

Hampshire County Amateur Swimming Association

Minutes of a meeting of the County Forum held at The Gregg School, Southampton on Wednesday 20th September 2006

In Attendance

Please refer to the Attendance book.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm with the President, Mr. George Adamson, in the Chair.

1.	Apologies Brian Welch, Brian Ridler, Sue Lambert, Dave Harman, Jenny Ball, Sue Barker, Alan Alderman, Jan Alderman, Margaret Bell, Eric Ransley, Dennis Miles, Jane Davies.
2.	Minutes of Forum 14th June 2006 Minor amendments are as follows: 4 8(i) Should read Threat not Threast 5 (i) Omega and Swiss Timing instead of Omega ans Swiss Timing (iii) Confirm the spelling of Michael Ba-Tin 6 (ii) Swimming Competition Planned dates should read 2007 and not 2006 6 (vii) Should read: Sue Barker has been appointed an IPC International Official and has been invited to an event in Durban later in the year.
3.	Matters Arising 6 vii Disability Swimming: As Sue Barker and Peter Hull were not present we had no news. (ix) Open Water: A letter has been received from John Lee and he has left the Management Committee the decision to which event the Lee Plate will be presented for as long as it is for an Open Water event under ASA and FINA Laws. 7 All Section Secretaries have submitted the budgets to the Treasurer. 8 Mike Lambert stated that all Clubs that entered the County Championships have email addresses
4.	Mike Lambert gave an interesting and informative presentation on the updated County Operational Plan

5.	<p>A very interesting short presentation was given by Janet Selley on the recent Synchronized Swimming Training Camp. The photos will be on the web site for all to enjoy.</p>
6.	<p>John Davies gave a short insight into the revision of the Constitution for the sub region which needs to be completed by the Management Committee before the ACM in December where approval will be sought.</p> <p>He also informed the Forum that Clubs will be unable to gain Swim 21 accreditation unless the correct constitution is in place. Clubs must use the model available from the ASA but the final version has yet to be released.</p>
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Letter notified was that from John Lee to the President confirming the decision on the Lee Plate.</p> <p>New Milton Torpedos has merged with Seagulls and therefore is now in the West Region.</p> <p>8 nominations have been received for the Napier Trophy. Peter Waterfield, Josh Clinch, Diane Ford, Commonwealth Games relay team and Chris Jones. This will be considered by the Management Committee at the meeting in October.</p>
8.	<p>Section Reports</p> <p>i) Management Committee</p> <p>None</p> <p>ii) Swimming</p> <p>None</p> <p>iii) Diving</p> <p>It has been another very busy time since the last Forum. Starting with the:</p> <p>Southampton Schools Competition</p> <p>Pupils from over 40 schools in covering a wide variety of catchment areas in Southampton and the surrounding area took part in the fourth Southampton Schools' Diving Competition held at the Quays Eddie Read Swimming and Diving Complex on Saturday 17th June. In all there were over 70 entrants from children in school years 1 – 8.</p> <p>The event was opened by Peter Waterfield, Olympic silver medallist and Commonwealth gold and silver medallist, and Blake Aldridge demonstrating a spectacular synchronised dive from the 10m board. Following the lunch break Gary Hunt, Blake Aldridge and Gavin Brown, senior members of the Elite team who have all competed for Great Britain, demonstrated a triple synchronised dive prior to the afternoon events.</p> <p>Peter and other members of the Senior Elite team later joined other officials from the diving academy on the judging panel for several of the events. After the Schools Competition there were 2 diving displays the second of which was a celebration for Jan & Alan Alderman to recognise their contribution to diving over the last 30 years.</p> <p>Masters</p> <p>A team of 7 Masters divers travelled to Manchester to compete in the Great Britain Diving Federation Summer Masters event in July.</p>

The best results were for Tony Hunter, diving in the 40-49 Championship events, who won gold in the Platform and 3 metre springboard and silver in the 1 metre. Peter Nicholson, in his first competition, managed the same results as Tony in the Novice Mens 30-49 Age Group and in the Novice Mens 50-69 age group John Pollard, also competing for the first time, took gold in 1 metre and 3 metre and silver in the platform.

Sam Youles, diving in the Ladies Championship event for the 40-49 age group, took gold in the platform where she is proving an expert at armstand movements, silver in the 3 metre and bronze in the 1 metre. Mark Nicholls took bronze in the Novice Mens 30-49 1 metre. Will Aglietti rounded off an excellent set of results with a bronze medal in the Novice Men's 30-49 Platform.

