



ASA South East Region

Management Board Meeting – 16 May 2007

REPORT

For information and circulation to: ***Sub-Regional Secretaries and Discipline Managers***

Please read this report in conjunction with the papers available on the regional website www.southeastswimming.org. To access the papers, please click on Future Events – View Full Calendar – date of the RMB meeting.

Items on the Agenda included:

1. Regional Open Water Group

The Manager of the Open Water Group talked about the developments undertaken by the group in the area of competition, athlete development and officials. The Board was also asked to note the recent changes to the structure of the Open Water at the British and English level.

The Manager announced his retirement at the end of this year. The Board thanked him for his contribution to the development of open water in the region and was sorry to hear that he was retiring.

2. Regional Water Polo Group

The Manager and Secretary of the Water Polo Group presented a report to the RMB. They gave the Board an overview of the progress made by the group in the area of competition, athlete development and officials. A lack of qualified coaches and links with swimming clubs were identified as major issues for the discipline to overcome if it is to develop further.

3. Matters Arising

So far, three sub-regions have taken advantage of the Club Funding Workshop. Surrey County Swimming Association ran a workshop on 30 March. Six clubs attended the workshop. Two more Club Funding Workshops are planned, one by Sussex County ASA to be held on 30 June and the other by Kent County ASA to be held on 2 July.

The Development Group has indicated that clubs that have gained Swim 21 accreditation since the inception of the Region should be invited to the ASA SER Annual Gala Awards and Dinner/Dance 2007 to celebrate their achievement of Swim 21 accreditation. The Development Group will make the final decision on this issue at their next meeting scheduled for 21 May.

4. Training Day 24 June

The Regional Development Day is an opportunity for coaches, teachers, officials and administrators involved on the ground to discuss how we should work together to get the most out of our involvement in swimming and therefore influence the development of aquatics within the region. Arrangements for the day were agreed including catering, agenda and facilitator.

5. Establishment Funding 2007/08

For current financial year, the ASA has offered the region establishment funding capped at the level of regional costs incurred by the ASA in 2006/07. Any increase in these costs over the agreed level would have to be funded by the region. The Board considered the likely impact of the capping of ASA establishment funding in cash terms, the procedures to be put in place to monitor the expenditure and the sources of funding for any overspend.

6. ASA Strategy Plan 2009 - 2013

ASA and the Regions are required to produce a new Strategy Plan for 2009 – 2013. The deadline for the draft regional plan is 28 September 2007. Key dates have been identified to ensure that the process is managed well. The Regional Development Day will be used as an opportunity to discuss priorities beyond 2009 with sub-regions and discipline groups. Three consultation events – “Shaping the Future” - will be held in the month of July to hear from the key partners, who either deliver swimming or contribute to swimming development in our region, what they see as their priorities. The dates for these events have been identified as 11 July (Bisham Abbey), 18 July (K2 at Crawley) and 19 July (venue yet to be confirmed but likely to be in the area of Winchester / Southampton).

Please let us know if you find these reports useful. Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

Roger Prior (Regional Chairman) and Eli Karlicka-Cook (Regional Director)
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