



London Swimming

**Notes of ASA London Region Board  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 19.00  
South Bank House**

**Present:** W .Collins, K. Grimshaw, J. Bedford, R. Whitehead, S. Baker  
**In Attendance:** C. Brown, A. Adams-King, D.Collen  
**Apologies:** T. Tremeer, B. Kapp, D Andrews, J, Cook, V. Davies, M. Weltman, J. Scott, D. Heathcock,

**08.06.24. 1 Welcome**

Anne Adams-King and Den Collen (potential future board member) were welcomed to the meeting

**08.06.24. 2 Minutes**

As the meeting was not quorate the minutes of the board meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008, conference call of 8<sup>th</sup> April and notes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and of the Finance and Admin meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> June could not be approved/formally noted.

**08.06.24.3 New ASA/Sport England strategy**

Anne Adams-king and Colin Brown presented the new Sport England strategy which would focus on sport for sports sake and have 3 core values

Excel - Talent (25% of budget)

Grow – more participation (25%of budget)

Sustain – improving quality, facilities and volunteers 50 % of Budget

SE will be downsizing and Regional Sports Boards apart from London's will disappear. The SE money will be delivered through National Governing Bodies.

The ASA has been working on its plan for the next 4 years for some time .It will be bottom up and will have 7 key ambitions under which there will be K.P.I's. The London Region strategy has been fed into the document.

The draft of the document is going to ASA Board on Friday and will then be circulated to others for comment. It will be finalised in September and then submitted to SE who are due to respond in December 2008 with outcomes.

The next few months will see plenty of changes as the process evolves. In addition the ASA is working closely with the government over the free swimming initiative.

Key words from SE in future will be “commissioning basis”

#### **08.06.24.4 Directors Report**

- Report noted
- Quality Co-ordinator (Jemma Konuralp) started on 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Aquatic Development Programme Coordinator has been appointed. This will roll out the programme of master classes and coach education and be self financing in the medium term.
- The SLA with Barking and Dagenham is under independent legal review and a separate company is being set up by the Region (owned 100% by the region) to handle the deal. This company will be VAT registered. The ASA had been consulted.

#### **08.06.24.5 Finance**

- RW reported on the financial position as at end May and indicated that Bagcats results will be lower than last year because there is no Cheesestring sponsorship and Ealing was only a 6 lane pool resulting in a restricted entry level.
- RW reported that the Region will have to cover the cost over-run on the Regional cost centre at the ASA. Some of it is being transferred to LAP with the balance (£5k) being paid by the Region out of its own funds.
- CB reported that SE had agreed in principle to allow the region to carry forward any un-utilised LAP funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. CB/RW will produce a projection of what the number might be for formal sign off by Sport England late July.

#### **08.06.24.6 Competition Workforce**

- It is recognised by both ourselves and the ASA that we will need to have a team in place to manage major competitions once the Aquatics Centre is open. This will need some financial investment and will also require identification of suitable training events. It will also need the support of the team running the event at which shadowing occurs. The principle was agreed and will need to be moved forward including exploring whether there would be support available to train the right people from outside organisations.

#### **08.06.24.7 English Talent Development Program**

- Nick Sellwood is continuing to explore with clubs and GLL involved with Crystal Palace .It is proving difficult to get agreement as to approach.
- Ealing and other Swim 21 clubs would be considered for funding support providing a proper business plan is prepared which demonstrates benefit to the Region as well as the club.

#### **08.06.24.8 Succession Planning**

Will Collins formally advised the meeting that due to work commitments he would have to stand down as chairman in September. Those present expressed their thanks for his hard work over the last 5 years.

#### **08.06.24.9 Independent Resolution Panel**

Len Badcock had suggested that an independent panel be set up which could be tapped by clubs to provide the necessary personnel to enable clubs to set up internal panels to solve issues rather than putting them into the ASA legal process. This was approved and subject to full board approval LB will be asked to create the panel from regional sub-areas.

#### **08.06.24.10 Board Commitment**

It was noted that the Board did not have a quorum again and that there were a number of people who had not attended 3 board meetings in succession

Jean Cook – undertaking ASA duties re diving

Dave Andrews – 2 with no support and today due to an issue arising in the club

Brian Kapp – Little reason given

Tamsyn Tremeer – due to work commitments which means she is often out of the country (Tamsyn will be resigning at the ACM), but has been able to contribute to the workings of the F&A group.

It was decided to take 2 actions

- Propose at AGM that quorum is reduced to 6
- Remove Brian Kapp from the board which will require the agreement of a quorate board unless a satisfactory explanation is received.
- Subject to Board Approval to co-opt Den Collen to the Board.

#### **08.06.24.11 ACM**

The format will be similar to last year with the key spot being taken by a member of the Olympic team. Unfortunately, the City of London Boy's school is not available and neither is the Shell centre. This means that the ACM is likely to be out of central London. Once venue is known then paperwork will be distributed. WC is still waiting for a number of reports.

**Date of Next Meeting July 16<sup>th</sup> 19.00 at South Bank House plus conference call on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm**