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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS DE-BRIEF MEETING

held at Littlebury Hotel , Bicester on 23rd April 2009.

Present: S-A.Clavaud , P.Shaw , I.Powell , J.Wilford , I.Brewer , A.Brewer , & representatives from Aylesbury & District , Banbury , Bicester Blue Fins , Bucks Disability , City of Oxford , Didcot Barramundi , Maxwell , Newport Pagnell , Wantage White Horses , Witney & District and 4Shires Swimming Clubs.

Apologies: E.House , City of Milton Keynes.

1. Venues/Dates

1500/800 :	Temple Cowley	14 th February 2010
400's :	Aqua Vale	21 st February 2010
Main :	Aqua Vale	6/7 March 2010
Main :	Aqua Vale	13/14 March 2010

It was suggested that we should be looking to stage the 1500/800's at a Long Course Pool because of the change in NQT criteria. The proposal to stage the 400's at Aqua Vale was unanimous. If at Aqua Vale , 400's would commence a.m to alleviate parking issues for officials. (Only held p.m in 2009 at Aqua Vale because of late switch from Stantonbury)

2. Programme

It was unanimously agreed that the programme would remain the same.

3. Qualifying Times

New rules apply to Level 1 and Level 2 meets apply from October 1st and County Champs would be Level 2 and therefore may have QT ranges applied. Subsequent enquiries by IP to ASA have confirmed that County Champs will be exempt and can continue to set their own appropriate QT's.

4. Disability Events

Liz House , County Disability Officer , sent in her observations including an unfortunate clash with the DSE Junior Nationals over the first weekend and the Nationals the second weekend. Also the shortage of 'classified'

swimmers was highlighted. The meeting commented on 'poor' experiences of the classification process. PS to speak to Region about this issue. It was proposed that we repeat the same disability programme in 2010 with swimmers in their 'own' event but integrated for the actual swims with the able bodied swimmers.

5. Trophies

It was greatly appreciated that the Awards Trustee had managed to source the trophies from a much cheaper supplier this year. The Championship 'retained' trophies were considered excellent. It was though considered unfortunate that the Age Group Finalists marble block trophies did not distinguish between the placings. There was strong support for a medal (inscribed 1,2,3 etc) to be considered for 2010. There was also great concern that ' the nice lady at the end of the pool ' may not wish to continue beyond the AGM in July.

6. Fees

Subject to a closer scrutiny of the final accounts for the Championships it was proposed that the Entry Fees remain at £4.50 for individual events and £5 for all relays.

7. Meet Best Times

Due to a software problem the current MBT's did not go to print and therefore were incorrect in the Programme. A correct set were issued with the Programme on the second weekend. The MBT's post 2009 Champs are now on the County web site. If you are aware of any errors please let me know as soon as possible.

8. Bagcats

It was not possible to produce , due to the software , accurate overall results at the Championships. These have subsequently been issued and Presentations are being held on the 10th and 17th May. These were based on all times , heats and finals , to remain consistent with previous years. In 2010 it will be done as per the ASA LTAD principles and Bagcats points will be applied on heat swims only when there is a final of that event. The promoters Conditions will be amended to reflect this. It was proposed therefore that the Bagcats Presentations could be held at the end of the afternoon session on the last Sunday rather than at the end of the evening session.

9. Photography

It was agreed that this is generally welcome and will continue in 2010.

10. AOB

- a.) Clubs must prevent parents from wandering around the pool to collect children.
- b.) There were incidents of gym instructors not being happy about the swimmers going through the gym to marshalling and in some instances were very rude. Maxwell to investigate.
- c.) Though it is understood that there is a lot of pressure on space at Aqua Vale swimmers who do need to visit the spectator area must wear shoes. The steps get very wet and dangerous.
- d.) It was suggested that a backcloth could be provided behind the podium for the presentations.
- e.) Recording Room admin requested extra time for sorting of cards i.e an earlier closure of card box. PS proposed closure 15 minutes after warm up start allowing 55 minutes before session start.
- f.) A reminder to clubs that Volunteers must be CRB checked.
- g.) IB asked whether County Volunteer Co-Ordinator could be utilised at County Champs in assisting with organising volunteers for the Champs.

The meeting was reminded that these minutes would be discussed at the next County Executive Meeting at Bicester Community College on Tuesday 19th May .