



President P Robbins

**Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**At the Regional Offices.**

<b>Present;</b>	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	L.Dunn	(LD)	England Programmes via webex
	J.John	(JJ)	Exeter City
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucester City
	J.Wills	(JW)	Soundwell
	E.Dart	(ED)	Cornwall
	C.Alderton	CA)	Team Bath AS
	B.Aldrick	(BA)	Poole
	M.Puddy	(MP)	City of Bristol
	C.Tremellen	CT)	Swimming Secretary & Minutes

**Apologies:** P.Robbins, R.Amarayan, R.Brew, J.Mullins, E.Dale, E.Taylor, S.Millett

Prior to the start of the meeting the members stood in silence to remember Lindsay Powell (Coach, Exeter City and Regional Team Manager).

**Minutes of previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June** signed as true record

**17/20 Matters arising**

- 20.1 19.1 Open water information – RM will enquire at next national meeting.
- 20.2 19.2 Ray Clash Fund – changes to rules for funding now agreed by the Board.

**17/21 England Programmes Officers Report**

- 21.1 1<sup>st</sup> Phase 1 camp will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October at Marlborough College. J.Mullins head coach. 30 – 36 swimmers invited.
- 21.2 Phase 2 camp selection in September (15/16yr olds). Invitations to coaches after BS Podium Potential selections completed.
- 21.3 Bristol Beacon – started 9<sup>th</sup> September with 42 swimmers. Thanks to coaches who helped with organisation.
- 21.4 Portsmouth Beacon Programme - invitations sent previous day. Starts Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Some SW swimmers included. Bournemouth Collegiate declined.
- 21.5 Coach pathway applications now closed.
- 21.6 Coach advisors – to work with certain clubs - advert on website – applications close 25<sup>th</sup> September. £2,000 honorarium to cover mileage. LD requested if region could match fund to boost coverage.
- 21.7 SE Senior coach post – 58 shortlisted – will be advised 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**17/22 Regional Pathway**

- 22.1 One camp held to date. Unfortunately MP was ill and physio unable to attend however Mark Williams covered for both and camp ran very well. Issue with double booked room for initial meeting but Oxley extremely helpful and all sorted out.
- 22.2 Issues with conferences need to be addressed to ensure good attendance. CT to discuss with LD and also with County pathway organisers.
- 22.3 Swim England Talent Pathway review meeting to be held for all Regional and County organisers on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 22.4 Coach observers at camps – some applications in. CT to send out reminders.

**17/23 Zagreb Camp report**

- 23.1 BA had already circulated a comprehensive report. Meet met our needs – all swimmers had 2<sup>nd</sup> swims. Assistant coaches worked well. Agreed that if possible to send 3 assistant coaches next year as difficult to cope with so many finalists at a time.  
CT expressed thanks to BA for all his work over the last 2 years. Between him and Lindsay Powell the camp was in good hands.
- 23.2 Agreed to return to Zagreb next year. J. John appointed Lead coach.  
Advance information flyer to be available at Winter Championships – for both swimmers, assistant coaches and assistant team manager.

**17/24 National Forum Report**

- 24.1 Discussion re British Trials and times – now published  
Review of Nationals  
Open meet licensing – shortage of L2 meets  
L1 meets now allowed in run up to Nationals  
L2 meets allowed during National short course championships

**17/25 Competition**

- 25.1 Winter Championships all sorted.
- 25.2 Reverse 80/1500m free – awaiting outcome of PIG meeting.
- 25.3 Following lengthy discussion re the availability of long course pools and the restrictions placed on local authority ones it was agreed that if possible to hold both weekends of Regional age group Championships at Millfield thus releasing a weekend at Hengrove.
- 25.4 Noted there was a need to change the conditions of entry for the relay gala as so many swimmers change clubs during the summer.

**17/26 ESSA Championships**

- 26.1 New organisers needed for the ESSA events. RM circulated to coaches. Greg King (Mt Kelly) willing to take on Division team event but still require someone for Junior and Senior relays.

**17/27 AOB**

27.1 Bristol Penguins now part of City of Bristol network.

**17/28 Open meets and Licensing**

28.1 Main issues –

- i) Demands on L1 meets and loss of L2 meets
- ii) L3 meets and swimmer rejections.

28.2 Meets need to be appropriate to the season

28.3 Lower end swimmers who need to get ranked times and long course experience are being excluded from L3 meets.

28.4 Swimmers are not getting into L1 meets but too good for L3.

28.5 First come first served meets do not assist in the above but do help clubs get their whole team accepted at a meet – especially if travelling some distance – e.g. Channel Islands.

28.6 After lengthy discussions the following proposals were made –

1. L1 meets – times should be lowered overall but rejections made across all age groups. Conditions should include how entry will be restricted with more acceptances in older age groups.
2. L3 Long course meets – reject entries of slower swimmers
3. L3 short course meets – reject fastest swimmers.
4. More L2 meets required.
5. Fair distribution of meets so that one club does not get more meets in area/county than others as all have need to make money.

NEXT MEETING 23rd JANUARY 2018

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
R Margetts

POST MEETING NOTE:

Summer Championships – age groups will be at Hengrove and Millfield not both at Millfield.