

**REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD - 12 MARCH 2007
ITEM FOR DECISION*****Proposal for Award Ceremonies at the Annual Dinner*****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To outline to the Board the need to recognise the efforts of volunteers whose clubs achieve Swim21 accreditation.

PROPOSED ACTION

To approve the recommendation to change the Annual Dinner to the ASA South East Region Gala Awards and Dinner

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The first ASA South East Region dinner was not well attended. Some changes are needed to attract more people.

The decision to invite representatives of SWIM 21 clubs is a move in the right direction. However, unless the event itself is made more attractive, it is questionable whether these invitations will all be taken up. (Several Board members are associated with SWIM 21 clubs and it is possible that the result may be that they get free tickets to the dinner as representatives of their clubs).

The communications group decided that the Annual Dinner be changed to the ASA South East Region Gala Awards and Dinner. Some concern was expressed about our ability to implement such an event this year.

This proposal explains how such an event could be managed.

1. Basis of Awards**Athlete of the Year**

- Nominations to be an individual athlete in any aquatic discipline based on either a single outstanding performance, or general high standard (within the qualifying period).
- Nominations may be made by their coach or by a fellow athlete.

Team of the Year

- Nominations to be a team of 2 or more people competing in any aquatic discipline based on either a single outstanding performance, or general high standard (within the qualifying period).
- Nominations may be made by their coach or by other athletes.

Coach of the Year

- Nominations to be a single coach based on their contribution to the development of swimming at any level in the region.
- Nominations may be made only by fellow coaches.

Lifetime Achievement

- Nominations to be a single individual who has made a significant contribution to swimming at region (and district) level over a period of at least 10 years.
- Nominations may be made by anyone.

General rules

- Members of the staff and Management Board of the region are not eligible for nomination in any category.

2. Process

Announcement of award scheme via the website and any other forms of communication before the end of April.

Nominations must be accompanied by a citation justifying the nomination. Closing date for nominations, 30th June 2007.

In the event that fewer than 3 nominations are received for any award, the South East Region Management Board will be invited to submit additional nominations.

South East Region will establish a small group to receive nominations and determine the winner, based solely on the citation received. The group will announce the three finalists in each category, the identity of the winner will be kept secret until the evening of the dinner.

The three finalists in each category will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony free of charge.

3. Awards Ceremony

Awards will be made at different times during the evening:

- Individual and Team of the Year after the starter.
- Coach of the Year after the main course.
- Lifetime achievement after the sweet.

A summary of the citations will be printed and included with the menu. So the ceremony is simply the opening of the gold envelope and announcement of the winner.

Award: Small silver salver (that recipient will keep). No perpetual trophy.

Sponsors to be sought for each award to cover the cost of the trophy and of dinner tickets for the 3 short listed candidates.