

**Open Water Meeting  
Held  
11<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

1. **Apologies.** Rod Miller
2. **2010 Series.** Concludes 12-09 Trophies have been received.
3. **Championships.** 82 entries 55 swims which was good considering the weather.
4. **Series 2011.** Draft calendar was produced **Post meeting Note.** Dover have changed their date which now clashes with SW event. Unless a 2K on an alternative date is happening it is unlikely to be included in the Series.
5. **Championships 2011.** No date or venue was fixed. Alternatives to Southsea to be assessed.. See AOB item 1
6. **Series 2011.** Several matters had arisen at events in 2010 which caused concern. It was agreed that SER would fund and offer to send each event a Technical Delegate. Events which declined would not be included in the Series.
7. **Communication.** We now have email address for all competitors in 2009 and 2010 Championships. It was agreed that these should be used as a means of communication in the future for event news.
8. **Officials.** A FINA update and Seminar for new O/W Officials would again be held in 2011.
9. **Development Squad.** Selections to be made after Pier to Pier. Awaiting confirmation of coach. **Post Meeting Note.** Richard Pointen PNSC has been appointed as coach, selections have been made and the first session will take place at K2 on 10<sup>th</sup> October.
10. **The ASA Technical Swimming Committee** meets on 26<sup>th</sup> September. All Open Water Committee members have been invited to attend. As of Council 2010 Open Water will become part of swimming. **Post Meeting Note.** At the meeting O/W was given the opportunity to give ways in which it could progress and how swimming could help.. There will be no changes regarding competitions next year Age Group Championships will be July 25/26 at Rother Valley. These will be the only championship events as it seems ASA policy is not to fund events which have no selection significance i.e. 5K and 10K. Regions will not be directed to combine O/W and Swimming groups some will, some including SE (at this time) will not.

11. **A.O.B.** 1. Keith Sutton asked the group to look at holding a Mass Participation event next year preferably in conjunction with the Championships. Such an event would attract funding. A venue needs to be found as the current site at Southsea is unsuitable. The Championships and the mass participation event could be separated but this would have financial implications.
2. It was agreed to offer visiting Officials 25p per mile for travel rising to 40p next year. Any budget overspend this year was approved by the R.D.

**Next Meeting** Jan 2011 date to be agreed.