

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board meeting held at Hucknall Leisure Centre on 15th January 7.00pm

Present:	Richard Roberts	Chairman
	Kate Bull	Treasurer
	Mark Greenwood	Club Representative
	Denniss Bull	Club Representative
	Roy Crampton	Volunteer Coordinator
	Terry Taylor	Swimming Committee Secretary
	Wendy Coles	Secretary
Apologies:	David Fortescue	Communications
	Maureen Shaw	Secretary of Leagues
	Chris Freebury	Secretary of Water Polo (coaching)

Meeting welcomed new Chairman Richard Roberts and Mark Greenwood to the first of this year's board meeting.

1. Development

The secretary explained briefly the changes that were happening within the East Midlands and ASA relating to development.

It was agreed that we need to put together a series of Aide-Memoires that can be kept in a central place for reference should they be required in an emergency.

Suggested we put together:

Championships – positions of non technical officials – Trophy Secretary (Roy Crampton), Promoter (Terry Taylor), Competitors' Steward (Maureen Shaw), Meet entries and results (David Rush and David Fortescue) Coaches and Chaperone passes).

Leagues – Templates for the Registration meeting. Templates relating to the draw etc.

Water Polo – Templates for Registration meeting. Any other that should be kept centrally.

Officials – Details of mentoring and registering new officials (Wendy Coles) and what is involved in attending EM officials meetings.

Website – details of host etc.

East Midlands Representatives – East Midland Board (Wendy Coles) E.M Masters (Richard Roberts), EM Water Polo (Chris Freebury) EM Swimming (Di Nicholas) EM Open Water (Wendy Coles).

As these come in a small working part be set up to see if anything should be added and then templates should be sent to the secretary to be stored centrally.

2. Officials – It was explained that following on from the Interim Council Meeting and that there was no nomination for officials secretary at the ACM a spreadsheet has now been put together of all the persons in training from our clubs and that we had 80+ level 1 in training, 4 level 2 and 1 starter. Because of this the secretary has written to all the clubs asking if any of their trainees wish to come to the county championships to complete their books they must register with the Board so that we can put them in place on the day. It will not be possible to just turn up and expect to come on poolside.

Congratulations extended to Claire Roberts on her appointment as a FINA official on Open Water Officials list 10. Claire must be the youngest ever FINA official appointed from Great Britain if not the world of swimming.

3. Swimming – 50 British Gas shirts have been received and will be given to officials officiating at the county championships. Check to be made to see if the medal ribbon has been received yet with David Rush (who had been sent the shirts). It was hoped that this year we would not have to give the ribbon out following the Counties.

Coaches' passes – all coaches and chaperones MUST hold up to date CRB.

4. Water Polo – Leagues running smoothly. Chris Freebury running various water polo officials courses which are open to other counties and are held at ASA SportPark.
5. Leagues – It was felt that the appointing of league coordinators from the host clubs is not working and the secretary was asked to ask the Leagues Secretary to appoint co-ordinators from members of her committee which is large enough to be auctioned.
6. Disability – Congratulations to Oliver Hynd on his recent MBE. E-mails have been received asking that Oliver Hynd and Charlotte Henshaw be allowed to enter Youth Championships as we have nothing in place to service disabilities at Youths. It was agreed that they be allowed to enter and that we look to implementing disability into Youths next year. E-mails also received from clubs on how they enter their disabled swimmers as it did not seem clear. Again, this to be made clearer for next year. In the meantime the clubs have been contacted for this year.
7. Synchronised Swimming – Our one club seems to be running well and some have been on an East Midlands Development Day.
8. Finance – Just over £13,000 in current account. County Affiliation and County Championship entry money due to come in shortly.
9. Website – Working well. Others to be given tuition on adding items, this would take strain off of David and allow urgent matters to be added or taken off.

10. Volunteer Co-ordinator – Mr Crampton had a meeting with the ASA Volunteer Co-ordinator Francesca Kelly but had not heard back. Mrs Coles to ask Miss Kelly where they are up to in having more contact with club volunteers as it had been raised at our Board meeting.

It was reported that Matthew Greenwood a university student from Retford club had also asked of the possibility of work experience with the ASA to aid his university work. Secretary to ask ASA where this had got to.

11. Focus Group – 50m pool to go ahead. Clubs were asked to email the County council re number of spectators being catered for. The Council do not want the pool to be used for National events which is why they are keeping spectators low. Also to add more seats means they have to make the pool bigger which will cost more money that they have not got.
12. Any other business – Secretary to e-mail all clubs asking for their calendar of events so that a joint calendar can be put together. Concern that there were informal league type events being put together by clubs following our being asked to cut our leagues.

Brian Barnett sent a letter to the board on his retirement asking us to consider raising the ex officio static expenses to reflect inflation. It was agreed not to do this at the moment but to monitor for the future.

An expenses template form to be raised for members of committee who wish to claim petrol.

13. Dates of meetings for the year
9.4.2013
Interim Council Meeting 21.5.2013 – Speaker to be considered.
3.9.2013
ACM 23.11.2013
Other meetings to be arranged, if necessary.

Following the meeting it was agreed that we add Nottinghamshire Swim Squad onto the Agenda – The new arrangements for the running of the squads seem to be working well. BACS accounts set up to pay pool hire and wages to the coaches.