

# **ASA SOUTH WEST REGION**

President C.Elliott

## **Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at the Regional Offices, Wellington at 6.30pm**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	R. Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	C. Elliott	(CE)	President & Cornwall
	L. Elliott	(LE)	Officials Secretary
	E.Gilburt	(EG)	Licensing Officer
	J.John	(JJ)	Coach Representative
	J.Stoneman	(JS)	Devon
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

**APOLOGIES :** P.Gonsalves, R.Johnson, G.Cottill, A.Smart

**11/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY** signed as true record.

### **12/15 MATTERS ARISING**

- 12.1 3.9 Lectern. No progress
- 12.2 4.4 No further information on Zonal meets so assume they are disbanded.
- 12.3 8. Para-swimming committee rules accepted by the Board. Next meeting on 12th September.
- 12.4 3.1 Large banner taken to Hengrove and Millfield & placed behind podium for presentations.

### **13/15 MASTERS REPORT**

Secretary not present but sent following report.

- 13.1 Two County reps have resigned therefore will not hold meeting as so few can attend.
- 13.2 Training day to take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. In view of this year's interest this needs to be held in the 25m pool at Taunton School to accommodate more people.  
Secretary unable to organise due to health. Will require an organiser.
- 13.3 Request to the keep fee at £15. Rejected – to stay same as younger swimmers @ £20

### **14/15 LICENSING OFFICERS REPORT**

- 14.1 No-one has yet come forward to take over as RLO. EG will finish on 31<sup>st</sup> August and from that time there will be no licensed meets in the Region.
- 14.2 Open meets for forthcoming year are L1 -1 (+3 pending) ; Level 2 – 3 (+2 pending);  
Level 3 – 20; L4 -1
- 14.3 Two meets pending are awaiting pool measurement certificates and 2 have dates which could cause a problem.
- 14.4 Counties – all returns in, some problem with compliance on new manning requirements for 800/1500 events
- 14.5 Arena League was given notice that no new applications would be considered until post - meet paperwork for finals galas in 2013 & 14 had been received and confirmed.

- 14.6 Agreed, following request from Dorset ASA, that the usual 8 club rule for L4 will not apply to counties. No levy required.
- 14.7 Request received from a club to hold a L1 meet during the county protected window and more are expected. In view of the need for L1 meets at that time of year in order to gain GB Championship QTs, it was agreed that the meet be allowed, providing that neither the host club's county, nor the county where event will be held, will be running county championships on the same weekend.
- i) RLO to be notified for all confirmed county dates asap.
- ii) Agreed that that the last weekend of the county protected period (week 9 in 2016) would be considered and guidance from the National panel sought.
- 14.8 Pool measurement certificates are still required for the Pyramids in Exeter & Penzance.
- 14.9 Noted that some changes were required to general conditions. Following discussion with John Bird the following changes to be added instead to the Swimming Conditions:
- i) *All Championships and Age group Competitions shall be competed under ASA Laws and Regulations and ASA Technical Rules of racing.*
- ii) *All competitors must be registered as ASA Category 2.*

Addition to Swimming Conditions no 3:

*Accepted swimmers will be those who achieve the QT and those with consideration times accepted by a policy set by the Events Management Sub-Committee depending upon numbers required to make each session viable within Licensing criteria.*

Elaine was thanked for all her hard work since she took over in 2009.

**15/15 EVENTS SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 15.1 Since last meeting all Summer Championships have been completed. All ran well.
- 15.2 Hengrove do not have lap cards. Hopefully they will acquire some before next year. MB to chase.
- 15.3 Presentation protocols written to standardise presentations and worked well.
- 15.4 SRS provided £20 vouchers for top swim in each age group including para swimmers.
- 15.5 Parents on poolside and on swimmers balcony at Millfield is an ongoing issue. Wristbands issued as passes at Millfield which worked well.
- 15.6 Issue with a coach using foul language on poolside. Letter sent with copy to club. So far no reply. POST MEETING NOTE – letter of apology received.
- 15.7 FAST 5 gala at Gloucs. All in hand.
- 15.8 Dates and venues for 2016 & 2017 circulated. All on website.

