



President P Robbins

Minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on Monday 30th October 2017 at the Regional Offices

<u>Present:</u>	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Secretary
	L.Leffers	(LL)	RLO
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	P.Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	M.Britton	(MB)	Gloucs
	C.Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	J.Stoneman	(JS)	Devon
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies P.Robbins, J.John, G.Cockill, S.Yeoman, C.Robinson.

R.Margetts was appointed Chairman

Prior to the start of proceedings the committee stood to remember Lynne Elliott (Officials Secretary) who had recently died.

17/25 Minutes of the meeting held on June 22nd signed as true record

17/26 Matters arising

- 26.1 21.5 New website now up and running but missing various items
- 26.2 21.6 Ray Clash Fund – changes approved in principle – to be rewritten.

17/27 Licensing Officer's Report

- 27.1 Anne Jolly is now co-ordinating Cornwall meets. Dorset, Gloucs & Wilts co-ordinating running well. Devon does not have co-ordinator but all is well.
- 27.2 Some meets still late send in reports and payments
- 27.3 Some clubs are putting in late requests for licensing.
- 27.4 One club running L1 & L3 together has been hugely oversubscribed and cut slowest Swimmers on times not across age groups therefore no younger swimmers involved. Meet has gone ahead but club will not be allowed to run similar event in 2018.
- 27.5 Coaches proposals to reject slowest swimmers at long course L3 and fastest at short Course L3 – discussed at length. Committee agreed that this should be advisory and that clubs should respect the level of meet intended.
- 27.6 Request for a meet over Easter weekend which would make 3rd meet in the County in April had been rejected by the RLO. This was upheld by the committee.
- 27.7 8yrs old – not able to swim in L3 meets but are Ok for club championships and low Level 4 meets.

- 27.8 Swimmers whose 9th birthdays are in Oct/Nov/Dec will be allowed to swim in County events as time trials so they are not disadvantaged.

17/28 Minutes of the Coaches Committee

Minutes previously circulated

- 28.1 Bristol Beacon started in September, Portsmouth Beacon in Oct – some SW swimmers invited.
- 28.2 Coach advisors – SE are setting up a group of 8 Coach Advisors to support the Talent team. These would be working with a group of coaches over a period of 12 months with an honorarium of £2,000 to cover travel and other expenses. The Region has been asked if we will support the appointment of another Advisor. Agreed to fund one other person from the Licensing fund.
- 28.3 Open meets – lengthy discussion re meets being at appropriate time of year and involving right level of swimmers. – see 27.5

17/29 Overseas meet

- 29.1 Lead Coach report circulated. Once again Zagreb proved a good event. Thanks to Barry Alldrick for all his work.
- 29.2 Agreed to support another team to Zagreb in 2018. Committee ratified Jo John's appointment as Lead Coach. Lyn Rayment will be Lead Team Manager. Other staff will be appointed by recruitment. To contact organisers in Zagreb re change of contacts. Agreed to send 3 assistant coaches to support larger team.
- 29.3 CT stated that it appears the 2017 trip ran over budget but has not had that confirmed.

17/30 Minutes of the Officials Meeting

- 30.1 FINA Rule changes have been circulated and a course was run during the meeting for attendees.
- 30.2 The Region has given £3,000 to support officials training. Exam fees for J2s and Referees are now being covered as well as expenses involved in Referee training.
- 30.3 Jill Beard has been covering with the help of others and all was in hand for the Winter Championships, the Masters inter-County and the Disability Gala in March but we needed to find a new Officials Secretary.

17/31 Masters Secretary's Report

- 31.1 Masters conference – RM attended. Discussed lack of space for masters in swimming clubs although Masters clubs ran well.
Not all regions run masters competitions.
British Masters will be held in Plymouth 8 -10th June 2018
- 31.2 Masters competition 2018 – Millfield not available on 30th September & Horfield currently not taking bookings - to try Hutton Moor.
- 31.3 2018 Masters Inter-County. Date to be confirmed by Sharon Locke.
- 31.4 Masters meeting to be held late Jan /early Feb
- 31.5 Masters Development day. To be held in May. SH to book the pool.

