

Event Management Team -Wash up Meeting April 2019

Present: Gary French, Richard Moorhouse, Rob Hart, Sandra Yeoman, Geoff Pearce (Hon Treasurer), Diane Lee

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Randell.

Development Meets 2018/2019

It was noted that the Development meet scheduled for 2018 had been cancelled due to lack of officials. Entry numbers had increased and coaches were spoken to at County Championships to confirm if the meet was what was required to satisfy the needs of our young Developing swimmers. All but two clubs agreed to support this in 2019. The venue for the 2019 meet has been changed from Salisbury to the Link Centre(approved by the Emergency Committee) as a result of the IT Director being on holiday and the uncertainty over the timing provision at Salisbury.

Counties 2019

- it was noted that the final weekend was cancelled because of snow. General consensus was that clubs were grateful that an early decision had been made and meant that it was easy to notify competitors and officials.
 - knock on effect of cancelled weekend resulted in moving the sprint competition to 9 June. Richard confirmed that he would be sending out an availability reminder to officials next week.
 - Mixed distance events were a great success for all swimmers and it was agreed that this would be the format used in the future. This was trialled at the LD events run in November on behalf of the County and was the reason for the late change in format to the County Championships.
 - Problems were encountered at the LD event in Salisbury as a result of outside lane ropes being unavailable. The event was reprocessed to be swum over 6 lanes as opposed to 8 to ensure fairness to all competitors. It was noted that the creche used for operation of the meet was no longer available- this could impact on suitability of the venue for future events and would be investigated.
 - Officials- officials had to be spoken to by the Lead referees on 3 occasions but this was already reported and dealt with by the Panel Committee.
 - Food- the officials had made a complaint about food and a table being set aside for the event team as they felt this to be grossly unfair. It was noted that the event team attend all events and are first there and last to leave. It was also emphasised that the team close off each session and very often have no more than 15 or 20 minutes break and sometimes arrive with little or no choice of food available to them. No decisions on moving this forward were agreed.
- Problems were also encountered on provision of water and that everyone was consuming too much coffee! Licence conditions confirm that there must be some water available but those involved can be encouraged to bring their own. Officials had been requested by the GPC to bring mugs for drinks but had not included the Event team.
- Proportional seating would be reviewed.

- pa provision – a paper was tabled for discussion but it was agreed to remove personalised viewpoints, make it more user friendly and revisit at the CDDP meeting.
- a knock on effect from the Presentation Director being absent from the Age Group competition meant that this was then covered by the Meet Director on day. It was agreed that if this happens in the future then someone needs to be appointed to cover this role and it is not appropriate to use Marshalls , particularly since they need to liaise with operators and announcers .
- Job allocation- mostly worked fine this year .

Coaches meeting requests

- The coaches requested a 200m Final for each event in both Age Groups and Championships- agreed to look at this.
- Swindon felt that the job allocation was unfair as they had too many jobs to do compared with others. The Deck manager explained how it was done based on entries received , size of club and other jobs being filled.
- Can there be another way of awarding medals as waiting for the next weekend means that some can be lost or not collected. The problem is that the finals are all at the end of sessions and can only be bagged after they have been swum. This would be looked at.

It was noted that the 2019 QT s had been released at the Coaches Meeting.

The County Treasurer confirmed that he would be looking at balancing the cost of events with quality of those events. The County has 2 main income streams, profits from County Events and contribution from the ASA. It was noted that the later had dropped from £10k to just over £8k and would probably require the County subscription to increase from the current rate of £2.05. This would be discussed at the GPC .

It was noted that the contract with the food provider finishes after the Sprint event and that the GPC would need to find provision for the future.

The meeting closed at 10 pm without addressing the behavioural issues encountered during both the Age Group competition and the Championships.