

Parents/swimmer meeting June 2016 – extended information where appropriate - Kay Howe KH

1/Competition application submission and updates

Lynda Garland gave update - KH will give out slips for gala and then email will come out with closing date. Lynda will add the entries to be submitted onto the website for swimmers to check. A week later the entries will be submitted and then accepted/rejected entries placed on the website. As soon as the entries are accepted the swimmers must pay for the gala. If you enter the following gala and the previous has not been paid your entries for gala will not be processed. Lynda asked that you add a return receipt to your email entries to ensure she gets the email. Lynda will also be using facebook to circulate information as well as email.

ACTION – KH to arrange a meeting for all parents of swimmers who are new to competitions to give an overview of how competition structure is implemented and how entry system works

2/Swimmers attention to coaches and not parents on balcony

KH informed parents and swimmers that the presence of parents on the balcony was discussed at length at both coaches meeting and committee meeting. KH explained that some clubs don't allow parents on balcony however KH did not want to enforce that as she wanted parents to see their kids develop as swimmers. KH asked for swimmers to concentrate on what coaches were telling them as it was difficult to explain and develop swimmers within a session if they were constantly looking and being coached from the balcony. KH understood parent's enthusiasm but asked for both swimmers and parents cooperation in this matter.

ACTION – All Parents to remain seated throughout sessions and KH will try wherever possible to move B, A squad away from the lane closest to balcony to allow parents to see from seating position. Swimmers to concentrate fully on coach advice and guidance throughout sessions. Trial for a month and further discussion at July committee meeting.

3/Swimmers sitting with team at competitions.

With the increase in numbers attending competitions, swimmers will now be asked to stay with coach and team throughout session. Session lasts from warm up until your last race. Check with coach to confirm you have finished your swimming and can leave the team. This allows coaches time to brief you prior to swim and know where you are for marshalling.

4/Changing room discipline

Following an incident where Leisure Centre staff had occasion to speak with swimmers following an incident where shampoo had been thrown around in showers KH reminded swimmers that they had signed a code of conduct for swimmers and reminded them that they were representing Morpeth ASC and their behaviour should reflect the high standard of behaviour expected of all.

5/Junior Committee

KH introduced the junior committee – Mathew Eke, Joe Dobbins, Eve Smart, Ed Syndercombe, Emma Shuttleworth and Greg Parker. They organised a coffee morning on Saturday 11th June and raised over £450 to be used to support the Stirling Swim Camp and Diddy League fancy dress. They will be holding regular meetings and asked all squads for representation at the meetings. Several swimmers have already put themselves forward to represent their squads at the meeting. The minutes of the meetings will be made available as well as a timetable of the meetings.

6/Achievement awards for swimmers up to 12yrs old

KH outlined a new award scheme that was being introduced within the club for swimmers to set themselves time/distance goals and to be rewarded with badges when they achieved the goals. This would be led by Lindsey Henderson and more details to follow. It is likely to begin in September 2016.

7/Annual Plan for 2016/2017

KH has put a plan on the website however this has limited details on as the full competition schedule won't be released until after the football fixture list is released due to the availability of Sunderland Aquatic Centre and arranging other club competitions around those scheduled for Sunderland. As soon as more information is available KH will update website. The Richmond Dales gala is the first of the season and entries will be requested via the MASC comp website w/c 20/6. Slips will be given out by KH w/c 20/6. Keep checking the website to ensure you are up to date with any changes.

It has been a fantastic year so far with some great achievements across all squads. You have all made Morpeth a great club to swim for and be a part of

CONGRATUALTIONS