

## Suffolk County ASA - Management Board

Minutes of a meeting held at 25, Holywell Close, Bury St. Edmunds, IP33 2LS  
on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2008 starting at 7.30 p.m.

### **SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Present:** Ian Cotton (Chair), Bernie Buck, Vicki Buck, Jill Walker, Andy Walker, Robin Deal, David Robinson and Don Neate.

**Apologies:** Dave Whelan

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** It was pointed out that in the last paragraph on page 3 it should read pass rate and not pass mark.

**Matters arising:** The two promised lap tops are still with John North.

**Correspondence:** DN had replied to Mark Hallewell of the IoS correcting our views on the Education system and the need for deadlines for course applications.

There were a number of e-mails responding to BB's proposals for the County Championships and these were discussed later in the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer had sent a report for the meeting he said that the Championships accounts were still not complete as he had still not received an invoice for the Distance events at Norwich. He had made major payments to Jacey's for the Championship meals and Paul Murray for website hosting. He has received a total of £3,475 from the ASA for 2008 affiliation fees.

Entries for the 2008 Development Championships of £7,663 have been received which is up on 2007.

**Championship Report:** BB had circulated proposals for changes to the Championships to improve competition and these were discussed. The proposal to change the age groups to bring them into line with the Regional Bagcats was agreed and it was decided that age groups should be changed to:

**GIRLS:** 9,10,11,12,13,14/15 and 16+

**BOYS:** 9,10,11,12,13,14, 15/16 and 17+

The provision of finals was discussed and it was explained that the Region has heats and finals for the Bagcats in the same session and BB agreed to consider this approach. It was agreed that Finals should be introduced slowly and that we should start with Finals for 50M and 100M for all strokes and 200M I/M for the age groups above. It was also agreed for events that have finals that points towards the Top Club Trophy should be awarded for the finals only. It was suggested that the Qualifying Times for the 9 year age group should be eased to encourage more swimmers and BB agreed to look at this proposal.

There was a long discussion on the provision of relays and where in the Championships they should be held. It was agreed that all relays should be held on the final Sunday and BB agreed to approach Crown pools with a view to increasing the length of that booking.

The Stroke Category Awards were discussed with a view to possibly dropping them but BB said that this point needs a lot more thought before a decision is made, and it was agreed that if this change is made it should not be until 2010.

IC said that the Development Championships may have to be extended to accommodate the increasing number of entrants, this was discussed but no decision made. He also said that the qualifying times need to be monitored to ensure a sufficient overlap between the Counties and Development Championships so that all swimmers are catered for.

It was agreed that BB would prepare the proposed Rule Changes for submission to the Executive at the meeting at the end of June so that they can be approved by the Executive for submission to the AGM for approval.

**Regional report:** DR said that the Region had held a successful County Day on May 18<sup>th</sup> with Anne Adams-King, the ASA Director of English programmes, attending. DR said the suggestion of closing dates for Education Course applications was made but Anne Adams-King said that this was already in place. This was not the impression of this meeting.

DR said that the Regional Open Water and Masters events needed support and that details were on the Regional website.

DN added that the Regional Annual Dinner also needed support.

**County Plan:** IC had circulated a County Plan to cover the use of a grant from the CSP and this was discussed in depth and modified to meet current requirements. This will now be completed by IC and after approval from the Management Board will be presented to Tracy Brownlow of the CSP.

**AOB:** BB reminded the meeting that Roy Smiles of Corgi Software will be at the Development Championships and will be happy to advise anyone using the software or thinking of purchasing it. Roy will also hold a Question and Answer session and DN agreed to advise Club Secretaries.

IC advised that applications for Education funding should now be sent to Claire Drewery of the County Sports Partnership at [Claire.Drewery@waveney.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Drewery@waveney.gov.uk) and not Vicki Askew as previously. DN will circulate Club Secretaries and ask Paul Murray to put this on the County website. The application forms have already been changed.

DR said that BB had asked the Region for a laptop to organise the Regional Masters and had been offered one on loan. It was agreed that this was not a viable option and DR suggested the County laptop be used. The meeting agreed that it was in order for BB to use the County laptop.

**Date of next meeting:** A meeting will be arranged as and when required.