17/32 Events Secretary's report

- 32.1 Relays at Plymouth ran OK although a bit manic. Number of teams down but some very large teams. Masters at Horfield – excellent venue
- 32.2 Winter Championships – Millfield now open, all running well.
- 32.3 Confirmed dates for 2018: Disability gala - March 11th, Summer Championships – May 5/6/7; 12/13th; 19/20th, FAST 5 - July 8th, Relays – September 23rd, Winter Championships - November 2/3/4, Masters - September 30th (TBC) & Masters Inter County TBC

17/33 Competition Secretary's Report

- 33.1 Entries to Winter Championships down considerably. Needs to be monitored to see if just due to LC competition but there are no relays and no 100m IM
- 33.2 Reverse 800/1500m events have been added to the programme. As we will be running Summer Championships over 3 consecutive weekends in May there will be just 1 closing date.
No changes to QTs – times achieved from 2nd Oct 2017
- 33.3 Relay gala needs change of conditions as many swimmers change clubs during summer.
- 33.4 FAST 5 – excludes all swimmers entering Home Nations Competitions

17/34 Swimming Secretary's Report

- 34.1 Records – these have now been updated and times including historic times taken direct from rankings. Therefore some records on previous list have been super ceded.
- 34.2 Talent pathway - second camp now completed – all running well and much enjoyed. County conference booked for March 17th at the Holiday Inn. Regional conference date still TBD.
- 34.3 Development plan – some slight changes for 2018-19 however CT stated that she had no feedback on whether all the activities took place and how much was spent. To be circulated on completion.
- 34.4 Para swimming – CT met with Dave White (DW) previous day-
Training camp as before at Horfield prior to competition.
Talent development – Bristol – Regional 1 hour session - open session, all welcome.
Pool hire paid by Region
Devon – Sam Towers coaches session at Life Centre
Mt Kelly – DW hoping to set up monthly sessions coached by Sam Towers or Jasmine at Mt Kelly starting in April.
Dorset – trying to set up training with Swim Bournemouth at Canford School – would cover Dorset and part of Hampshire (no cost to Region)
Gloucs – Josh Patterson has large squad in Gloucs. DW hoping to set up development with Gloucs Active sports.
DW will send report for each meeting and will try and attend Oct meetings.
Disability gala was held at Horfield with mix disabilities and learning difficulties funded by Rotary and the County.
- 34.5 Volunteers – email from Dave Flack requesting areas for developing volunteers and for persons to sit on the Club Development group. Suggestions to CT
- 34.6 A flyer highlighting team managers' opportunities had been circulated to clubs. Copy

to TSC

17/35 Swimmer of the Year

- 35.1 CT proposed Ben Proud – winner 50m fly and bronze medallist 50m free at World Championships. Unanimously agreed.
- 35.2 Para – Swimmer of the Year
Information received from DW re - Stephanie Millward & Alice Tai. Agreed unanimously as joint winners.

17/36 County reps Reports

- 36.1 **Somerset** ; Development Gala in Nov s/c. Championships 2018 will be L/C Talent pathway camps run OK
- 36.2 **Wilts**: Reverse 800/1500 in 2018 Championships. Wilts LD event in Nov. Talent pathway will be run 2018
- 36.3 **Gloucs**: talent pathway now completed. All ran well – swimmers very motivated. May have additional age group training camps next year. Have now lost their County administrator. Competed at the Inter-County gala at Sheffield this year.
- 36.4 **Devon** : Talent camp now completed – included 30 swimmers. Good numbers of observer coaches. 16yrs will be included in Championships programme. Masters competition – inviting 3 neighbouring counties. Devon finished 2nd in Inter-county Championships at Sheffield – congratulations.
- 36.5 **Dorset**: 2018 Championships will include 16yrs finals. L1 course run during Oct. Talent pathway – one camp clashed with Southern Junior League so many missed camp – trying to set up another session for those swimmers.
- 36.6 **Cornwall**: Development meet in Nov. Had training camps but not Talent programme. 25 attending Team Manager training course in Nov.

17/37 Dates of future meetings

February 22nd; June 21st; October 11th

Signed _____
R.Margetts Chairman

POST MEETING NOTE:

Information received regarding Zagreb meet – competition will be on June 9/10th 2018. This is an impossible date as too close to selection date and in the middle of exam period. Now looking at alternative meets.