

MARKET HARBOROUGH SWIMMING CLUB



Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012.

Present: Amanda Ball, Harry Waddington, Adrian Wellicome, Mark Merryweather, Val Dunton, Liz Weller, Liz Webb, Liz Cole, Heidi Newman, Yvonne Benson, Dave Waddington and Wendy Flint

Apologies: Pippa Ball, Sue Lander and Karen Jennings,

1. Matters arising from 12th March 2012.

Minutes signed off (all in favour)

2a: Admin: Chairman

Swim 21 - We have a new SDO from the ASA, Fiona Conway is replacing Kate Palmer and will be helping with our accreditation. They are aware that we have two committee members who are prepared to act as Welfare Officers, but are awaiting suitable courses. They both need to be CRB checked and attend a Safeguarding Course. The Swim 21 committee meet in May to sign off our revalidation.

Nicola James is swimming a 10K open water event to raise money for Rainbows in memory of Sam. Sue and Dave have asked if the club would consider making a donation. It was agreed to donate £50.00 all in favour.

The Leisure Centre asked if we would consider moving our ACG to Lutterworth, following a double booking, after discussion it was agreed that due to the lack of seating for spectators at Lutterworth we would decline.

ACG - we need to look at the gala with a view to changing some of the events and also to look at the running order. It was agreed that we would continue to present the medals on the night to give the swimmers a rest between events.

Policies and Procedures - all have been updated and are on the website. Questions were asked about the disciplinary procedure, this is usually called a.s.a.p. after an incident is reported to the Chairman or Secretary.

Nigel Kube - Mark, Val, Liz and Dave met with Nigel and the Chairman of Leicester Penguins. Leicester Penguins want to explore links with local clubs to help with their Swim 21. One of their propositions was to run a series of workshops in a 50m pool where groups of similar age and ability swimmers would work together. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would run one of these sessions and talk further after the event.

Team Selection - Liz produced an article for the Newsletter on Team selection. Mark has amended this document for the website to answer parent's questions and queries. In the past Carole used to select all the Senior Teams A and B with various Team

Managers. When Carole left Ian took over team selection followed by Liz and Dave for the A team and Karen and Liz C for the B team.

We now need to decide whether to continue with this format, or return to one team selector with 4 Team Managers. Various documents will be distributed ready for the next committee meeting.

2b: Financial:

Liz produced up to date accounts. Note - Although we have a surplus at the moment we still have to pay for pool hire for the rest of the year. We receive the majority of our income in the first quarter of the year (through annual subscriptions). Any surplus monies from home league galas go to the league, any surplus monies from trophy galas we receive. It was decided to keep training fees at their current level, through to the 31st December 2012.

Fundraising - Sainsbury's have agreed to sponsor the medals for the Olympic event (6th July 2012) and Melanie Wisher would like to present at the early events, perhaps Dave Lander could present the later events.

Heidi has applied for sponsorship money from various sources and has been very successful. We have already received some funds and are awaiting responses from others. We need a small group to produce a wish list to pass to Heidi in case she has to produce a list of equipment quickly.

Barbeque - help will be needed on the day to set up, for cooking and for organising activities etc. It was suggested that we sell admission tickets which will go into a raffle for a voucher for our swim shop £1.00 per adult 50p children. This will help to provide numbers for ordering food.

2c: Reports:

LASA reports circulated, Val attends the meetings.

3a: Swimming:

Officials - Liz Samandi has taken on the role of official's organiser. Dave Lander has run an officials course for J1 with just practice required before they qualify.

3b Updates on Open Meets and Midlands.

The B team won in the final round of the league with the A team coming 2nd in their gala and gaining promotion. We had 3 swimmers in the Midlands Age Groups, Candice with a 1st and a 5th with Kirsty and Harry performing well in their events.

At the moment we have 13 swimmers who have entered the Braunstone Open meet with several to complete forms. Dave will be running an additional training session on Friday nights, 8-9 and 9-10. If any of the older swimmers wish to join Harry at 9pm they will be very welcome.

3c Training updates

Dave and Val checked all the training lists to see how many sessions the swimmers attended. We looked at the optimum number of times our swimmers should attend in relation to their age and ability. These swimmers will be encouraged to attend additional sessions, if required, to maximise the use of our water time.

3d Friday night classes

Val and Liz are still moving swimmers into appropriate lanes. Val is trying to fill the space by bringing in additional swimmers.

3e: No visitors

4. AOB

Facebook - ASA has produced guidelines in relation to comments posted on Facebook (see attached).

Four of our swimmers have attended a trial at City of Leicester (Charlie, Ben, Jay and Georgia).

Dave has updated the club records and will post them on the website. Swimmers can then apply for a record providing it has been swum at a recognised meet.

Helpers course -Mark and Dave Lander will be running a poolside helpers course any names to Mark a.s.a.p.

ACG - we need to look at the events for this year. Also we need to lose the odd events and encourage the non team members to take part. Perhaps hold a novice event on the Friday night between the two ACG's. The format has been suggested that 8&U and 9&U swim 25m, 10&U and 12&U swim 50m and 13&O swim 100m.

Distance Events - Ian has said he would like to incorporate some long distance events 400m, 800m and 1500m, into the fixtures list for next year.