

YORKSHIRE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

(President Mrs W Emmerson)

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at John Charles Centre for Sport on Wednesday 8th April 2009.

Persons Present:

Malcolm Hill (Chair), David Alexander, Russ Barber, Mike Burgin, John Cole, David Dickenson, Roger Perrell, Barry Saunders and Terry Wilkinson.

Apologies for Absence:

Alan Day and Wendy Emmerson.

Minutes of previous Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held 17th September 2008 were tabled for acceptance.

A letter had been received from the Secretary, David Alexander, challenging the accuracy of the minutes. Malcolm Hill withdrew his challenge to the minutes and they were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not Agenda items.

Review of Championships 2009

A report was presented of a Coaches Meeting held on Monday 6th April 2009. (Appendix A) This had been well attended and it was the wish of the committee that we should adopt the Coaches proposals where it was felt appropriate. Considerable discussion took place on all items and the following principles were adopted:

1. The Age Group Championships would have to give Younger Swimmers the opportunity to swim those events laid down in the Long Term Athlete Development Document. Some of the proposals on events for younger swimmers could not therefore be implemented.
2. Work would be done on the Schedule of events and brought to the next meeting.
3. The Qualifying Times would be adjusted based on the results for 2009. It was considered that the 50m sprint times needed to be made more difficult.
4. Team events should still have single age groups but a 17/over age group would also be introduced.
5. Relay events at the Senior/Junior meet would change to 4x100m rather than 4x50m as at present.
6. The Winter Competition would be expanded to have events for Girls 14+ and Boys 15+. There would be no finals.
7. The selection procedure for the Overseas Training Camp would be revised moving away from the BAGCAT Principles to selection based on the 200m Ind. Medley.

In response to a report from the Trophy Controller it was agreed that the points from Team events would continue to count for the B & I Lines and George Lester Trophies.

An extract of the minutes of the NER Finance Meeting was considered by the meeting.

Licensing of Officials: It was felt that those officials who had any intention of becoming Licensed had done so and clarification was required as to the benefits, if any, of a regional/county fund for this purpose.

The proposal to have a combined 800/1500 championship was not considered to be practical.

By a Majority decision it was agreed to increase the cost of a Coaches Pass from £15 to £25 for 2010. A new application form would be designed on which clubs would have to list the names of poolside staff. More effort would be made to ensure that only those persons eligible to be on the poolside would be allowed to be there.

Winter Competition.

Arrangements were to be finalised for the Winter Competition at Ponds Forge on the 10th & 11th October 2009, incorporating the decisions already made.

Development

- Coaches Conference.

The facilities at Leeds Metropolitan University had been booked for 6th September 2009.

Bill Furness to be approached to make a presentation on Coaching an Olympian.

Other subjects to include 'Land Training in a Small Box' aimed at those without full dry training facilities and 'Starts, Turns & Finishes'

➤ Training Camp

Provisional arrangements had already been made for the 2010 Training Camp.

➤ Head Coach

An advert would be placed on the website for the Head Coach, for the next two years, for the National County Team Championships and the Annual Training Camp.

➤ National County Team Championships.

Yorkshire would compete in 2009.

Yorkshire Records

A large number of record applications had been received.

It was felt that the current system was cumbersome and in need of a radical overhaul.

It was agreed to recommend to the Board that responsibility for the ratification of records should be delegated to the Swimming Committee Secretary.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th July 2009 at 7-30pm.

Barry J Saunders
Swimming Committee Secretary

Yorkshire Coaches Meeting 8th April

Suggestions to the Yorkshire Swimming Committee

Spring Age Group Championships

- 9 yrs to do 50's (with finals) and 200IM HDW only – no other 200's
- 200's for Boys 10-14yrs and Girls 10-13yrs, heats swam together
- 200's to be HDW for 10yrs boys only
- 2 double age groups in finals rather than individual age finals
- 100's for Boys 10+11's and Girls 10 yrs with the same final format as the 200's
- Relays to go double age-groups 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 and then an Open

Senior and Junior Meet

- Relays to go 4x100 rather than 4x50

Winter Meet

- Add Girls 14+ and Boys 15+ in all events
- Take out all finals

Spring Training Camp/Inter-Counties

- Can BS provide an explanation of how swimmers are chosen
- Coach selection for the year, for both the Training Camp and Inter-Counties to be on an application process, with the possibility of re-numeration for coaches who do not receive paid leave from their clubs/councils
- Teams to be discussed at a coaches meeting at the Yorkshire Coaches Conference
- All home coaches to sign off their swimmers selection, before letters are sent out, to ensure suitability and quality for the camp

White Rose League

- Can Terry Wilkinson approach National League to ask permission to run one round only. No coaches in favour of running 3 rounds.
- Possibility of running a North and South heat within Yorkshire. Then a final can be used as the "official" round that Speedo may require.
- If Speedo knock this idea back, we will run our own league within Yorkshire (North/South heats and a final)