

**NORTHERN WAVE SWIMMING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
26 March 2008 at 19:30 at Mikey's Flat**

Present

Trevor Burchick, John Casson, Hana Kubakova, Edwin Lace, Mike Lane, Mikey Maxwell

Apologies

Mike Felse, Steve Tomkins

Minutes of last meeting

Discussed and accepted. The following items are carried forward as not yet finalised:

- 10th anniversary dinner (try Villagio 10 October 2008) - Mike L
- Join IGLA - Trevor
- Pool party – Trevor (needs a number for Andrew Curley about a possible venue)
- Work on kit design and sourcing for 10 year anniversary limited edition – Trevor, Hana, Edwin

Constitution

New Rules and Constitution accepted by committee. Constitution to be submitted to Swim Northwest for approval by Trevor. Once approved, need to call an EGM to have it ratified by the members. Trevor also to investigate public liability and officers' insurance for NWSC.

'Refugee' policy

Some mention of finance now included in the policy document. John questioned if the club needed to address its charging structure for other individuals who experience financial hardship. This already existed through the concession scheme. The majority voted to accept the policy in its current form. How do we deal with the three individuals currently receiving free membership? The majority of committee voted to include these three in the new policy and allow them a further ten weeks free entry. The scheme will be reviewed in about three months.

Women's things

Support was not needed for the two members going to Amsterdam. Monthly social events are happening for the women with about six members going along each month. Women did very well in Amsterdam with an all female relay. This was the first time NWSC had fielded an all female relay team. Do a press release about women in sport to highlight this and Lizzie Bellinger's recent world record. Hana attended LGBT meeting at Salford Uni to promote the club.

Hana would like to start a women only session and believes with the right marketing that it can be successful. Could ask AJ about coaching, she is currently a level 2 coach. Might need to investigate other venues as only slot available at Moss Side is Friday evening. Hana thinks Wednesday would be good. Edwin questioned if there was a risk that women would stop attending the Tuesday and Sunday sessions if there was a women only night. Tuesdays are now quite busy and this may not be such a bad thing. Some remaining grant that can be used to help get the women's night up and running. Hopefully given a few months it will become self-financing. Aim to launch in September.

Consensus was not to allow a specific NW women's logo as this altered the brand of the club.

Pride Games

Aquatic centre 25m of upstairs pool now booked. Available from 14:00 to 20:00. Swim can start at 15:30 and will need to finish at 18:30. Aiming for an attendance of about 50-100 swimmers. Also to be marketed to local straight clubs. Edwin is coordinating race content and schedule.

Use the diving pool for an aerobics warm up for half hour before competition starts. Maybe use diving pool for fun relay to allow main pool to be shut down at end. Idea for fun relay to have coloured balls in pool and teams have to throw them into sacks held by their team on the side.

Agreed entry fee of £20 (or €27). Can enter maximum of five individual events. Need to better organise giving out medals. Have a medals desk. Edwin and Mikey will liaise with MAC technical team about exchanging data between systems.

Events coming up

Paris (short) – 10-11 May

Berlin (long) – 2-4 May

ASA British Masters (Manchester) (long) – 20 June

Eurogames (Barcelona) (long) – 24-27 July 2008

ASA National Masters (Sheffield) (short) – 24 October

Coach for small pool

AJ volunteered. Mike L to continue negotiating start date and requirements.

Any other business

Ask Steve to provide an up to date financial position.

John wondered if NWSC should write to Moss Side about the quality of the centre, re lockers out of use, quality of the pool etc. Mike L will draft a letter.

Mikey gave quick demo of new membership system so far.