Following his success Tony Hunter went to the Fina World Master Championships in California and came 6th on 1m, 9th on 3m springboard and 3rd on Platform in the 45 to 49 year age group.

15th FINA Diving World Cup, Changshu (CHN)

Gareth Jones, Blake Aldridge and Stacie Powell represented diving in Hampshire at the World Cup. Stacie came 4th in the Womens Platform Synchro event and Gareth/Blake were placed 10th in the mens event. Gareth was placed 6th in the individual Platform event.

National Age Group and National Novice Events

These events were held back to back in Leeds in July. Significant results are:

A.S.A National Age Group Final

Boys Group E; **1m** Sam Mcsevich silver; **3m** William Riglesford silver. Girls Group E; **1m** Sarah White silver; Chloe Pook bronze. **3m** Chloe Pook gold; Sarah White silver. Girl Group D; **1m** Eleanor Fleming bronze. **Platform** Eleanor Fleming gold. Boys Group C; **platform** Sam Knapp gold. Girls Group 14-18m; **1m** Melissa Harley bronze. **3m** Francesca Godfroy gold; Melissa Harley silver. Boys Group 14-18m; **1m** Adam Purkis silver; **3m** Adam Purkis bronze; **Platform** Adam Purkis gold.

A.S.A National Skills Finals

Boys Group C; Charlie Riglesford 3rd

Emily Alderman & Max Brick.

Building on their success at the National Junior Elite Competition both Max and Emily represented Great Britain at the Junior European Diving Competition in Majorca, where Emily took 4th, only 6 points off a medal position and Max took 7th place both on platform. This was followed by the 16th FINA World Junior Diving Championships in Kuala Lumpur. Emily Alderman and Max Brick both from Southampton competed. Emily came a creditable 16th in the Girls B Platform and Max was placed 24th again both on Platform.

ASA South East Region

To overcome problems associated with lack of competition at the elite and championship levels it is likely that these events will be run in conjunction with ASA South West Diving in 2007.

Forthcoming events

Saturday 30th Sept: Peter Waterfield Novice Competition

21st to 23rd October: Southampton Invitational. There should be some excellent diving on view for free. This is a designated national event for diving.

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Water Polo

No report

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Synchronised Swimming

The Hampshire camp was so successful. Claire Dias was an incredible coach, and her motivation and enthusiasm was so contagious amongst swimmers and coaches. The coaches that took the opportunity to attend learnt many different ways of teaching, and the swimmers adored Claire so much, they really went that extra mile, which meant the improvement could be seen with the eye over the week. With the specialist dryside coaches who were employed to come, the groups were sometimes very small and time was given to the swimmers who are hopefully knocking on the door for the GB junior places this year. Although the camp was not aimed for swimmers currently in these squads, Lauren Smith did come to the camp, with aim of helping with the coaching, but within hours she too was in the water. Claire had a wide age span of swimmers, 10-21 years of age, at many sessions all swimmers were in the water at the

same time, which meant they had to rise to the standards, which pleasingly they did. Every swimmer at some time had Claire coach them and each received individual positive feedback. There was also a lot of fun, which in turn I think made the girls want to learn. At the end of the camp virtually every swimmer asked for it to be repeated next year, and said how much they had enjoyed the camp and of course the coach. The accommodation and facilities of Bradfield school really helped with the atmosphere and success. (shame is was not in Hampshire). On the competitive side, at the senior European championships in Budapest Jenna qualified in 12th place for the solo competition and after the final she retained this place. The duet with Olivia and Jenna although greatly improved from the Commonwealth Games qualified in 13th place which meant they did not swim in the final. Currently the New National Performance director has sent Olivia and Jenna to the Centre of excellence for Synchro in Canada to work on the solo and duet before the Junior world champions in China at the end of the Month. I have just heard that Claire Dias has been asked to be one of the coaches, where Hampshire leads – the country follows. Additionally, I understand that of the ten swimmers going to the junior worlds, 6 are from Hampshire, 4 from Rushmoor and 2 from Portsmouth.

vi) **Masters Swimming**

The most recent event for Hampshire Masters has been the **County Championships** held at the Basingstoke Aquadrome on September 10th. in conjunction with the Basingstoke Club's Autumn Open Masters meet. **28** Championships new best times were recorded, just one less than last year and with fewer competitors this year.

Top Club was once again Hart and the top male and female swimmers were **Martin Bennell, City of Southampton** and **Zoe Coles, Alton**. Both are in the first two masters age groups and it is good to see younger masters winning the awards against the stronger opposition than is often the case with older swimmers!

