

LASA Swimming Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting held on Friday 23rd June 2023 at 7.00pm by video conference.

Attendees: Ursula Beck; Paul Sippitt; Geoff Robilliard; Sue Wainscot; Ron Brewin and Josh Simpson

Apologies: Jamie Evans and Jill Stidever

Planning for 2024 LASA County Championships

- Prior to the meeting GR issued a paper with three appendices to aid discussion at the meeting, these are attached.
 - **Entry Times**
 - The times were discussed, and the consensus was that we should have a 10 year age group entry time. It would have to be reiterated that although giving a 10 year entry time this was for the purposes of the chance of entry only as the awards and Finals will be a combined 10/11 years age group. LASCATs would continue as in previous years to be awarded to 10 and 11 year olds separately.
 - We all agreed that we need to reemphasise to all the clubs that the entry times do not guarantee entry to the Championships; this will be assessed once the entries are closed, and we can assess numbers.
 - GR, RB and SW to review and create a 10 year entry time.
 - The final sheet to be issued to PS and UB to allow publication on the LASA website and social media channels.
 - **Schedule**
 - The schedule was reviewed and in principle accepted by the group. This said it was agreed we look to see if we could avoid 50m, 100m and 200m Back, Breast and Fly and 100m 200m and 400m IM being on the same weekend e.g. 50m and 200m Back for Girls are both on the last weekend so can they be split so on different weekends. It was recognised that that more than one Frontcrawl event would be on the same weekend simply because of the number of Frontcrawl events.
 - SW to review clash of events on a given weekend to see if they can be separated and amend the schedule if possible. It was agreed that we would accept the outcome of SW's regardless of the outcome.
 - The final event schedule to be issued by SW to PS and UB to allow publication on the LASA website and social media channels.
 - **Venue**
 - Because of the feedback from Clubs and a final review it was confirmed that it is not going to be possible to use the Whitwick and Coalville pool for County Championships.
 - It was further discussed whether we use both Braunstone and Hinckley but on reflection and taking account of the Clubs desire to ensure as wide an entry as possible to the County Championships that due to the extra spectator space, the available space around pool side and a 25m cool down pool that the collective agreement was to use Braunstone as the sole venue for the 2024 Championships.
 - It was agreed that as was discussed at the Chair and coach meeting, we would continuously review the venues we use as well as whether we should hold events in a 25m or 50m pool.
 - UB will write to both Whitwick and Coalville and Hinckley to let them know of the decision for 2024 and that LASA is actively look to hold other events at their pools and will be revisiting the venues for 2025.
 - PS to write to Alan Higgs and thank them for time and let them know what was decided by our Clubs.
 - **Dates**
 - It had previously been proposed at the Chairs and Coach's meeting that the Championships be held based on a one week on one week off basis, but this roundly dismissed at the meeting in favour of a three consecutive weekends.

- It was proposed that we use the weekends of 27/28th January and then 3rd/4th and 10th/11th February. This gives a few weeks after Christmas for training as well as avoiding school half term. It would also allow flexibility if the weather should create any issue with the agreed dates.
- **Bookings and Budget**
 - GR to book the Braunstone pool and small hall as needed to cover the requirements for the 2024 County Championships based on above dates.
 - GR to book the use of a water fountain for the three weekends.
 - SW to book the sportswear company.
 - All booking details to be sent to JL and PS.
 - PS to ask AC if any new medals, awards or trophies are need for the 2024 event and if so provide a budget estimate.
 - PS using previous budget information to finalise the 2024 Championship budget, prior to the end of July 2023.
- **Entry Conditions**
 - It was agreed that the current document known as the 2023 'Conditions of Entry' are to be reviewed and simplified. SW will review, separating the current document into two parts; these being 'Entry Conditions' and 'Operational' with both documents being issued for review.
 - The LASA Rules committee will support the review of the Entry Conditions; with the following coopted members SW as the originator GR as Meet Co-ordinator and RB as AOE coordinator.
 - The Operation document will be reviewed by SW, RG and RB and redrafted into one or more documents as is appropriate.
 - It was agreed that we would aim to issue the Entry Conditions during the first week of September.
- **Next Meeting**
 - We agreed that we would meet to review and ratify the Entry Conditions prior to them being issued to the Clubs.
 - Based on the dates of the meetings that I proposed at the beginning of the next year the next meeting, which is 19th August, should be everyone's diary.

Next Meeting – 19th August at 10.00am

Future meetings

- 21st October
- Other ad hoc meetings as agreed.

Meeting Closed 8.10pm