

# County Championships De-Brief Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Held at Littlebury Hotel , Bicester

Present: P.Shaw , S-A Clavaud , I.Powell , J.Wilford , G.Buck , K.Phillips , & reps from Aylesbury , Bicester , City of Milton Keynes , City of Oxford , Didcot Barramundi , Maxwell , Newport Pagnell , Thame , Witney and 4Shires Swimming Clubs.

Apologies: I.Brewer , A.Brewer , A.Powell , S.Powell , H.Patrick & W.Patrick.

1. Dates for 2011

Awaiting confirmation from ASA regarding ‘ Counties Closed period’. This apparently may be reduced from 8 weeks to 6 weeks but ASA Technical Swimming Cttee Secretary unable to confirm yet. Main weekends will hopefully be 5/6 March and 12/13 March.

2. Venues

1500/800            Stantonbury            ( Subject to Pool Length Certification )

400's                Aqua Vale , Aylesbury

Main x 2            Aqua Vale , Aylesbury

3. 1500 entrants : 36  
800 entrants : 48/54

4. Programme

Main proposal to move Age Group relays from the four main afternoon sessions to 2 x 1 hour ( approx ) sessions after the 1500/800 events on the first Sunday. The numbers of swimmers partaking in the age group relays was too great to allow safe warm ups. This would also take the pressure off the spectating in the afternoons as well as possibly increasing the number of acceptances for the 200's. The alternative would be to restrict each club to 1 entry per gender/age group relay at the Main Champs. The programme will also be looked at to see if a better balance can be struck particularly with the 100 IM being on the same day as the ‘double’ 200's session.

5. Qualifying Times

Accepted Times will be 98% of 2010 Accepted Times ( 2005 ‘A’ Grade ) and Considered Times will be at 106% ( 50/100 ) and 108% ( 200/400 ) of the 2011 Accepted Times.

6. Officials

John Wilford will consider the introduction of the ‘ Scottish’ system whereby each club will provide a Timekeeper and a Judge per session . This would be applied pro rata dependent on size of entries/club. This may alleviate the problem of enlisting sufficient officials for some of the galas. The move of the Age Group relays to the first ‘Disatnce’ Sunday may also help.

7. Disability

Not discussed at Debrief but will be at Executive on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

8. Financials

Approx £8k profit partially due to expected increases not applied. Cost of Trophies reduced but not in quality. Known increases in costs of approx £3.25k for 2011. Hold entry fee @ £4.50 for further year.

9. Skins  
It was questioned whether we ought to continue with this event. Generally it was considered to be very exciting and had to be at the end of the day, by definition, when a lot of spectators had departed.
10. Trophies  
Except for the medals carried over from 2009 and used up at the Distance Events the awards were considered to be very good.
11. Promoters Conditions  
To be updated as necessary. Will not appear in main programme but will be in club entry pack , on website and with Promoter on the day.
12. Bagcats  
No software problems. No errors reported. Presentations went well.
13. British Gas Sponsorship  
No problems created . Continue if available.
14. Cardless  
Investigating cardless for 2011. Withdrawals from session advised by club to Admin Room no later than 15 mins after warm up starts. Club of “No Shows” fined £10 per no show. 2 No Shows by same swimmer = swimmer out of meet. Monies deducted from refund monies. Clubs with no refunds have 1 month from date of swim to settle fines or whole club will not be allowed to swim in Champs following year. Each club will therefore need a very tight procedure to know which swimmers are not swimming in each session and inform us accordingly. Coaches/Team managers should be aware of this now anyway. The accepted entry list by swimmer by club gives the base information to work from. Forms for each session will be provided in advance. Point made about gaining entry to Aqua Vale for the morning sessions. Designated “Swimmer only “access to be investigated.
15. AOB
  - a) Struan Mcneil (ex Head Coach AVSC) had made proposals regarding a ‘B’ Grade County Champs and fixed Qualifying Times at 5/6% of 2010 Accepted. It was unanimously agreed that:
    - There can only be one County Champs, you can not have a ‘B’ grade Championships.
    - There is no space in the calendar for a County run Development Meet.
    - QT’s would have to be fixed at about current Accepted Times to ensure that our facilities could accommodate the entries. Fixed QT’s only work if you are absolutely certain that the entries will be less than the number that can be accommodated. It would in fact lead to less swimmers being accepted than the current system as we would have to play very safe with the QT’s.
  - b) Request for more formal allocation of space for clubs at Aqua Vale on Pool side. Agreed this should be possible.

These notes will be discussed at the County Executive meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Bicester Community College commencing at 7pm

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5<sup>th</sup> May 2010