

8th June 2020

Dear all Skipton SC members

I hope this third letter finds you well as we enter week twelve of no training and a different kind of life!! It may not have been easy and has been difficult to adjust, but fingers crossed we are 'for now' coming out the other side and starting to resume a different kind of normal. The threat of Covid 19 will be around for a long time like many other viruses/bugs, and the autumn/winter season will prove to be a tough one on society and the NHS, but hopefully by now we have learnt how to keep safe and stay well.

So moving forward....

Nothing is definite but following guidance from Swim England and the pools we train at, we are very hopeful that training will be able to commence in the not too distant future, we are hopeful for July, but this is not confirmed. With that in mind we will be issuing refunds to all members for fees paid April, May and June. This will be a mammoth task so please bear with us as it will take time. Could I ask you all to email treasurer@skiptonsc.co.uk and chairperson@skiptonsc.co.uk with your name, sort code and account to where you wish your refund to be sent. Thank you to those few that let us know you were stopping your standing order, if you stopped it and didn't let us know, then please do inform us ASAP.

SWIM MEETS

We finally received a refund from Sheffield Premier meet; if you haven't received your refund please contact me.

City of Wakefield meet on Sunday 6th September will not go ahead. Although swim training is highly likely to have restarted, there is no guidance as yet to how swim meets will be held in relation to spectators, competitors etc., and without spectators meets will potentially run at a loss, therefore the COW meet was cancelled.

In addition Swim England and British swimming and North East Regionals have cancelled all national/regional meets until the end of the year so as not to put additional stress/potential injury on our elite athletes as they restart their training. This seems to be a world-wide decision from the swimming world, where the focus has moved away swim meets for the rest of the year and the emphasis is very much in ensuring swimmers return to training and regain their full fitness to prevent injury. This will give them time to build up their techniques and stamina ready for the 2021 long course season.

With regard to Winter Yorkshires, I will keep you updated, but it is doubtful it will go ahead.

MOVING FORWARD

Committee have continued to work behind the scenes in updating CPD's, securing funding for training courses for our coaches and keeping our Facebook and website up to date.

I have been liaising with both pools regularly with regard to returning to training, and our water time co-ordinator Vicky and I and currently looking at various ways that we may return. Depending on the guidance this may result in reduced number of sessions initially and/or reduced swimmers in the lanes. We are

working hard putting together a mixture of potential scenarios. Rest assured you will be informed of all initial changes once we have clear guidance. We are hopeful that this will be an interim measure and will continue to adapt as we move forward.

I'm very proud by the determination shown by many members of our club in staying fit, as a Squad swimmer parent I have enjoyed seeing the activities on Strava and am very impressed to see many out running, biking and completing HIIT's , the desire is there to keep fit during this strange time is certainly to be commended, it will certainly serve you well when you get back in the water. Keep it up!

RESIGNATION

It is with sadness that Sandra Scrivin has decided to resign from her roles on committee. Over the years Sandra has been an integral part of the club, mainly as her role as competition secretary and ASA registrations officer. She has been a solid member of committee and has built up many relationships over the years within the club and also Yorkshire and North East region and her hard work and commitment is to be highly commended and we at Skipton SC are extremely thankful for the commitment she has shown and wish her all the very very best for her future endeavours.

“Please could I notify everyone that I wish to resign from all voluntary roles within Skipton Swimming Club as from today's date 4th June 2020. The roles being Competition Secretary, ASA online administrator, Sponsorship Secretary and my seat on committee. I have volunteered for Skipton for the past decade and have made links with meet managers, parents and swimmers past and present, from Stepping Stones to British Championships.

I wish you all the very best and I hope the club will continue to prosper. I have enjoyed working alongside everyone.

Best Wishes, Sandra”

Please continue to follow our Facebook page and our website for updates, and if anybody is interested in taking on any vacant roles within the club (it does not necessarily mean you have to be on committee), please do not hesitate to contact me for a chat. Without parent/guardian help the club will not be able to run so effectively and be as successful as it is.

AND FINALLY.....

So to all Skipton Swimming club members of all ages and abilities, we hopefully look forward to seeing you all in the not too distant future and hopefully we will still have a different but exciting season ahead for you, as you look to improve times and techniques ready for the 2021 season .

So that's me for now, if you need to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so.

Kind regards, please continue to stay healthy.... stay safe everyone!

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