

# SWIMMING FORUM

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 11 October 2005 commencing at 10.30am  
At the Sports Development Centre, Loughborough University

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<b>Present:</b>	Ralph Riley	ISRM	Chairman	RR
	David Sparkes	ASA		DS
	Anne Adams-King	ASA		AAK
	Adrian Lole	RLSS		AL
	Jim Gordon	BSPF		JG
	Lee Robinson	STA		LR
	John Stiven	ESSA		JS
	David Walker	RoSPA		KC
	Ed Chapman	DfES		EC
	Robert James	Welsh ASA		RJ

<b>Apologies:</b>	Noel Winter	ASA
	Brian McGuinness	BSCTA
	Peter Cornall	RoSPA
	Linda Bishop-Bailey	ISRM
	Allen Brobyn	BSPF

## Action

1. **Minutes of meeting held 22 March 2005**
- 1.1. Agreed as a correct record.
2. **Matters Arising**
- 2.1. There were no matters arising other than those covered by agenda items.
3. **UKCC**
- 3.1. AAK provided an up-date on progress and indicated that the programme for delivery of UKCC was on schedule and outlined early discussions with SkillsActive on the development of a Sector Academy in London.
4. **Licensing**
- 4.1. DS confirmed that the ASA's intention was to proceed shortly with a licensing scheme. Currently consulting with employers and it was hoped that the licensing scheme would drive the demand for training within the sector.
5. **Schools Swimming**
- 5.1. The meeting noted that recruitment would commence shortly for the appointment of 5 Schools Swimming Co-ordinators based on the Youth Sport Trust regions. Noted that funding would be available for top ups from April 2006.
6. **Schools Competition Framework**
- 6.1. AAK outlined the work undertaken by ESSA and the ASA in developing a new framework for Key Stages 2 and 3 based on skills linked to LTAD and work on developing a Junior Organiser programme for the 16 – 19 year age group.
7. **Lifeguarding**
- 7.1. Discussion took place with regard to new detection systems, based either on CCTV or on a software-based system, for early detection of drowning incidents.
- 7.2. Sport England felt that it was appropriate for the group to provide guidance to the industry on these systems and their use and on environmental factors that may need to be considered as part of a safe pool environment.

- 7.3. Organisations were invited to submit information to Roger Barnard by the end of November who in turn would present a paper to the next meeting. ALL  
RB
8. **Comprehensive Performance Assessment**
- 8.1. RR gave a brief outline on CPA and how it might drive change within sport in local authorities, particularly linked to the Health and Activity agenda.
- 8.2. It was agreed to continue to monitor development in this important area of work.
9. **Free Swimming**
- 9.1. The ASA confirmed that their work with Sport England and the Department of Health on the development of a free swimming tool kit was nearing completion.
- 9.2. Mr James undertook to report at the next meeting on progress on the Welsh free swimming initiative. RJ
10. **Health**
- 10.1. The ASA reported that Kate Sargant had now taken up post.
- 10.2. The Hull Project funded by the DoH through a Section 64 agreement, had now started.
- 10.3. Work on the 9 Sport England pilots was being initiated and were close to agreeing details with the National Investment Panel.
11. **Swimming's Strategic Plan**
- 11.1. It was noted that British Swimming, the ASA and Welsh ASA were reviewing their strategic plans in light of the potential legacy impact of the London 2012 decision.
12. **Equity**
- 12.1. The ASA confirmed that their evidence folders for the Preliminary and Intermediate Standards would be submitted at the end of the year for review.
- 12.2. The ISRM confirmed that they were extending their on-line learning programmes to include racial awareness and disability awareness.
- 12.3. The ASA agreed to look at this as resources for volunteers. ASA
13. **National Water Safety Forum**
- 13.1. The sub-groups had now all met and issues going forward to a co-ordination group meeting shortly would be to consider the implications of the Hampstead Heath judgement, further research with regard to admission policies, work on the development of standard signs and in particular a sign for "No Photography".
- 13.2. The meeting also noted that the website was to be reviewed and were asked to come forward to the next meeting with any views on how this could be improved. ALL
- 13.3. The meeting was also asked to give consideration to a National Water Safety Day for 2006. ALL
14. **Admissions Guidance**
- 14.1. It was noted that this was now in the public domain and that some on-going research on data collection was to be undertaken. This might well link to other data collection work under the health initiative.
15. **Swimming Goggles**
- 15.1. It was noted that the organisations represented all remain comfortable with the

wearing of swimming goggles during swimming lessons.

15.2. It was noted that the STA publish advice on goggles, as do the ASA, copies to be made available at the next meeting. RR / JL

16. **Verruca's**

16.1. It was noted that the Welsh Health Protection Agency appears to recommend the use of verruca socks whilst swimming.

16.2. The meeting confirmed that this was not consistent with the advice that they had given previously and saw no reason to change their advice.

17. **Date of Next Meeting**

17.1. Agreed as Tuesday 11 April 2006 commencing at 10.30am.

17.2. Ralph Riley undertook to arrange the booking of the meeting room. RR

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