

MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT PERIVALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HQ
EALING CENTRAL SPORTS GROUND, HORSENDEN LANE SOUTH, PERIVALE, UB6 8AP.

THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00PM

TO TRANSACT BUSINESS AS PER AGENDA HEREWITH

Dated this 10TH day of November 2016
Florence Barnes, Secretary,
293 Bilton Road,
Perivale,
Middx. UB6 7HH.

Club delegates must report to the Verification Officer to hand in the Verification slip and for the purpose of having this notice stamped after qualification to vote has been verified.

NOTICES

REPRESENTATION

Clubs are entitled to representation to the council meeting as set out below.
Over 250 members 3 delegates
50 to 249 members 2 delegates
Under 50 members 1 delegate

Club Secretaries, unless delegates from their Clubs, are not allowed to vote.
I would ask you to forward the enclosed Notice of Meeting to your delegates.

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19TH November 2015
4. Report of the Executive 2015/6.
5. Accounts 2015/16
6. Election of Officers, Office Holders and Executive 2016/17
7. Constitutional Amendments
8. Appointment of Independent Examiners.

Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 19th November, 2015

Those present: -

Ralph Shortland (President & Ealing SC), Wayne Hirst (President Elect & Ruislip & Northwood Masters SC) Tony Burton (PP & Brent Dolphins), Florence Barnes (Ealing SC), Tom Walsh (Treasurer) Pam Crofts (PP & Haringey Aquatics), Norman Edwards (PP & Heston SC), Gillian Neal (Seabyrds) Trevor Hyde (PP & Ealing), Colin Jones (Seabyrds), Leah Pullen (Ealing), Lesley French (Anaconda SC) Andy Blackwall (RNSC), Peter Hayley (RNSC), Frances Prentice (Barnet Cophall SC), Sarah Lawlor (Barnet Cophall, Ian Woollard (PP & Barnet Cophall) (Samantha Whitmore (Ealing SC), and for the Presentations- Isabelle Dean & Brodie Judge & their families.

1. Convening the Meeting

The President, Ralph Shortland, opened the meeting.

The President then welcomed everyone to the ACM. Trevor Hyde read out the Nomination form from the Water Polo Committee outlining the achievements of Isabelle Dean (see Appendix A). The President then presented her with the Van Beets trophy in recognition of her achievements during the year and the Ron Turner Trophy for Water Polo's most improved player for 2015.

Gillian Neal outlined the achievements of Brodie Judge during the year and then The President presented the A Van Beets trophy for Girls to Brodie Judge (Ealing SC) for Speed Swimming (see Appendix B)

The President then presented the President's Plate for 2015 to Leah Pullen in recognition of her loyalty and hard work behind the scenes in her role as Competitions Secretary.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Maria Abrams, Richard Lerman (Haringey Aquatics), Daphne Short (PP), Andy Woska (PP) Allan Thornton (Chief Coach) Susan Fletcher (Ealing SC) Natasha Coupland (Harrow) Suzette Mohamed (Harrow)

3. Minutes of last Council Meeting – November 20th 2014

Proposed by Tony Burton and seconded by Trevor Hyde. Adoption of the minutes was agreed

4. Matters arising –

Tony asked about the fines – Leah confirmed that they had all been paid.

5. Report of the Executive 2014/15

Ralph opened the discussion on the report by saying that the Executive Committee had supported the swimmers in the various disciplines by encouraging them and inviting them to attend overseas meets. He also commented that there had been an increased interest in Open Water swimming and we now have Brian Kapp who has joined the SOC committee and will be training officials in Open Water rules. The only discipline Middlesex does not yet cover is High Diving which British Swimming have now introduced as a new discipline.

Each report was then open for comments and/or questions.

Annual report - none

President's report – The President highlighted the loss of Len Badcock during the year and how much he will be missed for his exceptional knowledge of the sport.

Swimming Committee - Pam commented on the number of International achievements and the number of County records which had been broken throughout the year

Masters - Ian mentioned that the masters section are looking for more volunteers and officials to help with competitions. Also noted that at the Inter-County meet last week, Middlesex won by 2 points

Diving – Good to note that the competition held in October was well supported and also made a small profit.

Synchro - none

Swimming Officials – Ralph pointed out that some clubs were struggling to get sufficient qualified officials to run the licensed meets.

Since the change of rules by the ASA, this has become an issue nationally.

There is a new criteria for referee training and further training to encourage those who want to aspire further.

