

22nd June 2010
SportPark, Loughborough

Present:		
Josie Grange	(JG)	EMASA Chair
Dave Hendel	(DH)	EMASA Board Liaison Member
Cheryl Hendel	(CH)	Lincolnshire
Sue Wainscot	(SW)	Leicestershire
Clive Smith	(CS)	Derbyshire
Denise Poynter	(DP)	Northamptonshire
Jim Peto	(JP)	Secretary

Apologies:		
Nina Savory	(NS)	Lincolnshire

1. Apologies & Introductions

Sue Wainscot and Cheryl Hendel were welcomed to the meeting.

Angus Stevenson (AS) and Ruth Cheema (RC) had resigned from the committee. Both had been contacted and thanked for their services and wished well. This was endorsed by the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March were adopted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

JP had contacted the five county associations re the necessity for adequate representation on this committee. JG suggested a maximum committee size of ten. Travel expenses was not considered an issue.

All other items included within the agenda.

4. Review of Midland Masters Championships; 23–25 April 2010

This was again held at Leamington Spa. Competitor numbers were down and this had been attributed by the meet organiser to the event not being posted on the BS website despite a submission. The meet went well and all other organisational aspects were satisfactory.

A meeting of the Joint Midlands Masters committee held on the 15 June at Branston Golf & Country Club had come up with some optional dates for the 2011 Championships; again at Leamington. Firm dates to be advised.

(Post-meeting note: The Joint Midlands Masters committee has agreed 6 -8 May 2011 for the Midland Masters Championships)

5. Review of EMASA Masters Challenge Gala; 23 May 2010

Leicestershire hosted the event at Braunstone and SW was thanked for standing in at the last minute to finalise the local organisational details.

Feedback had been invited from team managers, organisers and competitors. A major problem was the unavailability of an AOE operator on the day thus precluding submission of results to the Masters national rankings. In all other respects the meet (of 2½ hrs duration) went well with attendances by the County Presidents and presentation of the trophy to the winners, Leicestershire, by Regional President, Barrie May.

An official had commented on the omission of 'Seniors' in the titling of the event.

JG clarified that any costs (including pool hire deposits) incurred by the host county be billed to the Regional office.

The meeting agreed the following points to ensure the continued success of the event:-

- The host county to be clear on the meet conditions and responsibilities.
- The host county to ensure availability of AOE and qualified operator(s)
- Masters Secretary to ensure that host County Association Secretaries are kept informed as well as County Masters reps/Team Managers.
- Ensure feedback from the event.

JP undertook to draw up a list of roles and responsibilities template for use by the counties.

- **Action: JP**

Derbyshire volunteered to host the event in 2011 and CS undertook to locate and book a pool for the late May/early June period.

- **Action: CS**

6. ASA Masters Technical Committee Meeting

With RC's departure JP undertook to attend the next meeting on 9 July at Loughborough.

- **Action: JP**

JG alluded to forthcoming structural changes for national committees.

7. Inter-County Masters event 2010

This item was addressed at the joint Midland Masters meeting on 15 June. The event is scheduled for 21 November with Stafford as the agreed venue for the Midlands round. Recognizing that there are nine Midlands Counties, there will, as last year, be the possibility of one Midland county having to swim at another Regional venue. East and West Midland Masters Secretaries had been actioned to ascertain, at an early stage, which Counties intended participating and their level of commitment so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Following this report there was discussion on the possibilities of a 2-heat gala format or even a combined 2-counties team. Fines for 'defaulting' teams agreed to be counter-productive.

8. Masters/Seniors Development Day 2011

23 January agreed date for this event at Loughborough University with talks from guest coaches Andi Manley (AM) and Glenn Smith (GS) and sports physio', Jason Sheridan (JS), in the morning and pool work in the afternoon.

CS had already contacted the coaches and received a firm commitment from AM with an indication of required fee. GS yet to confirm his availability with CS. DP to alert JS to the event and confirm his availability also.

- **Action: DP**

Forty participants are being aimed for paying perhaps between £10 - £15 each. On the matter of fees and charges JG undertook to check on the day rates for ASA coaches and development funding. JG confirmed the ASA financial year runs from April – March.

- **Action: JG**

Marketing support for the event is to be requested from the Regional office for producing flyers, application forms, newsletter ad's and web postings.

- **Action: JP**

Pool and lecture room facilities to be booked.

- **Action: JP**

(Post-meeting note: Bookings have been made both for a lecture room at SportPark in the morning and for the University pool (8 lane x 25m) between 1.30 - 3.00 p.m.)

9. County updates

Derbyshire:

Some County swimmers had attended the recent British Masters Championships at Tollcross, Glasgow.

Leicestershire:

Host county Leicestershire retained the EMASA Masters Challenge Trophy. It was noted that Sharon Lock is the County Team Manager.

Lincolnshire:

Nothing to report

Northamptonshire:

Wellingborough ASC have gained Swim21 accreditation in respect of having an integrated Masters section. Certificate presented at Braunstone on 23 May.

Nottinghamshire:

No report.

10. Records

CS had updated the database after the Midland Championships at Leamington Spa and events at Swansea and Cardiff.

11. Any other business

The Masters section extract from the ASA Regions Operational plan 2010/11 was tabled for discussion.

Re Health & Life-long Participation JG requested that we establish baseline figures for the number of Masters (25+ years and in regular swimming training) in the Region. It was recognised that membership statistics were 'dynamic' and that the ASA membership database did not necessarily distinguish between those graduating from open Age-Group swimming or those Masters solely engaged in the discipline of Water-Polo. Again, many Masters are in training, but not necessarily competing as Cat. 2's. For the purposes of the operational plan, Masters figures (also differentiating between male and female) for the Region should be made available for our next committee meeting in October.

- **Action: All**

Attention was drawn to other items on the plan including getting more Masters becoming officials. The training needs of such Volunteers, and the ways and means to achieve them, was discussed.

JG requested that the Operational Plan be a standing agenda item.

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14 October 2010, 7 p.m. at SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough LE11 3QF. Secretary to arrange/ book through Regional office.

- **Action: JP**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm