

MCASA Swimming Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021

At Perivale Community Centre

Those Present: Flo Barnes, Pam Crofts, Brian Kapp, Gillian Neal, Chris Pullen (on behalf of County Coaching Team), Leah Pullen, Sofia Marcal Whittles (via Zoom).

Apologies for Absence: Jeanette Edmiston, Karen Vazirani.

Gillian was asked to Chair the meeting in Wayne's absence.

Pam asked that. Before we start the meeting-proper, we agree to re-start the normal pre-covid process of planning and fix dates for future events in good time so that pools can more easily be sourced and booked. By now we should have all dates for 2022 on the County web site calendar and probably provisional dates for 2023 Championships. It was agreed that provisional dates would be agreed at this meeting.

Item	Action	By Whom
<p><u>1 County Qualifier De-Brief:-</u></p> <p>No invoice had yet been received from the pool. Fusion's area manager had emailed for payment but for a meet that was not ours. Leah replied and reminded him that we had overpaid for the July meet, having paid the invoice and then agreed with the pool to use less facilities.</p> <p>Leah also reported that, whilst we currently had no idea of the pool charges, based on previous invoices, it looked probable that we would end up with a reasonable surplus from the meet.</p> <p>The licensing officer has accepted the returns and we are very grateful for her co-operation in these still difficult times as we were not fully able to meet the criteria in all sessions.</p> <p>The meet was very poorly supported by officials. Communications requesting officials had been sent out very late; this was only done in the week prior to the meet. Gillian commented that we cannot function with the skin-of-our-teeth and fly-by-night attitude used for this meet.</p> <p>The times are now on rankings.</p> <p>Flo proposed that the County acknowledge the help given by Arran Pullen (over all four days) and Gabriella Beal (over one day), two past members who gave up their time to cover a number of non-technical duties, with a gift voucher each. Brian agreed to organise this.</p> <p>Pam commented that it had been frustrating to have to need to put covid restrictions in place at the last minute following an email from the Area Manager of Fusion after we have been assured by the pool that none were needed. However, everybody had been very cooperative over the late information sent to clubs.</p> <p>Gillian said that , at future events, we need to ensure that everybody on poolside is aware that the ruling for no photography or videography applies to them as well as the spectators in the gallery. An will be added to all future conditions.</p>		

<p><u>2. County Championships 2022:-</u> Due to time frame, it was decided to keep to the current arrangements and use Southbury Road for the Meet as no LC pools were available. There was a possibility Hillingdon might agree to hire their 50m pool but Gillian pointed out they currently own no 50m lane ropes and no decision had been made yet by the pool management. The entry times had been considered by the County Coaching team and some adjustments made in spite of queries by clubs over distance QTs. The times and use of SC pool had been unanimously accepted by the team. The team had suggested a programme held over 3 weekends, one for youth, one older swimmers and one for all ages with events arranged accordingly. Leah asked that, to make the programme easier to manage and assist with staffing, distance events not be swum as mixed events but as single sex events. There will be a short coffee break during the sessions containing distance events during which a second shortened warm up can be held. Leah has based the conditions on those used by LR with a closing date of 3rd January so that times achieved at Hillingdon's Open meet can be included. There may be no swim shop due to problems experienced by the company in obtaining stock. It was agreed unanimously to go with a company printing competition-specific hats instead. Hopefully the sweat-shirt company will be available as well. Jeanette to be Lead Referee for the competition. The problem of getting both technical and non-technical officials was discussed and, although we cannot include it as part of the competition conditions, Gillian will draft a letter to all clubs explaining the expectation of the County that their offers of volunteers will be in line with the size of their entry.</p>		
<p><u>3 County Championships 2023:-</u> Leah has approached LAC, Luton, Hillingdon and Surrey Park for 2 weekends with the provisional dates of 28th/29th January and 4th/5th February. These dates will be posted on County web-site but clearly marked provisional till pools confirm availability. Hopefully the programme will be the same events as 2022 Championships but with LC times. If any of the pools offer other dates still within the window these will be accepted.</p>		
<p><u>4 Presentation of Trophies:-</u> The Coaching Team will be asked to liaise with clubs where swimmers have won trophies to fix a date for presentation for all swimmers wishing to accept their trophies. A parent will need to attend the presentation to sign the receipt which coaches will then return to the Trophy secretary.</p>		

<p><u>5 County Competition Dates 2022 and</u></p> <p>Spring Development Meet 2022 : - to be held at Southbury Road 19th/20th March and 2nd/3rd April</p> <p>Development Camps 2022 to be held at Barnet Copthall 5th March; 25th June; 17th September Selection would be made by the Coaching Team based on 2022 County Championship times. Numbers not yet decided. Programme will follow SE recommendations. Gillian suggested the coaches consider half day rather than full day to keep interest alive. Coaches to report back on plans to date for November SC meeting. (Note: It had been confirmed that all swimmers who would have been included in the County Development Camp in 2021 had been offered a place at London Region Camps in 2022)</p> <p>Len Badcock Disability <u>Meet:-</u> at Barnet Copthall 26th June or 3rd July dependent on pool</p> <p>County Qualifier 2022 :- Southbury Road 1st/2nd October, 15th/16th October</p>		
<p><u>6. Any Other Business:-</u></p> <p>1. The County Executive had given provisional permission for the committee to seek a Meet suitable for a County Team to attend in 2022. It was felt it might be wise to stay with Home Nations while the future with Covid-19 was still so uncertain. Leah agreed to look around and discuss with Coaching Team. An announcement should be posted on the web site that this was in the pipeline.</p>		
<p><u>7. Dates of future SC meetings.</u></p> <p>__ November 17th 2021 - zoom January 19th 2022 - zoom March 16th 2022 - zoom May 11th 2022 - to be decided July 13th 2022 - tbd September 14th - tbd</p>		
<p><u>The meeting closed at 21.55</u></p>		