

LASA Swimming Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting held on Saturday 21st October 2023 at 9.30am by video conference.

Attendees: Ursula Beck; Paul Sippitt; Geoff Robilliard; Sue Wainscot; Ron Brewin, Josh Simpson, Jamie Evans, Jill Stidever and Judy Leader

Apologies: none

Nominations

- **Coach of the year**
 - Three nominations were received by the closing date.
 - The nominations shall be issued to the non-coaching members of this Swimming Committee to allow them to register their vote with the LASA Chair.
 - The LASA Chair shall inform all members of the Swimming Committee of the winner prior to informing the Executive at its next available meeting.
- **Trevor Henson Trophy**
 - There were two nominations and following the ballot Alex Casey was the winner with Jacob Mills the runner up.
- **Swimmer of the Year Open/Male**
 - There were three nominations and following the ballot Jacob Mills was the winner with Sean McCann and Miles Willets as runners up.
- **Swimmer of the Year Female**
 - There were four nominations and following the ballot Darcie Platts was the winner with Charlotte Byron, Abby Mitchell and Janie Finch as runners up.

Mini Meet October 2023

- **Review of arrangements** for the running of the event later on 21st October
 - Officials; we have 14 confirmed so we have sufficient numbers for this event as minimum was 11.
 - AOE arrangements in place, Hinckley support available for set up and initial few events, thereafter LASA will run AOE.
 - Two teams attending with 44 swimmers Braunstone (24) and Hinckley (20).
- **Review of why only two teams entered**
 - By the closing date LASA had only heard from three clubs the two entered together with Leicester Penguins who advised they would not be attending.
 - LASA were asked if they could extend the closing date for the entries and after due consideration extend the entry date to chased clubs after the closing date 17th October. However no additional clubs provided any entries.
 - LASA wrote to clubs asking why they were not attending and we had a few responses citing end of half term and availability of Coaches and Team Managers.
 - This was rather disappointing as LASA informed the Chair and Coach meeting in June of the date pointing out it was being held at the end of half terms and there were no concerns expressed.
 - The minutes of the meeting also provided the dates and again no subsequent indication of non attendance by clubs.
 - We asked ourselves what more could we have done to ensure attendance by clubs.
 - There were various reasons suggested other than the end of half term but no formal evidence this was all conjecture, but at the same time is likely the thoughts were true.
 - We agreed that we would write to the Clubs setting out our concerns that more clubs did not attend and that we would be seeking to discuss at the Chair and Coach meeting in November.
- **Skills session**
 - As we would not be using all the pool time CoL kindly offered to run a skills session for the swimmers.
 - The Clubs were asked but declined as advised all wanted to get home early; England were playing South Africa in the semi final of the rugby world cup. CoL were thanked for putting forward the suggestion, but circumstances dictated that we could not accept the offer.

LASA County Championships

- Prior to the meeting GR issued a set of papers for review comment and discussion at the meeting, these are attached.
 - GR advised that he had received a number of minor amendments and these changes and were highlighted and accepted by the meeting
 - It was asked if we should be using Male/Open or Open/Male; following checking of SE it was confirmed we should use Open/ Male.
 - The LASA Treasurer asked that the conditions be amended such that cheque payments are removed, this included the removal of the address to where payments were to be sent. IT was further requested that in the event that electronic payment cannot be made that the clubs should contract the LASA treasurer. This was agreed by the meeting.
 - GR also asked for specific email addresses be used and who should receive emails related to the email addresses; this including a new address for the 'Promoter'. This address will be able send and receive emails. The swimming Manager will receive copies of the emails so they can be dealt with in absence of the Promoter. These changes were agreed by the meeting.
 - With the changes noted above the meeting agreed that the Promoter (GR) can proceed in accordance with the proposals that he had tabled prior to the meeting and that all the required documents for the event can be issued to the Clubs.

Young Teams

- Due to the Clubs not entering the Mini Meet concern was expressed about whether Clubs will attend the Young Teams.
 - It was noted that a club was asking for officials to support its club championships and upon review one of the dates clashed with the Young Teams ...
 - When LASA selected the date no LASA Clubs had any open meets or known galas on the date selected.
- It was agreed all clubs should be asked to confirm their commitment to the event and that they shall be attending.
- It was agreed that we would bring forward the closing date so as to give us more time to assess should clubs decide not to attend; this was agreed.
- It was agreed that we shall use electronic timing; Sue to Liaise with Ron to organise.
- The entry conditions were confirmed and will be issued to the Clubs once we have confirmation that a majority of clubs will enter the event.

AOB

- **Open Meet planning**
 - The meeting was advised recently a open meet was added to the calendar that clashes with a CoL open meet and although this was not specifically a concern to CoL they point was being made that with limited officials available in the County that surely it would be better for all clubs to work together so as to ensure we use the counties resources wisely by avoiding clashing events. This was acknowledged by the meeting.
 - It was agreed that LASA would re look at compiling a County wide competition calendar.

Next Meeting

- Although there is no planned Swimming Committee meeting prior to the AGM it was however agreed that a meeting should be held to ensure we have all in place ahead of the closing date for the LASA County Championships.
 - It was agreed the meeting shall be held on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm and will only cover the LASA County Championships.
 - The CoL Head Coach was advised that as he had coaching / travel commitments at the time of the meeting that his attendance at this meeting was optional and is not one of the required meetings he is expected to attend.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 10.30am