



Swim England West Midlands

Committee Masters

Venue Solihull Methodist Church

Time and Date Thursday 12th October 2017, 7.30pm

Present: Edmund Salt (ES) Ian Lamb (IL) Peter Holmes (PH)
Jean Childs (JC) Dave Fereday (DF)

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
20/01	Apologies	Tony Ward (TW); Trevor Clark (TC)	
20/02	Minutes from the last meeting	Proposed by IL and Seconded by JC. Agreed as a true record.	
20/03	Matters Arising	19/05 – actioned. 19/06 – actioned. 19/06 – actioned. 19/06 – to be covered under 20/06 19/08 – actioned. 19/08 – actioned. 19/09 – minutes all on the Masters Hub.	
20/04	Inter Counties 2017	Rugby Queen's Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre booked 1pm Warm-up / 1.30pm Start All 4 WMR counties confirmed entry. 3 EMR counties confirmed – no Lincolnshire. Electronic Timing – Rugby SC Sportsystems – Oli Coleman (Wellingborough SC) Water for officials – Jim Peto (Wellingborough SC) IL to coordinate officials on the day. To be held under FINA rules. Team lists are required 10 days prior to allow entry to the recording system. Team changes can be made up to the event start. WMR & EMR presidents to be invited by ES. Competition date clash with BUCS championships was	ES

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		discussed and unfortunately is unavoidable this year due to a change of date by BUCS. Future BUCS dates are known to avoid clash in future years. Clash with Remembrance Sunday is not ideal and should be avoided wherever practical. ES to raise comments to Sharon Lock.	ES
20/05	Masters Conference 2017	<p>National Masters Conference was held 30th September at SportPark, Loughborough. ES attended the Conference and provided feedback to the group.</p> <p>JC attended the Regional Masters group meeting on the 29th September as ES was unavailable. JC gave an update to the group on the meeting. WMR Report for 16/17:</p> <p>Regional / County Events Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Midland Championships – 1,369 individual entries (53% increase on 2016, due to reverting back to its usual Spring dates)</i> • <i>Staffordshire Open Masters – 891 entries (78% increase on 2016)</i> • <i>Shropshire successfully held their inaugural Masters County Championships – 229 entries</i> • <i>Shrewsbury Masters Gala and Severn Mile Open Water event continue to provide other local competition opportunities</i> <p>WMR Masters Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>87 records broken in 2016/17 (50 Male, 34 Female and 3 Male Relays)</i> • <i>23% increase on previous year</i> <p>Challenges and Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Getting officials continues to be a concern for Masters meets. The development (and promotion) of officials for Masters competitions has been added to the Region's Masters Committee Action Plan</i> • <i>Access to pool time for masters training continues to pose a threat</i> • <i>Worcester County and Warwickshire continue to explore local competition opportunities</i> <p>Minutes from the meeting and slides from the Conference now available on the Masters Hub.</p> <p>ES to raise to Sharon no time considerations at the National event for Para-swimmers</p>	ES
20/06	Midland Masters 2018	<p>Date and venue booked.</p> <p>Queens Diamond Jubilee Centre, Rugby 26th / 27th May 2018 – not the date we had wanted but had to compromise to get the pool and recorder on the same date.</p> <p>Day 1: Warm-up 1pm / 2pm start Day 2: Warm-up 8.30am / 9.30am start</p> <p>Conditions have been updated and approved by the Joint Masters Committee.</p> <p>Programme of events have been updated and approved by the Joint Masters Committee.</p> <p>Advertised on Swim England, West and East Midlands</p>	

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		<p>websites.</p> <p>Recorder: Simon Sinclair Announcer: Helen Ward Medals: Peter & Margaret Holmes – Sarah Fereday is unavailable. AOE – Rugby SC – awaiting response Officials – DF to coordinate / IL to run at the event Accommodation (Saturday only) – DF EMR & WMR presidents to be invited – ES</p> <p>Medals – DF to arrange quotes for possible new medal designs and supplier. To be taken to the WMR Board on the 25th November.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>DF</p>
20/07	Records	TC circulated the latest records to ES in advance of the meeting. On the WMR website. No further update.	
20/08	WMR Masters Action Plan	<p>No updates made to the WMR Masters Action Plan. To be communicated to County Masters Reps.</p> <p>JC updated on Shropshire inaugural Masters Open meet held on Sunday 10th September 2017 at Wolverhampton. It was a successful event. All swimmers enjoyed the event. They would have liked slightly higher entry numbers – although there was some confusion with entry costs and advertising of the event. The date may also not have been the most suitable for Masters swimmers. Looking at other dates in 2018, but a 2018 event will be held.</p>	
20/09	AOB	<p>ES raised the possibility of a Midlands Distance Event with the group, particularly with entry times required for the national event and a limited number of distance opportunities. Discussion ensued with costs being the ultimate factor. Suggested that interest was gauged at the Midlands Championships in May.</p> <p>A survey at/post the Midland Championships to be circulated to all swimmers to gauge interest in a Distance event and for feedback on the Midlands Championships – i.e. dates/venue</p>	ES
20/10	Date of next meeting	<p>The next meeting will be on Thursday 19th April 2018, 7.30pm at Solihull Methodist Church.</p> <p>Meeting was declared finished at 8.29pm.</p>	

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	SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS:	MIN REF	ACTION REQUIRED BY:	REFERRAL TO RMB
➤	Inter Counties 2017	20/04	ES	
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➤	Masters Conference	20/05	ES	
➤	Midlands Masters 2018	20/06	ES	
➤	Midlands Masters 2018	20/06	DF	JC / PH
➤	AOB	20/09	ES	

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