CUMBRIA AGE GROUPS SUB-COMMITTEE – SATURDAY 5th May 2018 at PENRITH

Present: M Ralph (Chair), M Tickner (Secretary), K Chisholm (Meet Organiser), J Routledge (Workington). L Nicholson (Cockermouth, I Richardson (Copeland), H Smith-Ward (Barrow), L Capstick (Ulverston), M Bond (Kendal, G Pearson (Carlisle Aq).

Apologies for Absence: M Powell-Currie (Penrith)

Terms of Reference

Bullet point 1 needs amending as the Cumbria Age Group Championships do not provide an opportunity for swimmer to achieve National Qualifying Times.

Apart from the above comment the terms of reference were considered acceptable.

Open Discussion

It was agreed at the onset that the championships will be held within Cumbria and not for example at Sunderland or Manchester long course pools.

Carlisle 2018 – Very crowded on poolside and on the balcony. Position of lifeguard on the far side of the pool did not permit free movement towards the boom end. Some number parts were missing from the scoreboard but Graham did say that Carlisle Aq were looking to buy a new matrix scoreboard. Swim down pool was not available immediately. More seating is required on poolside and session times were too long. The host clubs need to be made aware of the number of swimmers per club competing so that seating allocations around the pool are better managed. There was an issue with the amount of food at Carlisle, it was felt there wasn’t enough.

Kendal 2018 – Very hot and again not enough seating on poolside resulting in some issues in front of the balcony primarily aimed at Cockermouth swimmers who were blameless as there was nowhere for them to go. The swim down/warm up facility built into the programme was not used, however, every club was in agreement with that decision. There was plenty of food at Kendal.

Programme of events

Do we need finals, not ideal for those swimmers in multiple finals?

Presentations

Presentations in general did not work well, swimmers were either swimming down or getting ready for their next race. The trophies must be returned to Lesley when she is present and not dumped on poolside and they should be returned clean and undamaged. All trophies are to be handed in at the winter meet so that Lesley can make a proper inventory of them all in readiness for next year’s championships.

Finance

Carlisle – pool hire and other expenses amounted to £2171 less income of £1791 leaving a deficit of £380.

Kendal – pool hire and Ian Proud amounted to £2879 less income of £866 leaving a deficit of £2013. A breakdown of the pool hire charges is required from Kendal (**ACTION**).

Apparently if Kendal ASC booked the pool we would have been given club rate (approx. £1500).

Overall a surplus of £5510 was made, but we could improve on that if we were given club rates.

Venues for 2019

Workington, Carlisle, Kendal and Copeland (pool measurement to be organised). Barrow should also be added to the list of venues for distance events only. Keith to draw up a draft programme to include the reverse distance events before we select venues for 2019. The programme will look at maybe running 2 sets of heats followed by 2 finals followed directly by presentations with swimmers being caught as soon as they leave the pool. The venues will be decided at the next meeting of this group on 2nd June at Penrith.

Qualifying times

There were no complaints regarding the qt’s. Some unpopular events were low in numbers but that was nothing new. It was agreed to leave the qt’s as per 2018.

Para Medals

This topic needs further consideration as to whether swimmers need to better their entry time or to adopt the minus 1 rule. Mark will look at what other similar sized counties do.

The presentation of junior medals was well received and should continue.

Roles and Duties

The lists of general rules and duties for all clubs worked well and will continue.

Lunches

The host club to arrange catering for up to £5 per official including trainees (who are on poolside for a whole day). The cost is to include fruit, sweets etc. Lunches for coaches will be charged at £5 per day. Coaches passes will be free and the numbers of coaches per club is dependent on the numbers of swimmers.

Poolside Accreditation

The onus is on all the clubs to ensure that poolside coaches have proper accreditation, possibly a signed letter from the clubs welfare officers.

Promoters Conditions

Entry conditions and promoters conditions are to be looked at, with a view to maybe bringing them in line with regional competition.

The whole agenda was not completed prior to 1.30pm and as such a further meeting of this group will take place at Penrith on Saturday 2nd June at 10.30am.