

## SESWR Water Polo Technical Committee

Via Zoom on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Attendees: Chris Tubby, SESWR WPTC Chair (CT)  
Mike Coles, SESWR Water Polo Manager (MC)  
Jim Robinson Water Polo Finance Officer (JR)  
Chrissie Robinson, Regional Chair (CR)  
Paul Robbins, Regional Deputy Chair (PR)  
Andrew Smart, SESWR Board Representative (AS)  
Nick Hume, Head Girls Coach (NH)  
John Spicer, Gloucester County Rep and Head Boys Coach (JS)  
Toby Hogg, Cornwall Representative (TH)  
Stuart Noyce, Devon Representative (SN)  
Glen Mitchell, Dorset Representative (GM)  
Bradley Poole, Somerset Representative (BP)  
Chris Selby, Wiltshire Representative (CS)  
Phil Whiting, BWWPL Representative (PW)

### 1. Welcome from the Chair, and apologies received.

1.1. Chair CT welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the agenda published had shown a start time of 7.00 pm, whilst the Zoom invitation said 7.30 pm, so apologies for that. There were no apologies from attendees and there was a full complement of county representatives present.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

2.1. CT said the minutes had been sent out by the water polo manager of the meeting held on 26th June 2023.

2.2. CR pointed out a couple of typos and these would be corrected and resent to the regional office. She also asked if Conflicts of interest could be included on the agenda. MC agreed to do so.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1. There were no matters arising.

### 4. Updates from Groups (noted as read)

4.1. Swim England Water Polo Leadership Group. The minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 have been circulated. MC pointed out that the regional water polo managers had been invited to a meeting to be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and he would be attending. He was asked to raise a couple of items, namely if the inter-regions if being held, as no dates had been published, could be held in the south of the country, rather than always being held in the North West. It was suggested that maybe they could be held in the new pool in the Midlands. Secondly, he was asked to raise the question of the Talent Centres, and whether talks could be held to try and combine both the regional training centres with the talent centres so that players were not being faced with expenses to attend both sessions or being forced to decide between one or the other. GM asked if any information had been forthcoming on the change of age groups in water polo. An email had been sent back in February, but nothing has been forthcoming since. NAGs were also mentioned regarding the restriction of entry. MC would raise the question on Wednesday.

*Post Meeting Note: An extra date had been arranged for the NAGs competition, and because of this there would now be no restrictions on entries.*

4.2. Swim England Water Polo Competition Calendar pointed out that no inter-regional dates had been published.

4.3. Swim England South West Regional Board update was given by CR. She explained that the board was reviewing its Strategy, and also looking at Governance.

## 5. Updates from SESWR Head Coaches

- 5.1. JS gave a brief update on previous competitions held in Liverpool earlier in the year and said that the teams for the 14 and under Boys Inter-Region, scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November, in Walsall, would be selected at the regional training centre being held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. There would also be open trials for this event for anyone else who does not regularly attend the RTC.
- 5.2. NH reported on the girls' side of things and pointed out that at the last competition of the 2008 girls, he had been unable to attend as he was on international duties, but the girls should have won but finished a creditable runners-up with Lou Betts and Sue Webb coaching and team managing. He would be selecting the team for the Under-14s girls team at the next RTC on the 7<sup>th</sup>, who would be competing in Walsall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## 6. Updates on the Inter-Regional Competitions

- 6.1. Entries had been made for the boys Under-14 Inter-Regional Competition in Walsall, as previously mentioned.
- 6.2. Entries had also been made for the girls' competition on the dates already given.

## 7. 2023 SESWR Inter-County Championships

- 7.1. MC gave an update on this competition, which included the inter-club women's competition between City of Bristol, Exeter and Cheltenham. Exeter had won this, with Cheltenham as runners-up.
- 7.2. Also, there was the 2007 girls inter-region, involving the South West, London and the South East. South West won the competition.
- 7.3. SN raised the subject of the conditions for the Senior Men's Competition, and asked if this should have been discussed by the full committee. CT and MC said they had discussed the situation and MC as tournament director made the decision. A review would be carried out of the Championship Conditions going forward. MC asked CR what would be the procedure in swimming, and the answer was that the lead referee and the promotor would make the decision.
- 7.4. MC further pointed out his frustration at the lack of table officials coming forward. It was suggested that each county needed to supply three table officials for the competition.
- 7.5. The point was raised that where only two teams had entered a championship, only a gold medal was awarded. It was commented that they felt that the runners-up should also receive a medal. This would be discussed with the region's trophy controller.
- 7.6. Full results are published as Appendix I
- 7.7. The proposed date for 2024 was 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## 8. SESWR Regional Training Academy

- 8.1. Both coaches had said there were good numbers attending the sessions at Millfield.  
Two dates were remaining for this year, which were:  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- 8.2. Dates confirmed for 2024 were:  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
MC was also looking for a further date in February, but this was proving difficult as the county swimming championships were taking place during February.

## 9. Finance Report and Budgets

- 9.1. MC explained that Jim Robinson had left the meeting to coach his club, but he was aware that he was scheduled to have a meeting with the regional finance officer, Geoff Pearce, to discuss the way forward for his post. He had also met with former finance officer, SN, to discuss the position.
- 9.2. It was agreed to wait until that meeting had taken place to get the budgets for water polo for 2024.

