



Committee Meeting In Sheffield

Saturday 2nd March 2013, between sessions 1&2 of Junior DSE competition.

Venue: The Old Queens Head Public House, 40 Pond Hill, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BG

Attendees: Peter Noden, Brian Baxter, Alison Saines, Margaret Baxter, Amanda Kenny, Lillian Walkup, Angela Holmes, Alexander Cranford, Tom Baxter, Tracey Nisted, Carnette Noden, Andrew Roberts (Team Manager for Deaflympics 2013).

1. Apologies for absence: Jane Cranford, Martin Lee, David White.
2. Technical Directors report: Peter reported that, after the resignation in December 2012 of Caroline Hurley, the previous Technical Director, he had thought about the role and, after discussions with UK Deaf Sport, he had come to the conclusion that such a role was not needed. Instead, he proposed that the role of UKDS Liaison Officer be created: he would carry on liaising with UKDS until after the Deaflympics, and would hope that somebody else on the committee would take on the role, in conjunction with their other committee duties, thereafter. He would invite nominations with a view to confirming the new person at the forthcoming AGM in Loughborough in May.
3. Rochester New York: Angela Holmes said that we had little information about this: it was an open meet, so anyone could enter and therefore she didn't think that the club would select swimmers to attend as a GB team. People could enter as from their home club. She hoped that further information would come through UKDS soon.
4. European Swimming Championships 2014 Russia: again, Angela said that little or no information had been received via UKDS. Carnette suggested that we took a larger team, so that the cost of taking the Coach and Team Manager would be spread amongst a larger number of swimmers.
5. AOB: There was concern expressed at the action of British Swimming, in that they had decided that the British International Disability Swimming Competition, to be held in Sheffield in April 2013, was to be a selection meet for the IPC World Championships, August 2013, and that as a consequence of this, S15 swimmers would not be eligible to swim in finals. Committee members were upset at the exclusion of our deaf swimmers, and at the high cost of entering each race. It was noted that the entry fees for spectators were extremely high too. Peter said people would have to make up their own minds about whether to enter: some parents had already booked accommodation in Sheffield because of the clash of dates with a large snooker championship being held in the city at the same time. Tracey and Peter said they would both write separately to British Swimming.