

BRIGHTON DOLPHIN SWIMMING CLUB.

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29th March, 2006 in the Activity Room, Prince Regent Complex Brighton at 7.30pm.

PRESENT.

Mr. Neil Davies, Chairperson Mrs V. Potter, President.

Mesdames Naish, Knott, Searle, Doidge, Taylor, Freestone and Simmonds.

Messrs. Anson, Farrell, Gargan and Harris.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11th January, 2006, previously circularised, were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

There had been no Executive meetings

CORRESPONDENCE including apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Smith, Barnard, Hayes, Gill and Brett Vallier

1) From Christine Hobbs of Eastbourne Swimming Club who is the County President, introducing herself and stating that she would like to attend one of our club sessions on a Tuesday evening. It was decided that Tuesday, 11th July, date of the Sussex 3m Diving would be a convenient evening if it were suitable for her.

2) Letter from Eastbourne Swimming Club advising that the date for the County Dinner has been arranged for Saturday, 9th September 2006 at a cost of £28 pp.

3) From the ASA regarding Diving – handed to Hilary Knott

4) From the ASA regarding Synchro – handed to Linda Doidge.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

a) City Swim Squad

There had been a meeting with Brighton Swimming Club and a constitution drawn up and forwarded to John Carrie for approval of a "C" club. Shiverers were again invited to participate but stated that they were not interested.

b) Prince Regent building work

There will be considerable upheaval at the complex as when the King Alfred closes it is proposed that the changing area in Prince Regent is updated to make a "changing village" which will probably take between 2/3 months. There are also plans to change the diving pit by installing a movable floor which will make the pit shallower for children's lessons. The downside of this move (because of the mechanism) is that the depth of the pit will no longer conform with FINA regulations. The Sussex County Diving Secretary is in the process of writing to the Pool Manager with his concerns and once he has received a reply, our club will write to the Council stating our points of view regarding the lack of diving facilities and also the lack of synchronized swimming facilities.

c) Pre-pay (revisit)

It was decided that because of the forthcoming upheaval, this subject was left in abeyance for the time being.

d) Coach

There had been no replies to our adverts for the position of Coach, but there was a person who was interested who wished to remain anonymous for the time being until

he could inform his existing club that he would be resigning. He was keen, experienced and had attained Level 3. Expenses would be paid to him and we are hopeful that he will start on 1st May. He had expressed a wish to have a meeting with the teachers prior to starting and the position would be reviewed in 3 months.

TREASURERS REPORT

The membership at present stands at 261 compared to 203 for this time last year.

There are 74 brand new members compared to 49 for this time last year.

The figure of takings above the rent is a favourable £1500. Surrenden pool is holding its own but at present Brighton College is poor.

It had been necessary to pay a deposit of £400 to the Thistle Hotel in respect of the Dinner/Dance in September 07 when Margaret Simmonds will be the County President.

DIRECTOR OF SWIMMING REPORT

Pauline Freestone reported that we have 4 people who have attained their level 1 and Sue Hayes is currently taking level 2.

There is a Child Protection course on 10th May at a hotel in Hove.

The silver award we attained in Swim 21 lasts for 4 years with just an annual audit to keep updated. Pauline would like to include Diving but under the new requirements of Swim 21, it is possible that we would have to “re-do” a lot of our work. We are currently awaiting news from Natalie Cunningham (Sussex Sports Partnership) as to whether we are able to transfer some of our previous paperwork.

MASTERS.

6 of our swimmers attended the Isle of Wight Open meet and individually gained 8 gold, 7 silver and 1 bronze medal. The 160 age relay gained gold in both the medley and freestyle teams.

The notice board is being amended to include a Masters section and flyers are being produced to promote Friday evenings at Brighton College.

LEARN TO SWIM.

Vera Potter reported that the parents of children in this section seemed very happy and there was a new lady starting to teach whilst Geoff Green was absent during May.

GALA & SWIMMING

Mick Anson reported that 3 of our swimmers attended the recent County Age Group championships and gained two 4th, one 6th and 1 7th.

The first two of our Club Championships would be on 16th May and 13th June.

Swimmers had entered the Bognor Open meet and we had accepted a team gala at Crowborough on 24th June.

SYNCHRO

Linda Doidge reported that there had been a recent photo shoot at the pool in relation to the National Lottery for which the club would be receiving a cheque for £200.

The team had attended a competition in London and won the gold – there were 9 teams in the competition.

The team was training hard for the World Masters in San Francisco in 21 weeks time.

DIVING

The 1 metre County Diving had been booked for Friday 28th April and the 3 metre for Tuesday 11th July. The Plain Diving was on 16th November probably at Worthing. Hilary Knott had had several enquiries from adults wishing to learn to dive but unfortunately we had no pool time to accommodate them. Mrs.Knott was extremely concerned about the future of the diving facilities in view of the planned maintenance programme.

There had been a request for the badge scheme to be re-introduced but Mrs.Knott stated that the current divers are not attending on a regular basis and therefore test nights have not been operating. These will be re-commenced if things improve.

There will be no diving on Tuesday, 4th April as Mrs.Knott is working and Mr.Moon is on a course.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Mr. Anson asked if something could be done regarding the pool temperature and Mr. Gargan added that the clarity of the water was poor, especially on a Sunday. Mr. Davies would contact the pool manager.

b) It was noted that parents in the small pool are still wearing outdoor shoes and also have mobile phones in their possession. It was decided to produce a flyer and if this did not stop them, then we would need to talk to them.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 21st June,2006 and the meeting closed at 8.50pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.