

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President B. Batley

Minutes of the Events Management Meeting held at the Regional Offices on
Wednesday 5th February at 3.30pm

Present: R.Margetts, J.Beard, J.Henry & C.Tremellen

14/1 Review of 2013 Winter Championships

- i) Noted that a 1/3rd of entries come from one club and 50% from just two. This makes the competition very vulnerable. Discussion followed whether a long course competition would attract a wider participation as it was known that some coaches would favour this. Agreed to survey coaches at the Youths and Age Groups via accreditation.
- ii) Presentations – these were made below the swimmers balcony approximately in line with the boom. It was agreed that this had not been successful as swimmers for presentations were slow to attend and were mingling with swimmers marshalling for their race. Agreed to move presentations back to the end of the pool.
- iii) Trophies. 2 generic trophies were used for presentations, although not always given. Swimmers were aware of this arrangement and no complaints nor requests to keep a trophy were received.

14/2 Time Trials

- i) Numbers were quite low as all Counties except Dorset run long course L/D championships. Entries included Masters with many coming from outside the Region. Total of 27 girls and 21 boys entered with just a few from Dorset plus the Masters.
- ii) Proposed therefore to abandon the event in future but if Counties find it uneconomic to run L/C L/D events they could make an application for funding assistance.

14/3 Review of 2014 Zonal Meet

- i) Ran very well. Feedback very good especially from London and SE.
- ii) Use of wristbands for entry and coaches passes worked very well.
- iii) Noted that the programme was very unbalanced. As this is set Nationally RM to contact Barry Saunders with his comments.
- iv) Setting up – as the balcony is now in use on Friday evenings it was more difficult to prepare everything for the morning. CT to liaise with Millfield re access to ‘sideboard’
- v) Personnel barriers – these were set up on the end balcony to channel traffic away from seating areas. This was a great improvement although it was noted that some people still walked through the seating area with hot coffee etc.
- vi) Parking – Many parents still managing to park near the pool meaning that officials have no spaces when they arrive. Also the car park attendants receive a lot of abuse. CT had contacted Sarah Godwin and apparently much of the problem was because parents were coming in a different gate. This should be closed in future.

14/4 2014 Youth Championships

- i) RM & CT had made a site visit to Plymouth Life Centre during an open meet in December. The announcer at the event was seated in the balcony but it was agreed that communication would be too difficult and we would site them on poolside outside the timing suite.
- ii) Public access – the main pool to be available until 15 minutes prior to warm up and three lanes of the diving pool to be available at all times. The Learner pool to be open to the public throughout but lessons will be cancelled.

- iii) Lane ropes - these were not aligned at the 15m mark due to missing spools Centre aware.
- iv) Awards – no presentations will be made.
- v) Marshalling – to be on far side of diving pool away from Referees.
- vi) AOE – CT to contact Adrian Dinham re availability. If no-one local to contact Mark/Rob.
- vii) Catering – coffee /tea will be set up in the diving office where officials will report. The café will keep the urn topped up and supply milk. Water for cold drinks available from the first aid room.
- viii) Lunch will be served in the creche.
- ix) Centre will provide a starters podium
- x) Personnel barriers – centre has some for one side but may also have A frames via a sponsor TBC.
- xi) Swimshop to be set up on balcony.

14/5 Age Group Championships

- i) At Millfield 7/8th June
As previously and as minutes for Zonal meet.
- ii) At Hengrove 14/15th June
- iii) RM & CT had made a site visit during a competition in November.
- iv) PA – person attending that gala has not made contact. CT to chase up otherwise use Malcolm Fleet.
- v) Accreditation – in foyer
- vi) Marshalling to be in Learner pool (used for swim down). Marshalling for presentations to be outside timing suite. Podium to be on scoreboard side at start end.
- vii) Door at entrance to balcony and swim shop at the top of the stairs.
- viii) Timing – CT to book Mark/Rob
- ix) Officials briefing room on 1st floor. CT to order lunches etc. No tea/coffee between heats and finals.
- x) Car parking – to use additional area at end of the road.
- xi) Require EAP

14/6 Sprints

As before

14/7 Relay Gala 21st September

- i) RM produced new programme with 3 sessions : session 1 boys only, session 2 mixed, session 3 girls only. It was hoped this would help control numbers.
- ii) RM to produce new conditions to control number of teams from each club.
- iii) Entry fee to cover whole day using wristband ticketing.
- iv) Awards – Sue Dors providing different medals for this event.

14/8 Masters

- i) Numbers still very low. Difficult to persuade more entrants.
- ii) Some programme changes proposed plus a team award to encourage more entries.
- iii) Entry fees increased.

14/9 AOB

- i) Pool dressing. As we shall be at Plymouth for next 4 years we should look at having some banners etc which can be left there need to review situation at Hengrove after this year's competition.