

# **ASA SOUTH WEST REGION**

President I Stuart

## **Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Regional Offices, Wellington at 6.30pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	R. Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	L. Leffers	(LL)	Licensing Officer
	J. John	(JJ)	Coach Representative
	C. Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	A. Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	J. Stoneman	(JS)	Devon
	P. Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	S. Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies: I. Stuart; R. Johnson; L. Elliott

**16/14 Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March** signed as true record

### **16/15 Matters arising**

15.1 4/6 Backstroke platforms now in Millfield. Still awaiting decisions re Hengrove and Plymouth

### **16/16 Masters Report**

Secretary not present

- 16.1 Inter-county event: Sharon Locke (ASA Masters Secretary) contacted CT to say revised competition would include Scotland and Wales and requested that we include S Wales in our gala. This would mean an 8 lane pool. Millfield not available and other pools either not available or unsuitable. Agreed we would still hold 2016 event in Dorchester without S Wales but hold 2017 event at Millfield and include them.
- 16.2 European Masters at the Aquatic Centre went OK despite some problems before and during with lots of queuing and insufficient lockers. Lot of success for SW swimmers.
- 16.3 Masters Secretary standing down and was thanked for all her work.

### **16/17 Licensing Officer's Report**

- 17.1 So far 167 licenses issued for meets L1 – L4.
- 17.2 LL thanked Jill Beard for her support in confirming or otherwise officials qualification. No updated list of officials since January.
- 17.3 One club lost a level 2 license due to poor running. Club has changed meet team and found help. If Level 3 meets run well they will be allowed a level 2 license in November.
- 17.4 One club received a warning re over acceptance of numbers and running over time. Noted Level 3 QTs must not be on a par with national times. All clubs asked to

submit entries and run times to RM & LL before accepting entries.

- 17.5 Suggested times for each level of meet had previously been circulated. 90% of clubs have been using these times although like Cornwall find them too prescriptive.
- 17.6 Counties have been reminded that the set criteria must be adhered to and will be enforced.
- 17.7 A long course meet will be allowed on 14/15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 as only Wilts is affected and they are in agreement.
- 17.8 JS reported that there was a lot of disquiet amongst Referees in Devon regarding the return of paperwork post gala. LL explained that she preferred typed reports as there were occasions where she could not read the handwriting and therefore preferred typed reports. This however was not obligatory.

#### **16/18 Officials Secretary's Report**

- 18.1 Generally enough officials to comply with licensing . Problem over Hengrove weekend was resolved after announcing for more officials on the Sunday.
- 18.2 Lots of officials leave it very late to withdraw or offer help which is not helpful.
- 18.3 FAST 5 – very short of officials at the moment.
- 18.4 In the process of organising seminars in all counties for officials who carry out training of J1 & J2

#### **16/19 Events Secretary's report**

- 19.1 Summer Championships now completed and all went well. MB thanked for arranging for lap cards at Hengrove. New large banner in use and placed behind podium for presentations.
- 19.2 Catering. CT explained that there had been several issues with lunches, mostly due to a late surge in officials numbers. Also lunches at Hengrove were appalling. CT emailed them with complaints and hopefully this will improve next year.
- 19.3 CT explained the problems she was having with claim forms. Dealing with them post Youths took over 4 hours. Many officials especially those claiming for accommodation and meals were not complying with regulations.
- 19.4 Most clubs had provided the help requested which made the galas run smoothly.
- 19.5 Concern regarding the use of cameras in changing rooms especially those where there is access by the public. CT to discuss with Hengrove and Plymouth re the possibility of separate changing areas for males and females.  
Agreed there was probably a need for employing security/marshalling. CT to discuss with pool operators.

#### **16/20 Coaches Committee Minutes**

- 20.1 Coaches workshops taking place during June and July.
- 20.2 Excellent turnout for parents talks at age group Championships
- 20.3 Dates of birth have now been removed from ASA website.
- 20.4 Networks – by end of year there should be 10 swimming networks.
- 20.5 Still problems finding sufficient tutors for courses.

**16/21 Competition secretary's Report**

- 21.1 RM had circulated a draft copy of QT's and general information. Times possibly still needed tweaking.
- 21.2 Coaches passes – agreed that these would be reduced to £10 as many smaller clubs only attended the age group Championships with just a few swimmers.
- 21.3 Para swimmers & FAST 5: agreed that the same rule applied to para swimmers re attending National competitions.
- 21.4 Closing date for 2017 Youths will be pushed back due to a late Easter.
- 21.5 2017 Winter Championships will be long course.

**16/22 Para Swimming Minutes and report**

- 22.1 Competition on March 3<sup>rd</sup> which included swimmers from SE and novice swimmers went well.
- 22.2 Dave White developing sessions in various areas and making contact with other disability organisations. Will focus on Devon & Cornwall during next few months with taster sessions in Truro and Exeter
- 22.3 One to one sessions taking place in Swindon area and also planned for Exeter area.

**16/23 Swimming Secretary's Report**

- 23.1 Backstroke platform training session booked at Millfield on 26<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 23.2 Overseas meet, Zagreb: Team of 26 selected 12 girls, 14 boys plus 5 staff. Team left early this morning. Unfortunately one swimmer withdrew previous night as unwell.
- 23.3 T shirts, hats and staff polo shirts were provided free by SRS.
- 23.4 Funding: CT explained that she had very few requests and wanted to encourage more. Discussion regarding possible options for funding.

**16/24 Secretarial Appointments and Allowances**

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Competition Secretary	R.Margetts
Officials Secretary	L.Elliott
Licensing Officer	L.Leffers
Events Secretary	C.Tremellen
Exams Officer	J.Beard
Masters Secretary	S.Haig
  
- 24.2 Allowances: suggested that the Licensing Officer's allowance be paid from Licensing funding and be raised to 20%  
 Remaining allowances :
 

Committee Secretary:	20%
Competition Secretary:	30%
Officials Secretary:	20%
Events Secretary:	15%
Exams Organiser:	10%
Masters Sec:	(5%)

**16/25 County Reps Report****Somerset:** Nothing to report**Cornwall:** Looking at finances to try and regroup from 2016 losses at Championships. Budgets have been slashed and increasing entry fees. Intermediate gala will be 2 day event (from 1 day)On 15<sup>th</sup> October running a level 1 team Managers course/ Young Volunteers course/ County Forum with L.Dunn, J.Hilleard & E Taylor**Dorset:** Graded meet was a success. Development meet will be held in 2 weeks time. Planning for 2017 almost complete.**Devon:** Ben Proud selected for Rio Olympics

Development meet will be 3 day event – entries are up. Inter-club following weekend. These will offset losses.

Now have no young Volunteer Co-ordinator

Officials not happy at not having a programme at Regional competitions, only T/K sheets.

**Wilts:** Planning for 2017 starting soon.**Gloucs:** Have lost their meet manager. Changing QTs to consideration times.

Distance events will be reverted back to short course

Concerns re National Inter-county gala which clashes with half term and many clubs on overs seas camps.

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 C. Tremellen Secretary

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 R.Margetts Chairman