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Swimming Officials' Committee Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 At Perivale Community Centre

Those Present: Tony Burton, Pam Crofts, Wayne Hirst, Ralph Shortland (Sec), Andy Woska

<u>19/11 Apologies for Absence:</u> Andy Scott		
<u>19/12 Minutes of Previous Meeting:</u> Agreed and Signed. Apologies to be sent to Bob for omitting him from reminder email. Sent 15th May by both.	apol	PC/RS
<u>19/13 Matters Arising:</u> All current J1 trainees have been told they have till end of July 2020 to reach assessment. Ralph had responded to the request for TK course from American Schools but had heard nothing further. All other items on agenda		
<u>19/14 Swim England SOG Report:</u> Ralph attended the meeting in April. The margin for assessing Time Keeper practicals has been amended from 0.3 to 0.2. The request for clarification on breaststroke overlapping arms had been answered verbally but will not be circulated to all officials. The meeting felt the Law was sufficiently clear. The fingers may overlap. If the wrists also overlap it would then be an infraction as the arms would not be in the same horizontal plane.		
<u>19/15 Current Courses Update:</u> Wayne's J1 first session at Barnet Copthall was attended by 9 candidates. /Andy W's J1 second workshop - 14 attended Pam's J1 second workshop – 12 attended. Brian will host third workshop. Ralph had no candidates for his proposed J2 course. Tony had 10 for J2 session 1. There were 5 candidates for the referee's exam this year; Suzie Brezlin, Dan Harry (although Dan cannot make the November exam date so will sit the written paper in May), Richard Coupland, Andy Dixon and Rachael Neal. The exam will take place in one Regional based site from now on. Ralph will suggest using Pimlico as this is central to all Counties in London and easily accessed by public transport.		
<u>19/16 CPD's and other courses:</u> Currently nothing planned.		

<p><u>19/17 Assessments ;</u> Ralph had provided drafts for new assessment forms to SOG who had, in turn, passed them to British Swimming around 2 years ago. No response to date. Ralph handed copies to committee and it was agreed Middlesex will, in future, use the forms. These cannot be headed British Swimming, however, unless subsequently adopted by BS. The forms are intended as an aide memoire for assessors.</p>		
<p><u>19/18 Any Other Business:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pam had been approached by a candidate for approval of an assessment to be carried out at a Kent meet by Kent referees. Although not sure that Kent follow the correct guidelines for assessments, the candidate is very able and so Pam was happy that she should be successfully assessed. It was agreed by the meeting that NO ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT WITHOUT CONFIRMATION BY THE COURSE LEADER WOULD NOT, IN FUTURE, BE ACCEPTED AS AN ASSESSMENT. This decision was made due to candidates attending meets, finding that the referee was willing to assess and no checks had been completed on workbooks or agreement sought from the course leader. 2) Ralph had received a request for help with officials' training from some members of Essex. He had responded positively but the offer of assistance had not been positively agreed with the Essex (London) County Coordinator. 3) 		
<p><u>19/19 Date of Next Meeting:</u> Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 8.30am at Barnet Copthall.</p>		