

Minutes of Region Artistic Swimming Meeting at 8.30pm on Wednesday 2 March 2022 via Zoom Platform

Present: Roger Downing, Mary Hooper, Sarah Pullan, Georgina Coombs, Alyson Bashford, Sarah Garrett, Viv Ebbs

1. Welcome and Apologies

Roger welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Max Crowe

2. Level 1 Judges Course

Mary reported that 17 candidates attended the Zoom Introduction to Judging course. The face-to-face courses will be run by Georgie with a maximum of 10 candidates on each course. Concern that the competition in May will be unable to take place unless more judges are available. Georgie to investigate Hengrove and the YMCA in Taunton as venues for the Judges courses on 10 April and 1 May. **ACTION GC**

3. Regional Age Groups on 5 March

Sarah reported that the competition is very short on judges. An up-to-date list of current qualified judges is essential so that competitions can take place. Mary to investigate. **ACTION MH**

The following was agreed:

- Roger to bring the box of Artistic Swimming competition equipment to Cheltenham on the day of the competition. **ACTION RAD**
- Alyson to send template of papers required to Roger who will print them **ACTION AB / RAD**
- Sarah P to check that Max is bringing the timekeepers equipment. **ACTION SP**
- Sarah P to bring laptop that Max may need. **ACTION SP**
- Max to bring printer. Sarah to remind her. **ACTION SP**
- Sarah G to talk to Bristol volunteers beforehand **ACTION SG**
- Clubs to print off information that they may need **ACTION AI**
- Mary to check the template for competition organisation. A volunteer is required to take on Field of Play. **ACTION MH**
- Logbooks will not be required. Swimmers will be ticked as they check in.

4. Level 1 Teachers' Course

The cost for the course is £220 per candidate and will take place over Zoom plus a whole day at a pool. Roger noted that most counties have a bursary of £50 per candidate for teachers' courses. South West Region grants are also available but payable after candidates have passed the course.

5. Grade Days

Viv queried whether Grade Days would ever be held at Burnham-on-Sea again as this venue was central to the Region. Sarah P pointed out that the area for testing land splits was not suitable for athletes. Viv suggested that adequate rooms are available in the adjacent Community Centre.

6. SW Regional AS Squad

To note that Regional Squad athletes have to pay for their own squad t-shirts which are very expensive. Mary to investigate t-shirts and swim hats for the AS Regional Squad **ACTION MH**

7 Next Meeting

Roger thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 8.30pm on Monday 4 April via Zoom platform.

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