**16/15 COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 16.1 Winter S/C Championship programme circulated, now includes 100m IM and relays. CT to organise additional awards.
- 16.2 Long distance events now on Friday night. Time allocated by pool 7 – 9pm. CT to discuss with Jol Fink to see if we can start earlier.
- 16.3 Summer Championships 2016 – programme adjusted from this year's but noted that more consideration times accepted at Hengrove than at Millfield therefore agreed to swap weekend programme around.
- 16.4 SY queried qualifying period for competitions – TBD.

**17/15 OFFICIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 17.1 Most days well covered although Monday at Plymouth always a problem. Some clubs still not providing any or enough officials.

17.2 Need more for FAST 5 – RM to remind clubs of their duty to provide officials.

### **18/15 MINUTES OF COACHES MEETINGS, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH & 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

- 18.1 Talent programme well organised now with good feedback.
- 18.2 Letters given out to 11 & 12yr swimmers at Championships.
- 18.3 Noted that Tesco will give nutrition talks
- 18.4 CT to discuss with Emily Taylor re membership of committee following Nationals.
- 18.5 Rules need updating:

Rule 5.1.2 The Head coach of stand-alone clubs with a minimum of 10 individual swimmers *who have been selected for, or qualified for, a GB or ASA National Championships in the current year (September – August)*

Rules 5.1.6 Change to - *Club Development Officer*

### **19/15 SWIMMING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- 19.1 Funding – to date £909 has been allocated with some requests expected.
- 19.2 Funding for long distance events – the requirements for these to be included in L1 & L2 meets is putting a burden on clubs. To date one club had received 50% of the loss sustained on Friday night L/D sessions. Requests received to pay all costs was rejected. Noted that some of the costs incurred could be reduced. CT to discuss with club.
- 19.3 It is hoped that the National Licensing panel will accede to National Officials committee's request to allow for fewer officials for L/D events.

### **20/15 SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENTS AND ALLOWANCES**

- 20.1 Secretary C.Tremellen
- Competition Secretary R.Margetts
- Officials Secretary L.Elliott
- Exams Organiser J.Beard
- Events Secretary C.Tremellen
- Masters Secretary R.Johnson
- Licensing Officer L.Leffers ( POST MEETING)

20.2 Allowances: To remain the same with the exception that the RLO' s allowance be increased to 15% and to remove Masters Secretary's allowance (5%)

### **21/15 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- 21.1 Counties asked to inform Lindsay Dunn (Talent Officer) of their dates for 2016 so that she can programme talks.
- 21.2 SY noted problem that times on rankings were now required for County entries which was creating a problem for smaller clubs and asked if there was any leeway. CT & RM to enquire at National meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The requirements to hold finals was also an issue and coaches in Wiltshire preferred to include more swimmers in heats than hold finals.
- 21.3 CE noted that the Life Centre (Plymouth) had taken water time away from smaller clubs in order to give more time to the public. However this time was now being utilised by another club.
- 21.4 CHANGES TO COMPETITION STRUCTURE:  
Cornwall – no changes at all this year. Meeting shortly to agree 2016 programme.  
Devon – changed dates to new format, ages as @ 31<sup>st</sup> Dec but kept old age bands. Slight drop in numbers. Coaches liked new period.

**Gloucs** –changed to new period, age as @ 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Used consideration times this year but will revert to QT's 2016. Entry numbers same as before. Meeting shortly to discuss 2016.

**Wilts** – ages as@ 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, QT's tight so numbers down slightly. Used new age groups. Meeting shortly to discuss 2016 Finals may cause problems. Use of consideration times TBD 2016.

**Dorset** – POST METING REPORT: no changes made in 2015 Championships but were for Development meet. Not anticipating any problem for 2016 except for mandatory finals. Championship finals will be swum but insufficient swimmers to hold age group finals. Have introduced a new L4 competition aimed at novice swimmers to gain County QTs

**22/15 AOB**

- 22.1 The President was thanked for his presence at events this year having made attendance at SW events his priority.

Next Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October

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C. Tremellen Secretary

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R. Margetts Chairman