

Committee Water Polo

Venue Walsall Gala Baths

Time and Date 14th Feb 2006 at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr B Pugh (Secretary)	Mr M Wilkins	Mrs D Pugh (Minute secretary)
Mr P Holmes (Chairman)	Mrs L Wilkins	
Mrs P Stanley	Mr M Beard (WMR Finance Officer)	
Mr D Giess	Mr D Lane (Water Polo RDO)	

Apologies:

Mr M Jukes, Mr R Jones, Mr G Kirkham, Mr B Broadhurst.

Minute	Agenda Item	Details	Action
06/1.01	Election of Chairman	B Pugh proposed P Holmes as Chairman, which was agreed <i>nem con</i> by the Committee.	
06/2.01	Agenda	BP welcomed the Committee and explained that as this was the first meeting of this group, there would be an open agenda.	
06/3.01	Committee's responsibilities	A question was asked about where the committee sat under the new structure. PH outlined that the new committee's main responsibilities were development and that the minutes would go to the West Midland Management Board. Suggestions from this committee would be made through minutes. Bernard Broadhurst has been appointed by the Board as Liaison Officer to the Committee but this may be revised following PH's appointment as Chairman. Items for the National Committee can be raised by BP when attending ASA National Technical Water Polo Committee meetings.	
06/4.01	Championships	Before starting the main business of the Committee, a brief discussion took place regarding the arrangements for the Midland Championships to be held in conjunction with the ASA East Midland Region. MB explained that championships for all disciplines would be held jointly and that the two Regions had each put	

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		<p>£5000 into the joint account to cover the initial outlay on medals etc. It was anticipated, however, that there would be a net surplus on championships over the full year. BP thanked LW for being co-ordinator for the water polo events. Information and comments received from East Midlands need to be resolved for next year. LW reported that dates had been fixed as follows – dependant on number of entries: Senior Men – 1 / 2 April (closing date 10 March) Senior Women / Junior Men – 10 / 11 June Academy (92's) – 15 July Youth (90's) – 16 July Closing date will all be 3 weeks prior to the Championship. Entry fee £25 per Championship. All information has been circulated to clubs and agreed by R Steele and J Grange for the East Midlands. Medals are currently held at the Regional office in Redditch. MB and DL to arrange for 60 gold and 60 silver to be delivered to LW. Former District trophies have been allocated to the new Regions and these have been donated to the Midland Championships. BP requests that all trophies need to be returned to him one week prior to Championship concerned. Referees – Mike Jukes to arrange Championship conditions – need to be addressed and rewritten. Mr R Hargreaves has made comments and suggestions. All changes suggested so far agreed and accepted by committee.</p>	<p>MB / DL</p> <p>BP to write to all clubs</p> <p>BP to contact MJ MB to progress with RH</p>
06/5.01	Development	<p>DL circulated copies of the water polo section of British Swimming's Corporate Plan as it affected the Regions and each section was carefully considered in relation to the West Midlands. The main points arising were as follows: Mini-polo: DL outlined that the principle is to increase interest in water polo by including swimming teams lesson plans. Mini polo already introduced. There will be licensed presenters in each region to take on introduction but development officers will take this on initially. PH raised question as to whether Sports Colleges had been included in contact list as in this area they play an important part in development. Qualified coaches: Coaches needed but no courses available until Sept 2006, this will cause problems with achieving targets. Recognition for past experience in training and awareness of people already qualified in area needs to be addressed. Swim 21: Changed to include all minor disciplines. Clubs need to be involved, either accredited or not. Regional Development Clinics: Corporate plan requires 2 to be run per Region. Regional Training Centre: Concern was expressed that West Midland players are currently having to travel to Nottingham. Corporate Plan specifies one per Region. Committee felt it could be achieved in the West Midlands and two possible venues were mentioned. Ideally to start in September.</p>	<p>BP to take strong concerns from group to ASA TWPC in April</p> <p>BP to look at feasibility with DL</p> <p>BP to raise at ASA TWPC meeting</p>
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		<p>Officials: Highlighted by committee that officials are not mentioned in the Corporate Plan. BP informed committee that exam paper is still under review for referees therefore courses cannot be run. Committee concerned about delay this will cause.</p> <p>Competitive National Framework: Acknowledged that the Midland Championships do not precisely follow the National Framework but the committee felt that they are appropriate to the sport in the Region.</p>	
06/6.01	AOB	<p>DL informed committee of involvement in Kelloggs Swim Active bid, initiative in conjunction with Telford and Wrekin. Club support would be required when agreed.</p> <p>DG expressed concern over lack of data-base for schools who are taking on water polo. Links need to be established.</p> <p>MW raised concerns over lack of decision re Inter-Region competitions – at present none are planned.</p>	<p>DL to inform BP when details agreed</p> <p>BP to take to ASA TWPC meeting</p>

	SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS:	MIN REF	ACTION REQUIRED BY:	REFERRAL TO RMB
➤	Write to all clubs requesting trophies to be returned to him one week prior to Championship concerned.	06/4.01	BP	
➤	Contact Mike Jukes re. referees.	06/4.01	BP	
➤	Raise concern regarding lack of coaching courses at ASA TWPC in April.	06/5.01	BP	
➤	Raise issue of West Midland players travelling to Nottingham for RTC at ASA TWPC.	06/5.01	BP	
➤	Information re Kelloggs bid to be passed onto Brian Pugh when details agreed	06/6.01	DL	
➤	Raise concern at ASA TWPC about lack of Inter – Region competitions	06/6.01	BP	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To be arranged by BP after ASA TWPC meeting

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