

Minutes of a meeting of the South East Region Diving Management Group



Location, Date and Time: Guildford Spectrum, Wednesday 1 May 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Frank Clewlow (Diving Manager, Hampshire); David Rosen (Trophies Manager, Sussex); Francisco Diaz (Group Secretary/Officials Manager, Surrey).

1. Apologies for Absence: Jenni Cluskey (Buckinghamshire); Lindsey Fraser (Regional Training Coach, Hampshire); Ray Hedger (Regional Management Board Liaison).

2. New Representative from Regional Management Board: Ray Hedger has been appointed as the group's new management board liaison. Ray is a past county and district president, swimming official and currently regional president. He has served as the South East representative on the ASA board for about seven years.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Guildford Spectrum on Wednesday 10 October 2012, were approved. However, 'National Cup' should read 'British Gas Diving Championships' in minute 5.2.

4. Matters Arising

4.1. National Events (5.2): The National Skills Finals dates are now confirmed as May 5-6. This year's three South East-funded officials are Andy Cook (Albatross), Jenni Cluskey (Amersham) and Lauren Jones (Southampton Diving Academy).

4.2. Workforce Development – Judging Course (6.1.1): A dozen people from South East, East and London Region clubs attended the course presented by Susie Bamber in Guildford, which was a pilot for the new level 1 judge syllabus.

4.3. Workforce Development – Recorder Course (6.1.2): Three people attended the recorder course which Frank presented in Guildford – two from the East Region and one from the South East.

5. Finance: The £2,000 grant from the ASA for our hosting of the 2012 National Skills Finals was eventually received. Consequently, our balance sheet showed a surplus which was partly used to sponsor extra athlete training. For budgeting purposes, it would have been useful to have known in advance that the funding was available. The 2013-14 budget which Frank submitted previously to the management board had been approved. The board's request for more accurate forecasting was noted, although it is not easy to predict competition entry numbers.

6. Events 2013

6.1. Regional Events

6.1.1. Skills: Overall it was thought the meet at the K2 in March ran very well. Entries, fees and about 98% of dive sheets were received by the stipulated dates. DiveRecorder circuit-event issues were tested and ironed out the weekend before at

a London Region competition. Coaches seemed happy to judge where officials were lacking and there were one or two new people helping at the recorders' table. And despite prior concerns over being able to access the pool promptly at the start of the day, the meet finished ahead of schedule. There was an approximate 30% increase on entries on the previous year.

6.1.2. Age Groups: Entries are now in for both parts: Southampton on Sunday 12 May, and Plymouth on Saturday 18 May. But a number of South West entries have been received individually by divers, not as a whole by clubs. Crystal Palace have entered the Southampton leg. The Plymouth leg clashes with this year's G-Star Championships in Leeds. The meet programmes will include information about the training camps for the first time, which was thought a good way to promote them. Shadow judging will take place at the Southampton leg only if there is sufficient demand and enough manpower. David will bring the medals for the Plymouth leg to Southampton. Fran will send a circular for officials.

6.2. National Events

6.2.1. National Skills Finals: Frank has been called in to oversee the recording in Plymouth. It is understood this will be the first circuit-style meet to be run at the venue. Organisers have received around 330 entries, a marked increase on last year. Girls' Groups D and C have been split into individual year events. Timings will be tight as the pool needs to be vacated by 5-5.30pm on the Monday to make way for lessons.

6.2.2. National Age Groups: The ASA events department has moved the dates back to July 11-14 because of a swimming fixture clash.

7. Development

7.1. Development Plan 2013-17: In light of regional restructuring it was decided for Ray, our management board champion, to be present at our meeting to discuss the quadrennial plan.

7.2. Development Squads: 60 regional divers reached their qualifying standards at the skills qualifier in Crawley, of which 23 later attended a skills training camp in Southampton.

7.3. Officials: The list of officials was updated at the start of the year and uploaded on the regional website. Nationally, it was noted that officials' licensing came into force earlier in the year. Judge and recorder courses are to be scheduled later in the financial year – January, February or March – and to include the new FINA updates.

8. Any Other Business

8.1. Regional Re-organisation: It was noted that regional director Keith Sutton is being promoted to a new role within the ASA and that business managers are being introduced to replace directors. It is understood the South East and South West will be overseen by the same business manager.

8.2. Presentation Party – Southampton: Ray has confirmed he will be attending the Southampton leg of the age groups to present some of the medals.

8.3. Tunbridge Wells Diving Club: It was noted that the new diving club at Tunbridge Wells is now up and running. Regional affiliation was approved by the management board earlier in the year.

9. Snippets

9.1. Sussex County ASA Development Day: Sussex County ASA is keen to hold a development day at the K2 or at Worthing in October. It was suggested that one of the Southampton coaches could provide the coach education.

9.2. New Worthing Pool: The new facility in Worthing opened a week ago. It has 2 x 1m springboards side by side, and the county is keen to add a 1m synchro competition to its programme.

9.3. Surrey Schools, 3m and Highboard Championships: This year's Surrey Schools and Surrey County ASA 3m and Highboard Championships will be taking place at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 21 September (12.30-5pm). Entries are to be submitted to Fran no later than Friday 6 September. Fees are £7 per event.

9.4. Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series: The following Red Bull Cliff Diving World Series dates were noted:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Leg</i>	<i>Country</i>
25 May	1	France
22 June	2	Denmark
29 June	3	Portugal
14 July	4	Italy
25 August	5	USA
14 September	6	Wales
28 September	7	Brasil
26 October	8	Thailand

10. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the diving management group is to be held sometime in October.

With no further business the meeting ended at 9pm.