Ralph reported that Middlesex have recently passed 8 new Starters and they would qualify for the new Referee training if they wanted to.

He asked that Clubs represented took back the information that the Committee was doing its best to help anyone who wanted to qualify to do so. Mentoring was still a problem but Middlesex are ahead of the game.

Trevor mentioned that he would be running a Water Polo officials course in February.

Leah asked for a list of officials – Ralph explained that this was an issue due to Data protection which the ASA are taking very seriously.

Welfare = No issues this year

Proposed by Tony Burton, Seconded by Gillian Neal, the report was adopted.

6. Financial report 2014/15

The Annual accounts were available for comment.

It was noted that overall this year, there was a surplus of £33,000 of income over expenditure and the balance stands at £119,000. It has been noted that this coming year we have budgeted for an overseas tour and the Executive will give some thought as to how to spend some of the balance for the good of the various disciplines.

It was noted that at long last, the County has 3 debit cards for those who need to have access to book travel, accommodation etc.

The accounts were approved. Proposed by Pam Crofts, seconded by Colin Jones

7. Election of Officers, Office Holders and Executive for 2015/2016

The President then installed Wayne Hirst as President for 2015/16. The new President then presented the Past President's Jewel to Ralph.

The new President then took the Chair.

There was one nomination for President Elect – Florence Barnes proposed by Ralph Shortland and seconded by Andy Woska.

Florence Barnes was duly elected President Elect for 2015/16

There had only been one nomination for the following posts and Wayne read the list:

Secretary – Flo Barnes (Ealing)

Hon Treasurer – Tom Walsh

Assistant Secretary – Gillian Neal (Seabyrds)

Assistant Treasurer – Norman Edwards (Heston SC)

Swimming Competitions Co-ordinator – Leah Pullen (Ealing SC)

Secretary Masters Committee – Ian Woollard (Barnet Cophall SC)

Secretary Swimming Committee – Pam Crofts (Haringey Aquatics)

Secretary Swimming Officials Committee – Ralph Shortland (Ealing SC)

Secretary Synchronised Swimming Committee – Charlotte Lea (Seymour Synchro)

Secretary Diving Committee – Richard Lerman (Haringey Aquatics)

Secretary Water Polo Committee – Vacancy

Secretary Disability / Open Water Committees – Brian Kapp (Haringey SC)

Welfare Officer – Maria Abrams (Ealing SC)

These were agreed and elected 'en bloc'

Proposed by Tony Burton, seconded by Gillian Neal

Trophies Secretary – Jane Woollard proposed by Gillian Neal, seconded by Tony Burton, Agreed.

Although it had been agreed last year to delete the post of Medical Adviser

We had an offer from Chris Woollard for this post. Agreed to accept this as an ex-officio post

The following were re-elected to the Executive Committee

Colin Jones (Seabyrds) Suzette Muhammad (Harrow SC), Hugh Turner (Otters)

Samantha Whitmore (Ealing SC) Natasha Coupland (Harrow).

There were 2 nominations - Frances Prentice (Barnet Cophall and Lesley French (Anaconda) Both were accepted .

Proposed by Ralph Shortland, seconded by Pam Crofts

9 Appointment of Independent Examiners

It was unanimously agreed that Smith Malhotra Limited be appointed as the County's Independent Examiners for the forthcoming year.

Proposed Gillian Neal, seconded Colin Jones

10 AOB

None recorded

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Date of next ACM To be notified

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY AMATEUR
SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

As we come to another ACM, I can report that the County has enjoyed another successful year in many aspects of the Swimming world. I am very grateful to all the members of the Executive for their continued help and advice.

As you will see from the Section reports, the young people of the County have again enjoyed several successes in all disciplines. It has been a great pleasure to see Open Water swimming appear as one of the County's achievements and it is a pleasure to award one of the A Van Beets trophies to Aarian Lally.

We have run the usual competitions and championships and thanks go to Leah Pullen for her tireless efforts in bringing them altogether. They have been fairly well supported throughout the County and as anyone involved in running any event will know, they do not just happen. There are many people behind the scenes - committee members, officials, coaches and, of course, the swimmers and their parents without whom they would not happen!

The County is very lucky to have so many people who give so much time voluntarily to make all the events happen. It is well known that many of the people behind the scenes have seen their children leave the sport several years ago but they are still there! A big Thank You!

Our thanks also go to Allan Thornton as County Coach who supports the County so well and together with many of the Club Coaches ran another very successful Development Day. These days are very much enjoyed by the swimmers who gain a lot from the varied activities which make up the day.

