

Committee Masters

Venue Solihull Methodist Church

Time and Date Thursday 1st June 2017, 7.30pm

Present: **Edmund Salt (ES) Trevor Clark(TC) Ian Lamb (IL)**
Peter Holmes (PH) Jean Childs (JC) Tony Ward (TW)
Jeff Morrey (JM)

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
19/01	Apologies	Dave Fereday (DF)	
19/02	Minutes from the last meeting	Proposed by TW and Seconded by IL. Agreed as a true record.	
19/03	Matters Arising	18/04 – to be covered under 19/08. 18/08 – actioned.	
19/04	Midland Masters 2017	<p>Committee recorded a note of thanks for TW continued hard work and support at organising an excellent event. Also acknowledged and thanks Simon Sinclair for his effort in supporting the event at such short notice.</p> <p>The balance sheet is outstanding and TW has the left over medals.</p> <p>TW provided an overview on the event and feedback received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1,369 entries (includes Relays) 2016 2. It was difficult to obtain officials for the Saturday given other competition conflicts, but also recognised this is not just a Masters problem of getting officials for swim meets. 3. Health and Safety concern with the balcony getting wet was raised by the pool management. 4. Sound equipment for the announcer and starter was poor quality and difficult to hear on the pool deck. 5. Water temperature was a degree warm – circa 29C 	

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		<p>6. It was not ideal having both 400/200 IMs in the same session, although unavoidable due to time constraints on the Saturday. Should be resolved in the future.</p> <p>7. Running the meet with an 8-lane pool was an major advantage</p> <p>8. Feedback – in general all positive with thanks for putting on a good competition. Two thirds would be happy to return to an 8-lane pool next year, with a third preferring Leamington. A warm-up pool would be nice to have.</p>	
19/05	Inter Counties 2017	<p>EMR & WMR Joint Committee agreed to Sunday 12th November 2017 at Rugby. Indicative timing is 1.30pm to 4.30pm.</p> <p>ES to be Meet Manager.</p> <p>ES to book the pool</p> <p>IL to arrange officials. Counties will be expected to bring officials as set out in the rules and regulations. ES to check requirement.</p> <p>Simon Sinclair to be asked to run Sportsystems for recording.</p> <p>Rugby Swimming Club to be asked to run the AOE timing.</p> <p>Sharon Lock to be notified of time/date.</p> <p>All WMR counties to go to Rugby. Need to push within the counties to ensure all counties enter. Derbyshire (EMR) will go to the North region.</p>	ES
19/06	Midland Masters 2018	<p>EMR/WMR Joint Committee have discussed potential venues and dates for 2018. The preference is for an 8-lane pool (Nuneaton) over the weekend of 19/20 May 2018 (3rd weekend). However, a review of other 8-lane venues is being undertaken. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton • Stafford • Wolverhampton • Rugby • Braunstone • Harvey Haden <p>Preference of the WMR Masters Committee is Nuneaton for the 19/20 May 2018. If Nuneaton is unavailable, the preference is for an 8-lane venue on the 19/20 May 2018.</p> <p>WMR Masters Committee review of 8-lane venues is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuneaton – preferred • Stafford – poor location on the periphery of the region. • Wolverhampton – no warm-up/facilities • Rugby – cost and swimmer/balcony access • Braunstone – costs and availability • Harvey Haden – inadequate starting blocks and pool design (step from deck to pool) not conducive for Masters. <p>EMR/WMR Joint Committee to meet to agree and confirm 2018 venue, and report to the WMR AGM (16 September</p>	ES/TW
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		2017). Promoter Conditions will be revised for the 2018 event to align with the use of Sportsystems. Committee has a preference for new medals for the event to reduce costs and be Masters specific. A request to be taken to the WMR Board on 15 th July. Estimate of medal costs/numbers to be presented.	TW TW / ES / JC / PH
19/07	Records	TC circulated the 2016/17 records broken and updates since the Midlands championships. In 206/17: 50 Male, 34 Female and 3 Relays (Male) = 87 records were broken. This compares to 2015/16 when there were 60 broken. So far in 2017/18, 17 records have been broken. Committee thanked TC for his continued hard work and effort to keep the records up-to-date.	
19/08	WMR Masters Action Plan	No updates made to the WMR Masters Action Plan. JC updated on Shropshire hosting their inaugural Masters Open meet in 2017. This will be held on Sunday 10 th September 2017 at Wolverhampton. It will follow the same programme as Staffordshire Masters with the addition of Mixed Relays. JC asked for support in promoting the meet across the region and wider. ES will support by promoting with the counties and regions. Getting officials continues to be a concern for Masters meets. It was agreed that the 'Development of Officials' is added to the Action Plan. The promotion of Masters Meets, is an excellent opportunity for J1s wishing to gain wider exposure of J2 skills, along with the friendly nature of officiating at Masters meets.	ES ES
19/09	AOB	ES provided an update on the newly formed Masters Working Group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair & SMG Rep: Verity Dobbie • Competitions Consultant: Bernie Buck • Membership Rep: Shelley Robinson • Coaching Rep: Geoff Stokes • Communications Rep: Val Thorpe • Open Water Rep: Simon Griffiths Their first meeting was the 12 th May 2017, with new roles, objectives for the group discussed. ES to request a copy of the minutes and circulate.	ES
19/10	Date of next meeting	The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 th October 2017, 7.30pm at Solihull Methodist Church. Meeting was declared finished at 8.42pm.	

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	SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS:	MIN REF	ACTION REQUIRED BY:	REFERRAL TO RMB
➤	Inter Counties 2017	19/05	ES	
➤	Midlands Masters 2018	19/06	ES / TW	
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➤	WMR Masters Action Plan	19/08	ES	
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➤	AOB	19/09	ES	

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