

BRIGHTON DOLPHIN SWIMMING CLUB.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27th February, 2007 in the Activity Room, Prince Regent Complex Brighton at 7.30pm.

PRESENT.

Mr.Neil Davies, Chairperson

Mrs V. Potter, President.

Mesdames Smith, Taylor, Dack, Bowman, Freestone and Simmonds.

Messrs. Anson and Gargan

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 6th September, 2006 previously circularised were signed as a correct record with the following amendment. Under Treasurers Report, the ASA registration fee for Category 3 remains at £3 and not £2.

MATTERS ARISING

Under Treasurers Report, the amount of regional and Sussex fees had been subsequently amended to: South East – Category 1 and 2, £2.75 and Category 3 £1.00. Sussex – Category 1 and 2 - 25p per member Category 3 – no charge.

It was decided that registered adults contribute £13.25 towards the cost of their fee of £17.50 and that the club meet the cost for registered junior swimmers (£17.50)

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

There had been a meeting to agree that whilst Prince Regent was closed, the synchro section could have 1 hour per week pool time at Brighton College, until their competition was over.

CORRESPONDENCE including apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mesdames Hayes, Naish and Doidge and Mr.Thompson.

There was no correspondence.

ELECTIONS

Under our Rules, it was proposed by Neil Davies and seconded by Audrey Taylor that the Deputy Chairman for the year be Mick Anson. Agreed.

The Executive committee would consist of Neil Davies, Sarah Naish, Audrey Taylor, Mick Anson and Max Gargan.

CHAIRPERSON 'S REPORT

Mr. Davies reported that he had managed to negotiate a reduction in hire charges due to the fact that our club had been inconvenienced by the closure of Prince Regent.

The Council had agreed to a 50% reduction for 3 months wef. 1st March.

There had been a programme on BBC television recently regarding Unincorporated Sports Clubs which implied that members could be responsible personally should the club run into financial difficulty. Mr. Davies stated that it would be unlikely that we run up debts and therefore he felt there were no risks.

It was decided to hold an Objectives meeting after Easter.

Junior swimmers were still without a coach but the coaches panel seemed to be running smoothly, i.e. Neil Davies, Pauline Freestone, Mick Anson and Brian Deval.

TREASURERS REPORT

Membership is at present around 100 which is 150 down on the same time last year. This is to be expected due to our absence from Prince Regent.

The past 4 months had shown a loss of about £100 with the hiring of other pools.

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING REPORT

Pauline Freestone advised that her priority was to sort out the teachers when we return to Prince Regent (4th March) There were 2 more who had achieved Level 1 and we also have the services of a student and a volunteer from Falmer. There was discussion over the new "diving" pit and it was suggested that maybe disability swimming be introduced. There had also been the suggestion of Octopush players utilising the space. Ideally we would like enough learner swimmers to be able to fill the Learner pool and the diving pit between 7pm and 8pm on a Tuesday.

MASTERS REPORT

Max Gargan advised that there is now a Masters' page on our website.

6 swimmers had been to the Isle of Wight meet and in particular Matt Lambert had done exceedingly well.

The GB Masters is to be held at Manchester this year and Brighton Swimming Club and Brighton Dolphin Swimming Club swimmers have decided to join forces and enter as Brighton and Hove City Squad.

Pauline Freestone was congratulated on taking the post of Sussex County Masters Secretary.

LEARN TO SWIM.

It was reported that there had been good attendance at the King Alfred and the children had particularly enjoyed "playtime" in the lagoon. It was suggested that the small slide should be utilised on a Sunday morning when we are back to Prince Regent.

GALA & SWIMMING

Mick Anson had produced a calendar for the website and reported that at recent meets, swimmers had all produced PBs. We had 3 swimmers competing in the first of the Sussex Age Groups and Tom Anson had finished 7th in the 50m backstroke final.

SYNCHRO

The section were in agreement with changing their time on a Tuesday to 8.-9pm but expressed concern about losing water time as the new floor takes 10 minutes to lower. Mr. Davies suggested that if they were unable to use the diving pit for their warm up – they use the small part of the main pool.

TROPHY

The subject of attracting more adult members to compete in the Club championships was discussed and it was suggested that the old Diving trophies be allocated to Masters Championships. The suggestion was that a Points Cup system be introduced with 50 metres of each stroke being swum and either age groups or time penalties introduced. Max Gargan to ask the swimmers whether they would support these Championships and which they would prefer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The letter which had been circularised regarding the re-opening of Prince Regent had also been put on the website.
- b) The Schools Gala would be 19th May, 2007.
- c) The Sussex County Dinner/Dance would be 29th September 2007 at the Thistle Hotel.
- d) The Annual Council Meeting for the county would be on 30th June 2007 at Patcham Community Centre and our club have been asked to provide the food.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 25th April, 2007 and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.