

**SUFFOLK COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
(AFFILIATED TO ASA EAST REGION)**

**Minutes of the Executive meeting held on Saturday March 29th 2008 at the Pavilion,
Martlesham Heath, starting at 1 p.m.**

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT EXECUTIVE MEETING ON JUNE 28TH
NOTE: REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING CAN BE READ AT
www.suffolkswimming.org.uk

Present:

Mrs. V. Buck	President	Mr. D. Whelan	Treasurer
Mr. I. Cotton	Chairman	Mr. D. Neate	Secretary
Mr. B. Buck	Championship Secretary	Mrs. P. Neate	Past President
Mrs. R. Wilson	Trophy Secretary	Dr. J. Walker	President Elect
Mr. A. Walker	Records Officer	Mr. D. Robinson	Regional Delegate

Club Delegates:

Mrs. A. Skeet	Newmarket	Mr. J. Duszynski	Stowmarket
Mr. A. Hicks	St. Felix		

Apologies:

Mr. R. Deal	League Secretary	Mrs. A. Vinter	Team Manager
Mr. C. Vinter	Asst. Team Manager	Mrs. P. Larke	Open Water Secretary
Mr. T. Connick	Volunteer Co-ordinator	Mr. A. Buck	Masters Secretary
Mr. G. Jones	Mildenhall		

Minutes of the last meeting:

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Matters arising:

DW explained that these were being loaned to the County by John North's employer but since the problem with lap tops being stolen they had put an embargo on any lap tops leaving company premises.

It was asked if the dates of future meetings had been put on the County website, DN agreed to check this with Paul Murray. (Post meeting note: this has now been done.)

DR reported that Henry Hawes had now passed his Referee practical assessment and is now a National Referee.

It was confirmed to the meeting that Ian Cotton had been selected as Coach of the Year and the trophy was presented to him at the Championships.

The problem with overage swimmers in the Suffolk League raised by JW is being addressed by a rule change being put to the League AGM on April 26th.

PN asked what were the financial implications of combining the County Masters Championships with the Sudbury Masters events. This was discussed and it was felt that there should be no cost to the County except the provision of medals. BB agreed to look into this with Ashley.

BB reported that Ashley has the calendar of recommended dates for Suffolk Masters very nearly ready and this will be published shortly.

Correspondence:

DN had written to the Chairman of the IoS regarding failings with the provision of courses and CPD's and IC tabled the reply he had received from Michael Hallewell the Assistant Head of Workforce Development of IoS. DN read the letter to the meeting and a number of points were raised and DN agreed to reply to the letter.

There were a number of e-mails between IC and Kevin Wray which resulted in them meeting to discuss the County and Regional budgets. IC reported that the outcome of the meeting had been that the County input to Education funding had been decreased to £3,500 and the regions input increased to £3,000. The County Sports Partnership would then apply for matched funding against these amounts which will give a total of £11,500 available for Education funding for the County. These funding would be for courses and CPD events and the courses would be funded at 70% of the course fees. This funding will be available for the year 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009.

IC said that there was still money in the County CSP budget for 1.4.07 to 31.3.08 still available so said any one who needed funding should apply quickly.

IC said that the circa £9,000 from the CSP was still available and will be available for County events and he is currently working on completing the plan to justify receiving this money.

It was pointed out that Suffolk County Council had provided money for all pools across Suffolk to provide free swimming for 13 to 19 year old swimmers and IC said that Stowmarket LC had funding for 100 free swims.

DR said that there was to be a Regional/County meeting on May 18th which IC would be attending as the Suffolk representative. Anne Adams-King, the ASA Director of English Programmes, will also be attending and he said that if anyone had any questions they needed raised they should send these to himself or IC.

A letter had been received from Hadleigh SC updating addresses and saying they were not receiving very much County mail. DN had replied saying most mail is now e-mail and the secretary's address on the County list was correct.

An e-mail from Kim Stevens to IC thanking him for the chance to talk to clubs about Swim 21 during the Championships. She felt that the exercise had been very successful.

A number of e-mails regarding a missed final swim at the Championships. BB said that this had now been dealt with and it was suggested that a note should be included in entry packs advising that reserves should report to the Clerks of the Course for finals or register their withdrawal.

The entry packs for the Development Championships had been circulated by Jo Cotton.

The invitation to the Suffolk League AGM had been circulated by Robin Deal together with and agenda and proposed rule changes.

An e-mail from Trevor Connick, the County Volunteer Co-ordinator saying if clubs wished they could include his e-mail and phone number as a contact in their Swim 21 file. (connickfamily@hotmail.com 01449-673034)

Treasurers report:

DW circulated his report to the meeting and said that the Championship accounts on the reverse were an estimate but he hoped the final result from the Championships would be a surplus of approximately £4,000.