9.3. It was noted that the London and South East Region had paid their contributions to the weekend competition, as had Exeter and Cheltenham, but nothing had been received from City of Bristol. MC would chase this.

#### 10. Water Polo Training Courses

- 10.1. There was an Assistant Water Polo Coach training session planned by the IoS for the region starting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This would open for registration soon.
- 10.2. A Water Polo Coaching Qualification was planned for 8<sup>th</sup> November, but so far only 4 people have registered. It was suggested that MC email out to his contacts list the new guidance that had come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September, and suggest that clubs get qualifications in order.
- 10.3. A Table Officials Course was being planned before Christmas.
- 10.4. On a Referees' Course, it was suggested by SN, to hold it at the November RTC, with the potential for parents coming forward. This was agreed. MC would register for the course and advertise it on social media etc.

#### 11. Questions for County Officers

- 11.1. No written reports were received, to verbal updates were accepted from the six county representatives.

#### 12. Any other business

- 12.1. CT mentioned that this would be his last meeting as chair, as he was standing down from the position. MC and CR led the thanks for his last two years. MC would inform the members of the committee of any nominations received for the position of chair.

Meeting closed at 21:05

Future Meetings

**Monday 29th January 2024**

**Monday 24th June 2024**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## South-West Inter Counties Tournament 2023 at Millfield

### Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>

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#### Saturday Results

Time	Pitch	Event	Teams & Score	Match Sheet
09:45	A	Women's Inter-Club	Bristol 9, Exeter 15	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
10:00	B	12/U Mixed Inter-County	Devon 31, Somerset 1	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
11:00	A	16/U Boys Inter-County	Devon 28, Dorset 3	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
11:00	B	2007 Girls Inter-Regions	South West 12, South East 5	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
12:15	A	Women's Inter-Club	City of Bristol 13, Cheltenham 17	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
12:15	B	12/U Mixed Inter-County	Gloucester County 14, Somerset 10	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
13:30	A	16/U Boys Inter-County	Gloucester County 18, Dorset 11	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
13:30	B	2007 Girls Inter-Regions	London 5, South East 7	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
14:45	A	Women's Inter-Club	Cheltenham 11, Exeter 15	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
14:45	B	12/U Mixed Inter-County	Gloucester County 1, Devon 23	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
16:00	A	16/U Boys Inter-County	Devon 22, Gloucester County 7	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
16:00	B	2007 Girls Inter-Regions	London 5, South West 9	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>

#### Sunday Results

10:00	A	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Devon A 24, Somerset 0	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
10:00	B	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Devon B 2, Gloucester County 7	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
11:00	A	Senior Men Inter-County	Wiltshire 10, Devon 10	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
11:00	B	Senior Men Inter-County	Cornwall 11, Somerset 9	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
12:00	A	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Devon A 16, Devon B 3	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
12:00	B	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Somerset 2, Gloucester County 19	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
13:00	A	Senior Men Inter-County	Wiltshire 6, Cornwall 9	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
13:00	B	Senior Men Inter-County	Somerset 11, Devon 6	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
14:00	A	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Devon A 13, Gloucester County 10	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
14:00	B	14/U Mixed Inter-County	Somerset 6, Devon B 13	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
15:00	A	Senior Men Inter-County	Wiltshire 5, Somerset 12	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
15:00	B	Senior Men Inter-County	Devon 11, Cornwall 7	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
16:00	A	18/U Boys Inter-County	Devon 8, Gloucester County 14	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>
16:00	B	16/U Girls Inter-County	Gloucester County 12, Devon 11	<a href="#">Match Sheet</a>

### 12/U Mixed

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Devon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+52</b>	<b>4</b>
Gloucester County	2	1	1	0	15	33	-18	2
Somerset	2	0	2	0	11	45	-34	0

### 14/U Mixed

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Devon A</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>6</b>
Gloucester County	3	2	1	0	36	17	19	4
Devon B	3	1	2	0	18	29	-11	2
Somerset	3	0	3	0	8	56	-48	0

### 16/U Boys

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Devon</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>
Gloucester County	2	1	1	0	25	33	-8	2
Dorset	2	0	2	0	14	46	-32	0

### 16/U Girls

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Gloucester County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Devon	1	0	1	0	11	12	-1	0

### 18/U Boys

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Gloucester County</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>
Devon	1	0	1	0	8	14	-6	0

### Senior Men

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
<b>Somerset</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
Cornwall	3	2	1	0	27	26	1	4
Devon	3	1	1	1	27	28	-1	3
Wiltshire	3	0	1	1	21	31	-10	1

### 2007 Girls Inter-Region

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
South West	2	2	0	0	12	5	7	
South East	2	1	1	0	10	19	-9	
London	2	0	2	0	10	16	-6	

### Inter-Club Event

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Dif	Pts
Exeter	2	2	0	0	15	9	6	4
Cheltenham	2	1	1	0	28	28	0	2
City of Bristol	2	0	3	0	22	32	-10	0