I am looking forward to my year as president and leave my secretarial role in the capable hands of Gillian Neal.

Florence Barnes
Hon Secretary.

Please find below the Reports from the Secretaries of the individual Disciplines that have been submitted to me.

MCASA Swimming Committee Report 2016

2015/6 has not had as many problems as the previous year but has certainly thrown up a few difficulties.

The Committee has still held regular meetings throughout the year and was very pleased to welcome new members in November 2015, Frances Prentice and Lesley French. Their contribution has been important. Sadly, for family reasons, Lesley is not able to continue on for another year.

We have held our regular County Meets; the Winter Development Meet, Age Groups (no longer called BAGCATs following last year's British Swimming changes) and Summer Development Meet. We also hosted an Open Meet for which we returned to Surrey Sports Park in May. Although the meets have all run very smoothly, it becomes more and more difficult to staff them. I feel I must ask clubs to encourage the new officials who are regularly qualifying as officials to ensure they help to keep the County compliant with the licensing conditions by volunteering to work at County Meets. There have been a few problems with the Meets caused by the need to change dates after clubs had already made provision for the originally advertised dates. This has prevented some clubs giving their support to some parts of the programme. We are hoping we have made better preparation for the calendar next year and avoided clashes with other important events.

The Presentation Evening planned to follow the last day of the Age groups had to be cancelled creating a new problem for ensuring that trophies reached their rightful winner. I can only apologise for the delays and endeavour to ensure we make a better job of this next year.

Our County Coach, Allan Thornton has, again, done a stalwart job on behalf of the County's swimmers to ensure there is a very solid and well thought out swimmer pathway for all of the County's competitors.

Allan led a squad of the County's top swimmers to Leon to compete in the [redacted] The squad of swimmers were [redacted] and were accompanied by coaches [redacted] and Sharon Austin as Team Manager

He also organised the Annual Training Day Camp where 39 swimmers had a great day learning about the importance of stretching, land training, the role of officials and experiencing training with coaches from other clubs.

We have again taken a team of 24 swimmers and three coaches to the British Swimming Inter Counties Team Event. Unfortunately, the meet was held on a weekend which clashed with half term and was not when we anticipated it would be. This meant that Allan, although completely involved in planning, was unable to accompany the team due to club commitments. He was very pleased to be able to hand over control for the trip to Bram Montgomery of Chelsea Westminster Swimming Club. The team was also accompanied by [redacted]

Sharon Austin was Team Manager and the swimmers were [redacted] Many of our top swimmers were also away for the half term either with family holidays or Club swim camps but the team still achieved a very commendable [redacted]

Special mention should be given to our swimmers who have achieved National selection.

The County swimmers have also set a number of new County records:-

Men's 4x100m Medley Relay LC Ealing 3.50.78 British Summer Championships Sheffield 31/07/2016 Jahrel Murphy/ John Britton/Eduard Rednic/Ziggy Franchi-Webster

Boys' 100m Fly LC Ben Hooper Borough of Harrow 57.45 British Summer Championships Sheffield 29/07/2016

Men's 400mIM LC John Britton Ealing 4.25.68 British Summer Championships Sheffield 28/07/2016

Ekaterina Avramova Women's 50m Back Long Course Ealing 28.49 European Championships 2016 London 20/05/2016

Ekaterina Avramova Women's 100m Back Long Course Ealing 1.00.52 European Championships 2016 London 18/05/2016

Ekaterina Avramova Women's 100m Freestyle Long Course Ealing 56.00 European Championships 2016 London 17/05/2016

Georgina Boyle Women's 50m Fly Long Course Chelsea & Westminster 28.23 London Region Summer Championships London 10/04/2016

Ben Hooper Boys' 50m Fly Long Course Borough of Harrow 26.71 London Region Summer Championships London 09/04/2016

Maisie Jameson Women's 50m Fly Long Course Ealing 28.25 17th National Meeting of Lyon Metropole 26/02/2016 Lyon France

Georgina Boyle Women's 200m Free Short Course Chelsea & Westminster 1.56.86 ASA Winter Meet 20/12/15 Sheffield

Brodie Judge Girls' 50m Free Short Course Ealing 25.88 ASA Winter Meet 20/12/15 Sheffield

Ekaterina Avramova Women's 50m Back Short Course Ealing 27.54 ASA Winter Meet 19/12/15 Sheffield

Georgina Boyle Women's 400m Free Short Course Chelsea & Westminster 4.07.37 ASA Winter Meet 19/12/15 Sheffield

