

CoStA - note from the Chairman

To all Swimmers and Parents

I would like to bring to your attention a number of matters, which require your assistance and co-operation.

1. High School Pool: Our contract with the High School does not include setting up/closing down procedures i.e. lane ropes and flags. The majority of our coaches are volunteers and unpaid. Where they are paid it is for coaching not setting up/closing down. So if you are dropping a child off or collecting could you please assist for a few minutes. The procedure can be achieved in less than 5 mins provided there are a few people to assist.

2. We are currently looking for assistance in a number of areas – all of these roles are voluntary but essential too the longer term prospects of the club:

a. CRB/Child Welfare Officer: In general anybody who is poolside is required to have a CRB check. This role involves co-ordinating and submitting the applications and renewals. In addition we are looking for an individual to attend two short (couple of hours) ASA courses on child welfare so that the club is properly advised.

b. Grants Officer : There are numerous grants and opportunities available to the club but they require

an individual who is prepared to do the work investigating, accessing and coordinating applications

c. Herts League Representative: The Herts League run the Major and Peanuts League. We are required to send a representative to the meetings which take place once a month.

d. Health and Safety Officer: All the pools have their own procedures – but we need to ensure that all relevant individuals are aware of them. This role involves understanding those procedures and ensuring that we are compliant with them as well as ensuring all relevant individuals are aware of them.

e. Works Force Officer. This role involves the co-ordination of our paid and unpaid volunteers – so that the coaches can concentrate on coaching and development.

If anyone is interested in assisting with these roles could they please contact me on

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or my mobile 07774 185027

3. Christmas and Summer closure: we have determined some preliminary dates which may be useful for planning. These cover CHILDRENS swimming only. The last swimming session before the Christmas break will be a fun night at Westminster Lodge on Sunday Dec 21st. There will be no session at the High School on the 21st. The first session after the break will be Sunday 4th

January. For the summer break 2009 all sessions will cease on Sunday 26th July. (I.e. there will be no sessions on the 26th). We will not have any sessions until Monday 10th August. Sessions from 10th August to the August Bank Holiday weekend are likely to be consolidated at the High School pool. After the August Bank Holiday, Monday 31st., all sessions will return to normal.

Thanks

David Lightowler
CoStA Chair.
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