



East "Steering" Group Parents Meeting

6:00pm Monday 17th December 2007

Shadsworth Leisure Centre, Blackburn

List of persons present

Jim McLeish, Martin Theaker, Cath Undrell, Helen Hopkin, Tyrone Atkinson
Sarah Atkinson, Debs Davis. Cameo appearance by Coach John Dougall

Apologies

Sue Hargreaves, Craig & Donna Walsh, Sonia & Ian Swales

Meeting Notes

Martin Theaker chaired the meeting and thanked those who were there for attending and for the support they were offering. Apologies were noted.

Martin stated the reason for holding the meeting which was to re-form a steering group to help in the areas of fundraising, social events, competitions, membership, finance, swimmer recruitment, coach liaison and communications. As so few people were at the meeting, it was decided that the focus would be on Fundraising and Social.

Craig Walsh has accepted the position of Squad Social Secretary, this has yet to go to the Gallica Committee but he will be nominated by Martin Theaker and seconded by Jim McLeish. Everyone present offered support to Craig in this role and also to support Jeff Spector in his role of Squad Fundraising Officer. A Fundraising / Social Committee will be formed at East Group and supported by all those present at the meeting.

There were many suggestions regarding fund raising and everyone agreed that several avenues open to us which need further investigation and development to maximise the opportunity of raising much needed funds. We will also look at partnerships with the Gallica family of clubs with regard to joint fund raising and grant applications for specific events.

Confirmation was given that Jeff Spector will be at Shadsworth on 31st December (during the morning training session) to discuss the event to be held on 22nd June 2008 at Palatine. Martin will e-mail Jeff with the invitation to attend. This will be a project in partnership with Blackpool Borough Council, local schools and swimming clubs. The aim for Gallica will be raise a large cash sum greater than the figure raised at the million metre challenge.

It was agreed that distribution of minutes from Gallica Committee meetings was a very good idea. The proposed migration to Fulwood Pool (Preston) for weekday morning sessions was also discussed and all agreed that whilst travelling (for some) would be more difficult, the benefits to East & Coast Squads training together would be very positive. As much notice as possible will be given before the move.

Next Meetings:

Monday 31st December 2007 (During morning training) with Jeff Spector to discuss the 22nd June event at Palatine, Blackpool in more detail.

Wednesday January 9th 2008 6:00pm Parents meeting. This will be an open parents meeting. (If anyone cannot attend but wants to ask a question, please e-mail it to me. It will be read out, responded to and minuted on the night)

Please make every effort to support these meetings; they are vital to long term future of the squad.