Amy Grimshaw Womens 100m Fly Short Course Hillingdon 1.00.70 Hillingdon SC Winter Meet 19/12/15 Uxbridge

Maisie Jameson Women's 50m Fly Short Course Ealing 27.77 ASA Winter Meet 18/12/15 Sheffield

Brodie Judge Girls' 50m Fly Short Course Ealing 28.35 ASA Winter Meet 18/12/15 Sheffield

Miles Clark Boys' 100m Fly Short Course Ealing 58.14 ASA Winter Meet 17/12/15 Sheffield

Spencer Williams Girls' 200m Fly Short Course Brompton 2.16.30 ASA Winter Meet 17/12/15 Sheffield

Brodie Judge Girls' 50m Fly Short Course Ealing 28.76 Guildford City L2 Open Meet 21/11/15 Guildford

Julia Jaworska Girls' 50m Fly Short Course Staines 28.98 ASA SE Region Winter Championships 08/11/15 Portsmouth
Girls 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay Short Course Staines 1.49.74 ASA National Arena Swimming League 10/10/15 Portsmouth
Tiffany Parsons/Alexandra Olesen/Lucy Drinkall/Julia Jaworska
Julia Jaworska Girls' 50m Fly Short Course Staines 29.13 Staines Club Championships 19/09/15 Knowle Green
Congratulations to them all.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the officials who, as volunteers, do support the County by attending our Meets and also all of the wonderful volunteers who step in to cover the non-technical roles at the galas. Without you all none of the events mentioned above would happen.

Pam Crofts
Secretary, MCSA Swimming Committee

Competitions Report 2015/16

Competition has gone well this year and the combined Age group and Youth County Championship 2016 was a great success, we again use automatic and conditional entry times which worked very well so we are intending to repeat this in 2017. Everyone who entered for the County Championship was accepted and everyone got a swim. None of the development meet has been full and could do with more support especially on the non technical volunteer front, the new used of time trials worked well and proved very successful and popular especially as swimmers doing well on the day often decided to swim extra events. It has been recognised that we do not need the 4 days for the development meet so we are intending to reduce it back to the 3 days in 2017. The Long Course was run as an Open meet to ensure a good standard of competition and although initially coaches had said they would support it, they did not give us the support or entries as we had hoped for. This has been recognised and the County will not be repeating another Long Course Open in 2017.

We are now gearing up for Age Group County Champs in January and February 2017. Age Group being 13 & under. The Age Group will be held at Barnet Copthall over 2 weekend. The reconfiguration of the events is hope to allow the County to offer up more spaces and thereby allow more County swimmers to take part.

Youth is being held in March as an open meet with preferences of places being offered to County swimmers at the iconic London Aquatic Centre. This 10 lane pool should allow the County to offer more spaces to County swimmers especially to those who have never swum there before and we hope that it would be popular. The meet will be run as 50m long course. Everything has been licensed and set in place for both Age Group and Youth Open Meet.

Issues are continuing with Southbury Road Pool, the electronic score board died in early February and we did not have a working score board for the Spring Development meet, for Middx last development meet, a portable score board was installed just for the meet which worked well. We have also had issue of being moved from our booked meeting room during meets. The problem is supposed to have been sorted by Southbury Road, but we will have to monitor the situation carefully.

All 2017 proposed meet dates are out and advertised on the website.

Leah Pullen

Competitions Secretary

MCASA ACM

Masters Report

October 2016

Inter-County Masters competition 15th November 2015.

Having missed the competition last year, Middlesex were asked to host the event in 2015 stepping in at the last moment to assist SER and Oxford & North Bucks as their pool wasn't ready. Barnet Copthall pools was the venue and the sterling work and performances of our Masters swimmers overwhelmed the opposition and the Tony Warne trophy returned to Middlesex once again.

The bulk of the team consisted of Otters, Barnet Copthall with a healthy sprinkling from Teddington, Out To Swim and Ealing. Well done everyone.

The 2016 competition is happening in Oxford on Sunday 20th November 2016 and we hope we can retain the trophy although getting a travelling team together is always a challenge. We'll do our best.



LEN European Masters – May 2016

Well, what can one say about the chaotic world of Masters swimming after the over populated and ill-planned Masters' element of the European Aquatics Championships held at the London Aquatic Centre?