The ASA have sent the final affiliation fees from 2007-2008 of £66 and have advised him that the first tranche of the 2008-2009 fees of £1,645 will be transferred shortly.

The accounts stand at £361 in the current account and £24,108 in the deposit account giving total current assets of £2,4469.

IC asked to clarify the situation regarding lap tops and DW advised that he had bought one for the Championships at £494 and IC proposed that we purchase a second. Annette Skeet said she had a contact who could provide a good deal and it was agreed she should get the price for a dual core laptop with XP Professional and Microsoft Office.

Championship report:

DN offered to send BB details of the shop used by the Region who had proved very good over the last two years.

BB's thoughts on DE Photography were discussed and JW thought they provided a good service, BB said this was the first positive reaction he had received and he will look into this further.

BB said that Essex require County entry times made at licensed meets so advised clubs holding Open Meets that they could attract more swimmers from Essex if they are licensed.

DN explained that Essex Championships were normally over subscribed so this is probably an attempt to limit numbers and DR said that in the days of Districts some of the Essex consideration times were higher than the ASA Southern Counties times.

IC thanked BB and VB for all their work in producing a successful Championships and this was endorsed by the meeting.

JW said that there was a disparity between the Bagcat events counting towards points between County and Regional events. BB said that this is now being corrected by the ASA>

BB said that Roy Smiles, the supplier of CORGI software, will be attending the Development Championships in June to ensure that the disability part of the programme works correctly. JW said that there is a problem with the S17 classification as it is included in some events but not others. This was discussed and it was believed that the classification is accepted by DSE events but not ASA events.

Records report:

AW circulated a list of new records for ratification and apologised for some minor errors which he said would be corrected before the list is added to the website. He apologised for the lack of relay certificates but he is still waiting for relay team lists from teamipswich. The list was duly ratified by the meeting.

Team Managers report:

DN said he had heard from Alison Vinter who had family problems but she had confirmed that she had booked the bus and hotel for the National Inter Counties in October.

DR asked if she was aware of the Regional Inter Counties on July 5th and DN agreed to check.

Trophy report:

BW said that she had only received one trophy late and said the fines appeared to be working and asked if they should continue. The meeting agreed that they should continue and DW agreed to write to Hadleigh.

League report:

The report from Robin Deal was accepted as circulated.

Disability report:

JW apologised for not circulating her report but said the County Disability Gala had gone ahead in February as planned. There was a reduction in entries although there was no one reason for this. She added that she needs to set the date for 2009 and does not want it to clash with the Distance Championships. BB agreed to liaise with her on a suitable date.

BW asked how many Suffolk swimmers had now been classified and JW said she believed there were four so the process is moving forward albeit slowly. JW said she was still waiting to be trained as a classifier and had been given a date at Sheffield, taken leave, only to have the course cancelled with one days notice.

Regional report:

The report was accepted as circulated but DR said that the Region now had a second RDO starting on March 31st. He is Phil Lown one of the duty managers of Crown Pools. Roy Emmerson will cover Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex and Phil Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

AOB:

DR asked if the rules had been circulated since they had been changed at the AGM and DN apologised and agreed to do so.

DW said that teamipswich are now registered as a charity and there Constitution has satisfied both the Region and the Charities Commission. DW said that Steve Redmond who had achieved this for the club was willing to give advice and help to any other clubs thinking of going along this path.

DW was asked what were the advantages and he replied that the main was that it is easier to attract sponsorship but that there are also tax advantages.

DW said that the press had covered the disappearance and subsequent death of Michelle Wood in Ipswich and advised that she was the wife of Peter Wood the teamipswich Official and he felt that the County should be made aware.

DW said that later in the year the way in which race results will be decided would change to line up with current practice in Scotland and Wales and other overseas bodies. In future the result, where AOE is not used, will be determined by taking a majority decision of the places recorded by the two Judges of Finish and the Referee. And no longer by discarding the places where the Judges of Finish do not agree and replacing them with the Referees results. DR commented that in practice this would appear to make very little difference.

JW said that at the Championship presentations there were a number of parents on the swimmers side of the pool taking photos and when challenged either claimed that they had signed the photo log or in some cases said that they did not know it existed. The meeting expressed surprise at the latter considering the number of times it is announced and the fact that it is clearly displayed in the programme.

VB said she did her best to stop this happening but it is not always possible.

Dates of future meetings:

Saturday 28th June 2008 [starting at 12.30 p.m.](#)

Saturday 20th September 2008 [starting at 1 p.m.](#)