The **World Masters Championships** held at Stanford, California, USA brought success for four County swimmers:

Diane Ford, 2 Gold 100 and 200m. breaststroke and both were British Masters Records for the 60-64 age group. Diane also won bronze for 50m. breaststroke.

Tara Hutt, 25-29 years won silver medals in 4 events: 50,100& 200 free and 50 back.

Geoff Stokes 65-69 was in first place in 400 & 800 free and third in 200 free.

Ben Rooker Royal Navy, out in Stanford with a strong British Armed Forces team, many from Hampshire, won a bronze medal for 50 backstroke.

There have been many successful Hampshire Open Water swimmers this summer at Southsea, Eastbourne, Calshot, Brighton and the Isle of Wight. Five Isle of Wight Masters swam the Solent.

The SouthEast Region InterCounty Masters Competition will be held this year on Saturday November 18th. at K2 Crawley as part of the Regional and National Masters competition. The team will be based on the successful one that jointly won the Tony Warn Trophy last year, though Jenny Ball would be pleased to receive 50m. short course times from coaches with new master swimmers.

A meeting is planned, in the near future, for the Masters Committee to discuss with Mike Lambert the possible reasons for declining numbers entering County Championships when Masters swimming in Hampshire generally is very strong.

Disability Swimming

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Hampshire swimmers will be represented at the SE Region Gala on Saturday 30 September at The Quays and the Nationals in Sheffield on the weekend of 3-5 November 2006

PESSCL work is taking place on the Isle of Wight. Mainstream and special schools have been invited to a Swimming Taster Day at West Wight Pool on the afternoon of Friday 29 September. They will then be encouraged to join clubs followed by a schools Gala on Thursday 2 November.

Basingstoke Bluefins are running a local special schools gala at the Aquadrome on Friday 6 October. This event has been organized by the club and its own volunteers.

Friday 17th November sees The Quays hosting its third Hampshire and Isle of Wight Special Schools Gala. Any volunteers of help, especially officials, would be greatly appreciated.

Some PESSCL work is being planned in Rushmoor. A meeting is soon to be planned with the Rushmoor

		<p>Royals, Rushmoor Mallards, local school sports partnership, local authority and County Sports Partnership.</p> <p>Swimming Officials Date now closed for the officials exams for this year. 1 Referee, 1 Race Results, 6 Starters, 5 Judges and the Island Officials.</p> <p>Open Water</p> <p>ix) No report.</p> <p>Education</p> <p>x) Level 1 and Level 2 courses are being run at Oaklands and Kings School. Please contact the schools directly.</p> <p>Child Protection workshops being held at Oaklands.</p> <p>ISTC is now known as ITC.</p>
9.		<p>Finance</p> <p>Currently expenditure is in line with our budget and the finances remain in a healthy state.</p> <p>Budgets have been set for the period from September 2006 to March 2008.</p> <p>Active Sport is being (effectively) included in the County Sports Partnership and this will require a considerable increase in funding – up from £1250 to £5000. This will go towards funding this programme and we have put this into our budget.</p>
10.		<p>County Centenary Update</p> <p>Cathy Beer has done a presentation to her Club and suggested that other Past Presidents could do the same. This may help her to get some additional information as to the history of the County Association. To date nobody else has.</p> <p>Bournemouth Echo has published a photo of swimming in the 1920s and Cathy Beer has also asked Southampton Echo to publish the same photo, to date this has not been seen, in the hope that some more information will be forthcoming.</p> <p>Can something be included on the website to try and get any information and a flyer is to be included in the packages going out with the ACM information.</p> <p>More information is need and please anything you think may help please contact Cathy Beer directly as soon as possible.</p>
11.		<p>Open Forum</p>

	<p>i)</p> <p>ii)</p> <p>iii)</p> <p>iv)</p> <p>v)</p>	<p>Traveling expenses. Can we have traveling expenses for coming to the management meetings. It was stated that these are available and always have been but are rarely claimed. Expenses for attending the Forum should be claimed from Clubs.</p> <p>Annual Dinner: This is being held on 17th November at the Holiday Inn in Southampton. Please book accommodation directly from web site.</p> <p>President: Financial year for County will run from 1 April to 31 March. President to be in place for 1 calendar year.</p> <p>South East Region Dinner on 6 October 2006. Does anyone have any info? Mike raised a concern that no information had been received to date.</p> <p>All information to Clubs will be emailed and posted to all Club Secretaries. Anyone else interested in receiving information can go to the website and ask for individual mailings.</p>
12.		<p>Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be the Annual Council Meeting on 6th December 2006.</p>
		<p>Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.</p>