Following on from the so called "Elite" championships where a few hundred swimmers and divers were allocated two weeks to complete their championships, everyone was puzzled about their intention to squeeze around 12,000 individual bodies into a venue designed "Post Olympics" to hold around 3,000 spectators. It was a pity that LEN failed to consider the implications of having such a popular, "easy to get to" City, such weak entry times and a venue, being the very latest Olympic pool, that would attract swimmers from literally all over the continent.

Entries reached their originally intended limit of 12,000 swims in less than 3 days. Uproar from our European cousins caused LEN and LOC to reopen entries but without any other controls on numbers. These unfortunate changes of mind and uncontrolled reopening led to further problems with swimmers' entries being reduced from an initial 5 swims to being restricted to 3 swims leaving many to contemplate the point of competing at all. Using the warm up pool as a second competition pool added to frustrations especially when a bulletin was issued suggesting swimmers would need to find alternative arrangements for warm up "elsewhere".

Thank heavens for London Buses and the Underground network.....

Once the competition started, most of the frustration melted away as it usually does at major international events as competitors become acclimatized to the conditions and word gets around about the pools a few stops away on the tube. Lots of Olympic style corralling of swimmers outside the building to prevent overcrowding was not the best way to prepare for one's race but sadly it was probably the only way to keep people safe. Non-swimming spectators arriving to watch their loved ones compete were often queuing for 2 hours such was the demand for the event.

Very long days starting at 6.30am in the pool and finishing after the last trains had left Stratford Station made each day a long and arduous one. Swimmers and officials were resolute in their determination to make the best of things even when the clock ticked past midnight, with several relays events still to swim and the computer switched automatically

onto the next day's event programme! 25 minutes and lots of dance music later, racing finally resumed and finished the wee small hours ready to return about 5 hours later for the next day's competition.

Despite the trials and tribulations, 260 swimmers from Middlesex clubs competed and returned with 4 Gold, 11 Silver and 11 Bronze medals. There were numerous 4th and 5th places and too many to count top ten placings. Well done everyone on their determination to make the best of things.

MCASA Masters Competition **Sunday 7th June 2015 – Barnet Copthall Pools**

Because of the European competition, we delayed the County championships until July. The competition was once again hosted at Barnet Copthall on Sunday 24th July 2016. There were more changes at the top of the rankings this year. Cally Masters Islington retained the top scoring women's team. But the men's top team was Out To Swim who made a massive effort to turn out a large and talented team to outgun the Otter Men's team. Normal Service resumed when it came to the combined Top Team with Otter, who finished 2nd in each of the single sex categories, easily winning the combined points trophy.

11 clubs took part this year. Slightly fewer than 2015 which was probably due to the later date. The 2017 competition is intended to return to its more regular slot as first weekend of June and the intention is for Sunday 4th June 2017.

I would like to say a very big "thank you" to the officials and helpers who gave up their time to help run the competition. Once again, swimmers stepping in to help as substitute timekeeper whilst the official timekeeper was actually swimming! I know the Masters swimmers of Middlesex appreciated everybody helping at the competition and they really do appreciate the time given by officials involved in promoting and running the competition. I think those competing enjoyed they day and nobody had to queue outside for hours either....

– **Thank You.**

Congratulations Otter SC (Top Combined team).

Congratulations Cally Masters Islington (Top women's team)

Congratulations Out To Swim (Top Men's team)

The points and ranking positions are listed below for the respective categories.

Women - Team Scores		
Place	Team	Points
1	Cally Masters Islington	240
2	Otter	200
3	Barnet Copthall SC	150
4	Out to Swim	64
5	Teddington SC	36
5	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	36
7	Hackney Aquatics	27
	Total	753.00

Men - Team Scores		
Place	Team	Points

1	Out to Swim	375
2	Otter	280
3	Barnet Copthall SC	142
4	Cally Masters Islington	141
5	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	57
6	Enfield Swim Squad	42
7	Teddington SC	31
7	Hackney Aquatics	31
9	Broomfield Park SC	30
10	Westminster Tiburones	18
11	London Borough of Hounslow	12
	Total	1,159.00

Combined Team Scores		
Place	Team	Points
1	Otter	560
2	Cally Masters Islington	467
3	Out to Swim	447
4	Barnet Copthall SC	394
5	Ruislip and Northwood Swimming	93
6	Hackney Aquatics	74
7	Teddington SC	67
8	Enfield Swim Squad	42
9	Broomfield Park SC	30
10	Westminster Tiburones	18
11	London Borough of Hounslow	12
	Total	2,204.00

Thank you for your support and assistance over the past year.

