

08-09 Apologies:

Ian Mackenzie (East Region Chairman), Ashley Buck (Suffolk)

09-09 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes were agreed as correct

10-09 Matters Arising

a) **Education Training Day** - Although there was a training day, no progress was made to include Masters. There are no plans in place to set such a day in the future

b) **Clarification of the date for the Inter County Event** - The Inter County Event was wrongly given by BB as November 22nd 2009 and is now confirmed as November 15th 2009 at the Newmarket pool. The booking has been changed and confirmed

c) **East Region Masters Championships** - The site visit has yet to be arranged. BB will contact Newmarket pool and arrange this together with DR and Ruth Harman and Andy Gillan from the pool management team asap

d) **Inter County Team Competition** - BB advise that swimmers who have competed in a County "Closed" competition can swim for another County provided they are registered members of a Club within that County

e) **AOB** - DR advised that Alan Jackson's British record time of 1.21 achieved at the Sudbury Valentines meet was not ratified because full AOE was not in operation

f) **AOB** - RS had spoken with John Bellis with regard to possibly organising a team to represent Bedford at the Inter County competition, but he declined.

11-09 East Region Masters Championships 2009

i) BB again confirmed that Newmarket Pool was booked for October 3rd and would be planning a site visit to assess all the facilities and the catering. DR has agreed to join BB.

ii) DR advised that the pool operators will not allow us to provide our own catering. There is a suitable room for officials and helpers to use. Full details and cost will be discussed at the site meeting

iii) DR advised that spectators are not allowed to bring their own food but this will need to be clarified because most, if not all, spectators will be swimmers

iv) BB advised that he has sent the entry pack by e-mail to all that entered last

year who provided an e-mail address. DR would also include a flyer with any record certificates he is sending. BB asked the County reps to promote the meet around their own County's please.

v) DN advised because of how the turning boards are placed, executing a dive from the poolside not from the starting blocks, was not possible. Also the blocks were not easy to climb onto because of the pool design (level deck) and where the timing system is located

vi) BB had been asked whether the learner pool that does have an adjustable floor, will be available for warm down. This will be discussed at the site meeting.

vii) BB asked the meeting whether we wanted a swim shop and it was agreed we would and where it's located at the pool will be another topic for the site meeting. DN advised that there is plenty of space in the foyer area for it to be located. Once the pool management agree, a suitable swim shop provider will be approached.

viii) The internal layout is a bit confusing so signage may be needed to direct swimmers to changing rooms and pool deck etc.

ix) BB will e-mail to the County reps the full address and postcode of the pool. This will be included with a location map when entries are confirmed.

x) DR said that last year we allowed relay teams to enter on the day and we charged each team £10. This has not been stated in the conditions so BB will make sure that is clear when entries are confirmed and will ensure this is included in next year's conditions

xi) DN advised that medals have to be ordered 28 days ahead of the meet. Similarly for lap tops and any other equipment

12-09 Regional Inter County Team Competition

i) Confirmation of the date change to November 15th 2009

ii) BB had circulated the schedule of events by e-mail some time ago to the County reps

iii) BB advised that Dave Chaney had taken over the administration of this competition from Andy Wilson and had circulated a draft of the conditions to the Masters Committee for approval. BB had circulated this draft to the County reps. There are some minor changes to be made and the finalised conditions will be circulated soon

iv) Dave Chaney will be sending invites direct to County reps by the end of July

13-09 Any Other Business

i) BB had circulated various documentation received prior to the National Masters Committee meeting that unfortunately he was unable to make following an accident on the A14 on his way to Loughborough. As a result he was unable to update the meeting in full on some decisions that may have been made

ii) BB was able, however to distribute the agreed changes to the schedule for the National Masters Championships in October and advise that the fee structure would be the same as the GB Masters Championships recently held in Cardiff,

namely a registration fee and a lower fee per event

iii) The Masters Committee in line with the ASA Committee Review will no longer have direct regional representation, but a group of 4 will be a sub group of Health & Lifelong Participation. BB will update who the four will be

iv) DR advised that to date he has had a good response for Officials for October 3rd and reminded County reps to provide a minimum of one timekeeper and one judge for the Inter County competition on November 15th

v) DR advised that there had been quite a few records submitted notably, Zoe Cray - teamIpswich breaking British & European records in the 50 free and 100 IM, British record in the 50 Fly and a British, European & World record in the 50 back all on the same evening at the Norfolk Masters Championships. Alan Jackson had also broken the British & European record for the 100 back - short course and long course - and British records in the 200 IM. Other long course records had been broken at the GB's notably by St Albans and UEA City of Norwich. DR had only received 1 or 2 records from the Essex Championships and following an enquiry from a swimmer wants to make it clear that only records broken at a meet promoted by the East Region are automatically ratified. DR will make sure the Record Claim form is revised to make this clearer. Adam Lelean was thanked for submitting claims from the Norfolk Masters on swimmers behalf

vi) DN asked BB to notify the East Region office of the names of the Technical Masters Committee members

vii) It was decided at the meeting that the quorum for the Committee will be a minimum of 4 and BB will advise Kevin Wray and the East Region Office accordingly

14-09 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Saturday October 31st 2009 at 1000 at Chippenham Village Hall subject to availability