

DDSC Committee Meeting –Tuesday 14th June 2011

Venue: B&V

Meeting commenced at – 7.40pm

Present: Robert Sharp, , Brett Batson, Laura Sullivan, Steve Bond, Khanh Putland, Diane Murphy, Trish Jolley

1. Apologies received:

- Mike Hemmings, Michael Batson, Darren Barber, Lesley sharp

2. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

- **Action: Lesley** to discuss relay records with Rob/Steve/Mike and come back with a proposal. There was some discussion of when to start, which age groups to cover, short course vs. long course times etc. As before evidence would be required for times prior to counties this year.
- **Action: Khanh** to contact Voujon restaurant in Long Buckby to arrange a night for the fundraising event and then contact Lesley so we can email the membership with the menus/pricing and also put details on the notice board and web site.
- **Action: Steve** to request Lesley to send an email to all members on Monday giving them 3 weeks to return trophies for the Sprint Championships. We would also need to send out a reminder before the summer holidays begin to get trophies returned ready for the club championships.

Brett signed off the minutes of the last meeting as agreed.

3. Swim 21 Overview

- Brett showed the Swim21 web site and all the different modules we are required to complete under Compliance, Workforce Development and Skill Development.
- We passed the regional board for the Swim21 yearly revalidation. The national board will be meeting on 22nd June after which we will hear the results. The regional board commented on our strong action plans and there is no reason to think the national board will not accept our revalidation submission.

4. Finance & Admin

4.1 Treasurers report

- In Mike's absence, Brett presented the statement of income and expenditure to the 31st May. There are a small number of membership fees outstanding.
- **Action: Laura** to let Dieter know that we agreed a door price of £2 for Saturdays development gala which would include a program. Raffle tickets would be extra.
- We have around 65-69 swimmers registered for the development gala and around 300 swims.

4.2 Secretary's report: Brett read from Lesley's notes (attached).

- Trish enquired if any schools had made enquires to the club after the leaflet drop made to the school clusters. Response was none so far and Dianne indicated that in her school she had not seen anything of the leaflets.
- **Action: Trish** to resend leaflets out.
- No help requested so far for the schools galas. Lesley has an upcoming meeting on this subject so this may change.

5. Swimming Development

5.1 Coaches report (Rob read his report (attached))

- We are still desperate for water time and water space for the development of the Clubs swimmers. Meeting with Daventry Leisure Centre is being arranged.
- Rob / Mike / Lesley are working on a long term plan for the club (aiming to have something to present in the November timeframe) as well as short term plans. These plans cover water time/ squad structure etc.

5.2 Still need to formulate a process for swimmers reps and procedures for drawing up nominations....hopefully to implement for September 2011

5.3 The item on gala entry times will be carried forward to the next meeting.

5.4 The Aqua squad structure will be included within the short / long term plans (see 5.1 above)

6. Sponsorship / Fundraising

6.1. **Action: Khanh** to follow up with MacDonalds, Fords etc to be potential club sponsors and organise Voyon event (see Matters Arising). We also agreed to look into adding for example Voyon to club championship program and see if they would donate a prize for the raffle.

6.2. We reviewed the list of possible fund raising ideas and agreed to have the list (laminated) on display at the entrance table for the development gala.

6.3 Brett showed the final proof for the club banner and reported that Daventry Leisure Centre had approved the design and confirmed the location above the changing room entrance (viewing from poolside) was suitable. The cost of £250 + VAT was agreed at the meeting. **Action: Brett** to go ahead and get banner produced.

6.4 Paul Pritchard (DDC) has agreed to help with the funding proposal for the Kellogs grant. Also Kate Palmer from the ASA indicated they had a resource we could also tap into for help. Deadline for application is Oct '11

7 Competitions: Steve Bond

7.1 We are hoping to have use of a semi-professional! amp for the sound system at the gala Saturday.

7.2 The pre-recorded safety announcement has been completed and we hope to use it for the first time on Saturday. We were treated to some "outtakes" at the beginning of the meeting!

7.3 For the Sprint Championships we have about 40 swimmers registered so far – this number excludes those from Spinney Hill who will be coming. There is to be a trophy presentation after the event & Spinney Hill may wish to do the same. We need to organise if presentation will be on poolside or if we want to hire the Saxon suite.

7.4 We will presumably want to hold a gala to make our 50yr anniversary next year (could also include a social event after the gala). Interest has already been shown by some ex-members who would like to take part. Need to start planning later in the year.

8 Welfare

No issues to report

9. Any other business:

- NASA indicated there were in need of a place to meet twice a year for committee meetings. **Action : Brett** to point them to Long Buckby Football club and mention Khanh and Trish.
- Some swimmers are confused between their long and short course times especially when it comes to converting the times and PBs. **Action: Steve** to check if RANX can split rankings by 25m / 50m.
- **Action: Rob** to look at booking a pool so we can run a shallow water competitive start award session.

Date of next meeting: 7:30pm to 9:30pm Tuesday 9th August 2011 – venue TBC

Meeting closed at 21.35