



Minutes of Swimming Committee

28th February 2023

Zoom call 7pm

Attendees: Leah Pullen, Jeanette Edmiston, Pam Crofts, Marc Barrot, Jo Martin, Brian Kapp , Gillian Neal, Colin Jones, Phil Prentice.

Apologies: Evelyn Ingleton, Sofia Marcal-Whittles, Flo Barnes (managed a late appearance).

Ref	Note	Action
1	2023 County Championships Ran well and reasonably successful at LAC First weekend very expensive, due to combination of high pool hire and and very high extras: catering, security, first aid, which MCASA had to pay for in addition to hire.	

1.1 50m sprint issues at the Hillingdon pool

Blocks missing at the turn end

Touchpads at the turn end in the water but not connected to the AOE due to a non functional connection in the pool. Unrepairable on site.

Blocks issue known to some members of the Swimming Committee but not to those on site on the day. Non functional pads connection also discovered in the morning before first session.

Coaches agreed to our running the 50 breast and 50 fly events on manual time. Officials on site on the day didn't think on running the events with 3 timekeepers per lane. In hindsight, we had enough people poolside in the morning sessions (barely) but not the afternoon ones.

As a consequence, SE downgraded the 50 breast and fly times posted to rankings from Level 1 to Level 4.

There was confusion on the day about responsibilities: Hillingdon Leisure Centre was responsible for the pads and connections, Hillingdon Club was responsible for the AOE system and its operation. Hillingdon operators had very little information about the setup for the day and the Hillingdon Centre manager, Chris Parker, was not available on site.

Swimming Secretary to write to GLL - Chris Parker - about the blocks issue, which is part of the equipment of the pool.

Colin to have a discussion with Chris Parker directly.

We ask for a rebate to compensate for the refunds we are liable to issue (£2100), plus indemnity.

1.2 Options for next season's Counties

- Crawley is very far for a 50m pool
- Options are:
- 50m as this year
- all short course
- split 50m / 25m along age groups - but makes figuring out who gets trophies almost impossible.
- Split option impractical. All short course possible but not appealing to coaches because of timing of the Counties window.
- Since meeting, we have opted for 1 weekend at LAC followed by 1 weekend at Hillingdon. Leah has already organised reservations.

1.3 Parking issues at Hillingdon

- Officials and non techs were issued fines on the weekend despite last minute lists organised at the last minute by the Centre and circulated to volunteers. Some tickets were issued twice and disappeared from vehicles.
- Letter sent to the Council by Marc drafted by Jeanette,
- All tickets issued were appealed successfully once people managed to retrieve their PCN numbers and went to the Council operator's web site to log their appeal.
- The parking issue made MCASA look poor, we need to organise better with the Council, the Leisure Centre and the parking operator well before we organise our next event at Hillingdon.

1.4 Food issue on the weekend

We ran out of food on Saturday

Ended up telling trainees we were not feeding them, which went rather poorly

Need better estimate of officials.

Need to prioritise clearly lunch for volunteers who work for both sessions, whether officials, trainees or non techs.

Leah need to have an estimate before the meet, based on the duty rosters. Whatever food is left is then available for people who are not working all day.

Estimate needs to take into account coaches that have paid for food for the day.

1.5 Field of Play volunteers organisation issue

Need a Field of Play manager on site on the day to organise volunteers, and not just direct them to Leah who has other things to do at the time.

We should also issue instructions for volunteers in advance. Frances reportedly created documents to that effects. Jeanette also did that, we need to make those documents available to the Field of Play manager.

The first manager could be Colin. Field of Play manager should be familiar with all the non tech jobs, in order to relieve Leah and let her concentrate on her main job.

1.6

Other issues

Need to replace adjustable backstroke ledges with more modern flexible ones.
Not for immediate purchase but we need to research options.
Need to buy some more headsets for our radios now that we have found an adequate model.
Exec needs to decide on bigger storage.

The meeting come to a close at 20:45.

Marc Barrot, Secretary

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