**Winsford SC Committee Meeting 3rd Oct 2012 - Wed, 7.00pm**

**Meeting Room, Lifestyle Centre**

**Minutes**

1. Apologies

Neil, Helen, Linda, Jenny, Diane, Lorraine, Michael present. Apologes from Karen, Dave and Neil.

Discussion about who else should be here; Amanda and Peter have been asked but not officially, agreed that they should be as part of the sub competition committee. Consensus was that attendance of the treasurer is vital for future meetings.

1. Booking update

Forward bookings for Gala, pool time. Neil to feedback.

1. Lessons update

Cost effectiveness of lessons query; small numbers of kids in some sessions. Lorraine and Michael answered. Summer lessons made £400 approx and kids are moving on quickly. Approx 215 in lessons, 20 on waiting list, 20 waiting for assessment. Website states that waiting list is now closed. Barry noted that the bulk of our lessons are on the free Sunday which keeps fixed costs down. Michael stated that 2 kids cover the costs.

Barry talked about the Wirral version of Brio taking over club lessons. If Brio decide to this at Winsford we need to ensure we have an alternative proposal we can present, where we take over their lessons and make a payment to them. We have now agreed a 3.5 age start to appease Brio.

1. Membership update

350-400 makes us a large club now.

The ASA have a brief to meet all major providers to increase participation. Our role could include:

* 1. Moving the life saving club from John Deans
  2. Reintroduce water polo under a different method to last time.
  3. Take the L7’s out of our system and move them back to Brio. L7 into transition is now on an invite only basis.

Factors affecting further growth are:

Not enough kids are leaving from the top end to make space for current developing swimmers.

Some children that move up do not want to compete. How do we ensure that the kids moving up are prepared to join the competitive squad and actually compete?

Some possible solutions:

1. We have the possibility of adding teenage swimmers (14+) to masters although it may need a different name.
2. Dan needs to have very transparent criteria to allow Michael and Lorraine to report to parents as to why their children are not being moved up.
3. Michael would like a training squad for less able swimmers who might make it to development.
4. Barry wants to close the gaps and ensure there is a place for all swimmers to go, this takes us back to Brio.
5. Could we ally with a lower level club and move some there?
6. Committee structure

Barry and Nick to put a proposal together.

1. Training-

Diane is taking over.

* 1. Looking forward
     1. Judges – new and upgrading- Diane gave a list of names; there is a cost involved but targeting some top end transition parents would be useful for the future. Barry thinks that funding should be available from ASA.
     2. Timekeepers – this is a judge1 course.
  2. Courses/other

Nick and Barry looking at the next swim 21. We are going to be a ‘pathway pilot’ club, this will include management and disabled access courses etc.

1. Level 1 teachers
   1. Criteria for nominating who to be put forward – course held in October (Diane)

Emily Manley should be on this, Next; Molly & Amy Feb half term, Sam to follow in March. Level 2 is not automatic, Michael makes the decisions with feedback from others. His impartiality is key.

Dianne asked for clarification on protocol.

Safeguarding children course is one that all have to do. Some parents are asking if teachers are L2 qualified. Should we be training more L2 coaches? We have associate members teaching. L1 needs to be a full swimming member. We will charge a £10 minimum associate membership once qualified.

1. 50m Training dates set 2013 – Dave to allocate around galas best suited Comp A or B

Dan has asked if we can find 50m training for dvpmt squad. Barry will go back to ASA and try and find some. Can Dan invite some development squad kids to comp B and can Dave invite some top end of B into A squad sessions? There have been lane spaces available at the last 2 B squad 50 m sessions.

1. Club champs trophies – booked for 28th March.
   1. Young age groups –
      1. trophy for first and a general medal for all others (no certificate)
      2. 6, 7, 8 get bronze silver and gold on a different night and a general medal.
2. Club Champs feedback / future

Transition & little ones events to be the first events on one night.

1500m 400im 800m races to be run as an open for the other scats clubs on a separate day. Perhaps on a Friday night. Full days would be better if we can get them from Brio. As they are unhappy about the North Mids swim clinic this will be unlikely. Barry to ask Brio if we can get a full day or half at least for next year.

Health and safety; the little pool was covered. We need to cordon it off or get another lifeguard.

1. Future meets held at Winsford
   1. Get volunteers trained to Lv1, Lv2 upto Lv2s
   2. Possible to hold two club events, dev meet and another, or possibly three?, help keep club fees down (need to look at whole year to pick the right weekend)

We need to try and do 2 events. We were let down on the official side. Development meet got a good response.

We will run 2 time trials. Michael offered to run a mini meet/time trial; Jan Feb time.

1. Gala payments – open and club
   1. Paper entries – payment with entry

We need to enforce a rule where payment has to be made by a certain date or you are out.

* 1. Email entries – cut of date Wednesday, payment Sunday- agreed.
  2. If no payment received by official club entry, then the swimmer will not be entered with club – agreed

1. Gala committee

Barry sketched out names to be involved including coaches. It was pointed out that no individuals should use Hytec to make individual entries. In addition, permission from the coach should also be sought.

1. AOB
2. Desk;

Lorraine made a proposal that the desk should only be open once a night. Admin night will now be 4-6 on a Sunday. Half an hour every week isn’t too much. To go on the website (Neil)

1. Website.

Consensus was that website needs to follow a protocol:

* + - 1. Gala reporting should be in the form of a report from the Coaches.

1. Lesson schedules need to be updated promptly.
2. It was pointed out that lesson reports are not being made on a regular basis. (Michael, Dan, Dave)
3. Could some of the essential notices on website, that are currently replacing e-mails, go out as a blog that you can subscribe to? (Neil)
4. Financial audit

Barry reported back from auditor and gave an overview of current financial position.