Wishing all swimmers, officials, coaches, clubs and supporters of Middlesex ASA greater success in 2017.

Ian Woollard
Masters Sec.
2016

October



SWIMMING OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

November 2016

Once again, this has been a busy year for the committee. The demand for courses, candidate tutoring, mentoring and assessment has increased even more. The enforced changes to the Meet Licensing Criteria for Officials, which came into effect on 1st March 2015, placed a very heavy demand for Judge 1 and Timekeeper courses especially.

Mentoring and the difficulties in getting mentored sessions as a candidate are still a concern. It is still a national problem and continues to be the major problem in becoming a qualified official and is the prime reason why a relatively large

percentage of candidates do not see it through to assessment. The fact that the Swimming Committee finds it difficult to get enough officials at meets increases the problem. We make no apologies however that the system of training for officials appears to be one that is lengthy and appears not to be as productive, for individuals or clubs, as hoped. This is especially true for Judge 1 training. The Swimming Officials Committee is still fully committed to produce quality and knowledgeable officials rather than producing a quantity of officials. We owe that to our swimmers at all levels.

We would therefore urge all clubs to ensure they encourage their registered officials to offer their services at our meets. Help, at just one session, would help us get more mentoring and assessments completed.

The committee has worked hard to facilitate as many courses as possible, in various locations within the County. We are aware that the locations are not always convenient to those wishing to enrol on the courses but some effort must be made by individuals and some degree of travel may be inevitable.

We are proud that we still have a reputation of producing excellent, knowledgeable officials, good quality mentoring and fair, but demanding assessments. For this, we owe a great deal of gratitude to those who have willingly mentored and assessed our candidates throughout the year. We must also give special thanks to those committee members who act as course leaders and give their time willingly and voluntarily to train our officials within the workshop environment.

We are currently in the process of running Open Water officials training. An awareness course for officiating disability swimming is in the process of being produced in early 2017 in readiness for an new Middlesex County Open Multi-Disability meet on June 3 2017 at Southbury Road.

Candidates undergoing Judge 1 training must complete a CPD session on Contemporary Issues prior to undergoing a J1 assessment. Unfortunately we were given incorrect information in April stating that the CPD was "only a recommendation". The on-line CPD is free of charge via the Institute of Swimming (IOS) website and the committee will also be doing Contemporary Issues presentations.

In June 2017 FINA congress will meet and approve possible Rule changes etc and therefore a new FINA Rules Update CPD will commence sometime in September. Remember, attendance at this CPD is a mandatory requirement for officials re-licensing.

There is to be introduced a new course for Starters who act as Referee at unlicensed or Level 4 meets. This course will be finalised soon and will be available soon. It will be able to be completed on-line, free of charge, via the IOS website. It is not yet known if this CPD qualification will become a mandatory requirement for current Starters or in fact anyone wishing to commence Referee training.

Individual members of the Swimming Officials Committee act as administrators for specific courses and all course enquiries should be routed through them.

TK courses: Contact Andy Scott: ndscott10@sky.com

Judge 1 courses: Contact Andy Woska: andywoska@hotmail.com

Judge 2 courses: Contact Tony Burton: tony.burton500@sky.com

Judge2S courses: Contact Pam Crofts: croftsp@aol.com

Open Water courses: Contact Brian Kapp: brian.l.kapp@btinternet.com

Referee Courses: Applications are made via the ASA and must be made by the end of the year for inclusion into the tuition process and written examination in the November of the following year. There are strict criteria requirements that have to be met before application for Referee training can be made.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Swimming Officials Committee ralphshortland@hotmail.com

Training of Technical Officials:

The training of British Swimming Officials falls under the remit of the British Swimming Officials Group. Here is a précis of the training schedule that has been adopted by all home countries:

All officials should be required to demonstrate several hours of post qualification experience at one level before moving on to the next level.

Timekeeper: minimum age 14yrs for training and assessment

Judge Level 1 : minimum age for training 15yrs - final assessment minimum age 16yrs.

Judge Level 2: minimum age for training 16yrs

Judge Level 2S: upon completion of Judge Level 2 with a minimum of 20 hours experience

Referee: minimum age for training 19yrs providing will be 20yrs as at 30th November in year of examination. Qualified as Judge Level 2S with evidence of 50+ hours poolside officiating at all levels plus a minimum of 10 hours JS2 officiating at all levels

Finally, I personally would like to extend my thanks to all the committee members for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Ralph Shortland
Secretary
Swimming Officials Committee