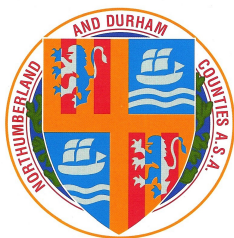


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Minutes of NDSA Management Board meeting (B23_03) Thursday 25 May 2023 via Zoom.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm following the ACM.

Attendees: Mrs K Smith (Chair) Mrs T Donnelly (Sec), Mr G Robinson (Treasurer). Mr D Low, Mr D Maxwell, Mr C Leighton, Mrs D Peart, Mr R Gordon

Apologies: Mr H Leighton

Declarations of interest will be noted against relevant items as they arise.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023 (circulated prior to this meeting)
 - a. Agreed
 - b. No matters arising

2. Role of the County

Following the presentation day in Wetherby and follow-up zoom sessions TD confirmed Helen Weeks was now looking to meet with the Board to discuss the next steps. Board members to confirm their availability and TD to contact HW re face-to-face meeting.

3. Swimming Updates

a. Performance Programme/PP Club

The PP is entering the last phase of the year. Current participants will be asked to confirm continuation so the management team can check for spaces to invite additional swimmers. All sessions continue to have good attendance. The PP will break after Nationals and resume in September.

CL told the Board that Richard Blackmore had reviewed the programme and commented that he felt the 200 & IM groups had too many swimmers; fewer swimmers would improve the swimmer/coach ratio to one more conducive to performance. CL added the point that the highlighted groups were forefront of RB's attention so his opinion may be biased and that CL & PP management team were conscious of the need to balance swimmer/coach ratios against financial input and felt both groups were currently fine.

PP Club – no update

b. Competition Planning

The latest version of the calendar was shared with the Board following planning meetings in April and May. Sept-Dec 23 is largely agreed, with one weekend in October to be resolved. A winter SC meet proposed by CL has been picked up by MASC and it will run in December.

There is little progress in getting clubs to run co-operative meets but a number of clubs have communicated with each other to resolve overlapping dates. There will be another meeting in July.

A consultation paper on future operation of the calendar and meet planning in N&D prepared by RG has been shared with the Board and will be discussed at the next meeting.

c. Masters

JE has been unable to secure a pool so there will be no county masters event this year but she is in discussion with the Yorks/NER Masters rep about a possible joint meet later in the year.

TD to contact JE re N&D reqs for the Inter-County Masters event later in the year.

4. SENER Updates

Two LC Championship AG weekends took place at Sunderland Aquatics Centre in April/May and some concerns were raised about the AOE system. It was confirmed there have been problems for some time and both the pool management and CoS club have been made aware but don't appear to be addressing the issues.

The cost of the championships this year will be in excess of £30k. RG confirmed the region will need to review affiliation and entry fees for 2024.

AOB

- a) Inter-County Teams competition – both Becky Maguire and Tom Harforth have confirmed they would welcome another opportunity to lead the N&D team for 2023. The Board approved. Td to contact the coaches to confirm.
- b) The Board will review N&D affiliation and entry fees for 2024 at the next meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The date of the next meeting – 18 July 2023.