

West Midland Swimming

Committee: Regional Swimming Committee
Venue: Basepoint Business Centre, Bromsgrove
Date and Time: Saturday 4th March 2017 9.30am

Present:
 Liz Sykes (ES) - Secretary Ian Lamb (IL) Mandy Garrott (MG)
 Simon Sinclair (SS) Trixie Pulsford (TP) Tony Green (TG)
 Mark Stowe (MS) Dave White (DW) Kevin Sherwood (KS)

In Attendance: Jane Campbell (Divisional Office Manager)

Apologies: David Corbett, Jean Childs, Jo Jones, Tom Tame, Bob Powell, Dave Fereday, Helen Weeks

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
17/01.00	Minutes from last meeting	One amendment – Tony Green had sent his apologies.	
17/02.00	Matters arising	None not covered on the agenda.	
17/03.00	Para-Swimming	<p>Dave White gave a verbal update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Para Meet taking place at Nottingham University on 4th March with classification taking place (one swimmer from WM). • Autumn Para Meet on 21st October at Rugby with classification. • Taster sessions have run in 5 venues across the region with another 7 planned this month. • So far only 4 swimmers have been identified to go forwards to classification and have been signposted to local clubs. Remainder of 109 swimmers signposted to learn to swim or participation. • DW will liaise with county secretaries on the Regional Talent ID day. • All meets at regional level and above to be IPC licensed unless the meet clashes with a national event. <p>Liz Sykes will look at holding a joint EM/WM Para Swimming meeting to review the championships and finances.</p>	ES
17/04.00	Midland Winter Championships 2016	The 2016 championships were jointly run with EM at Nottingham. The entries were down slightly so more room available on pool deck. Surplus £6k.	
17/05.00	Midland Winter Championships 2017	As the event must be long course for 2017 the meet will be held at Harvey Hadden, Nottingham although there will be no swim down facility.	

		A meeting with EM and key coaches will take place in due course to look at schedule and qualifying times. IL asked who would be responsible for getting officials for the event. ES will let IL know following the meeting.	ES
17/06.00	West Midland Championships 2017	The event takes place on 29 th /30 th April and 1 st /6 th /7 th May for all ages. Entries are now open. A survey will be sent out straight after the event. Will officials be able to have accommodation on Friday night if they are officiating all weekend? A parents' workshop will take place on Saturday 6 th May ES to check timing. A screen will need to be purchased.	ES/SS ES ES ES
17/07.00	Open Water	A joint EM/WM meeting is taking place on 15 th March at SportPark which JC is attending. IL hopes to attend too. No information is available regarding the 2017 championships booked for 2 nd July at Bosworth. The date clashes with the London event which could present an issue with officials and equipment. JC is still trying to make contact with Staffs Council re Chasewater where triathlons are held. JC hopes to run a JL1 and JL2 courses this year and is awaiting date of open water development day. ES is waiting for Jo Jones to advise about OW development day plans.	ES/JJ
17/08.00 17/08.01	County updates Shropshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise Barnes is the new championships co-ordinator and event ran well. • Records software being updated. • 2018 events booked 13/14/20/21 Jan at Wolverhampton with distance events at separate venue/date. • The county are fully on board with EP development pathway and next step is to invite swimmers. • Concerns about how to pay people as not are all self-employed. Can they go down casual worker route through ASA/Region? 	
17/08.02	Staffordshire	No report.	
17/08.03	Warwickshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championships went well. Will use same programme in 2018. • Lunchtime presentations on 'Coaching the Age Group Swimmer' and 'Nutrition', but attendances were disappointing. • County has signed up to EP development pathway. Invitations to swimmers have been sent out and skills coaches are being recruited. 	
17/08.04	Worcester County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Championships ran well. Initial issues re distance events resolved and clubs licensed their club championships. • County running normal development camps and will run with EP programme next year. • New Worcester pool not suitable for championships due to lack of pool deck space but will try development meet and distance events there. • TP asked why the 200m events (ex freestyle) were being dropped for 10/11 years next year. <i>Post meeting note: Incorrect version of</i> 	Divisional office

		<i>document circulated at meeting 10/11 year olds can do all 200m events.</i>	
17/09.00	Talent committee	<p>A report was circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Development Programme – 5 coaches on year 2 of programme. • County Conference – 19th March. Attendance low at moment. • Overseas competition – Planned event is in Croatia in July 2017. • EP county pathway – Shropshire and Warwickshire participating in 2017. • EP regional pathway – dates for camps have been booked. Chris Littler confirmed as Head Coach. Athletes and skills coaches to be selected in due course. • Beacon programme – local network age group programme is working well. No Beacon funding available going forwards. 	
17/10.00	Licensing Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 meets licensed so far for 2017. • Protection weeks for Shrops and Warks EP development programmes. • TG thanked county promoters for dealing with all the 2015 issues i.e. 800m/1500m problem areas. • Communication re licensing of leagues sent to League secretaries. Contacts required for Staffs League and Worcester Winter League. <p>SS said that Sports Systems are looking at new software to help leagues.</p>	IL/Divisional Office
17/11.00	Officials	<p>IL gave a verbal report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clubs should look at training at least 2 officials a year. • Some issues with counties getting through workbooks. • Course Leaders need to be DBS checked if have under 18's on course. 	
17/12.00	AORB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS advised that backstroke ledges will be required for L1 meets in 2018. • IL said that following a FINA meeting in July there will be rule changes. Once known he will organise a Referees meeting to update on any new rules. • IL confirmed that it is a Referee decision on the new ethnic costume. 	
17/13.00	Post meeting note	<i>Liz Sykes will be ASA President in 2018/19 and will not be able to fulfil the role of Swimming Events and Competitions Co-ordinator or Championships Promoter. If anyone knows anyone who would be interested in shadowing Liz this year please contact the office or Liz directly to discuss.</i>	ALL
17/14.00	Date of next meeting	Saturday 2 nd September 9.30am at Basepoint Business Centre, Bromsgrove.	

Minutes prepared by	Date
Jane Campbell	6/3/17