

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President I Stuart

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at the Regional Offices, Wellington at 6.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	I. Stuart	(IS)	President
	R. Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	G.Cockill	(GC)	Board Member
	L. Elliott	(LE)	Officials Secretary
	J.John	(JJ)	Coach Representative
	R.Johnson	(RJ)	Masters Secretary
	C. Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	P.Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

APOLOGIES : L.Leffers, J.Stoneman, S.Yeoman

23/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25th June signed as true record.

24/15 MATTERS ARISING

- 24.1 14.1 Lesley Leffers now Licensing Officer. Letter of thanks sent to Elaine Gilbert.
- 24.2 15.2 Lap cards at Hengrove. MB to chase.
- 24.3 16.2 Friday night of Winter Championships will now start at 5.45pm
- 24.4 18.5 Change of rules accepted at ACM

25/15 MASTERS REPORT

- 25.1 Training camp – flyers nearly ready to go out. Trying to organise a pilates /stretch session prior to pool work. All in hand. Can accept 42 swimmers this year due to larger pool.
- 25.2 Masters conference in Loughborough in November.
- 25.3 Decathlon – agreed that in view of unclear conditions to include Seniors in results this year. To be discussed at next meeting.
- 25.4 RJ queried changes to Secretarial Allowance.
- 25.5 Sharon Locke (ASA Masters) held ‘getting to know’ meeting with County Masters reps.

26/15 EVENTS SECRETARY’S REPORT

- 26.1 Since last meeting we have held FAST, Relays, Masters and Para-swimming events.
- 26.2 FAST 5 – timing board not working so were not charged for useage.
- 26.3 Para-Swimming meet – no timing as equipment broken. Also no medals to hand – being sent out post meet.
- 26.4 Parking issues at Millfield – no parking on site but work on new car park will be finished in time for Winter Championships.
- 26.5 SRS will provide vouchers again next year.
- 26.6 PG noted that the PA system at Millfield was broken but should be OK by beginning of Sept. To advise CT.

27/15 COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 27.1 Youth Championships 2016 – starting everyday at 10.00am. 800m relay moved to Monday morning.
- 27.2 Age Groups – Hengrove and Millfield events swapped.
- 27.3 Closing dates have been put back to Thursdays to allow for swimmers times to come from previous weekend and be on ranking.
- 27.4 QTs - used 50th time on rankings
- 27.5 CE requested more programmes at Hengrove.

28/15 LICENSING OFFICERS REPORT

- 28.1 Due to the proliferation of L4 meets to meet the demand for county QTs 100 license numbers have been issued since August.
- 28.2 Serious issues have arisen due to lack of qualified officials at some meets especially club championships (Calne A4 & Cheltenham) with some competitions having as few as four qualified officials. This proliferation in meets has put severe pressure on officials.
- 28.3 County competitions – Counties need to fulfil the required criteria from next year including correct age groups, times from rankings and correct events.
- 28.4 L1 meets in County period – information received that L1 (L/C) events can clash with L2 (S/C) events as they are not in contention. Swimmers to attend the most appropriate meet.

29/15 MINUTES OF THE OFFICIALS MEETING 7th OCTOBER

- 29.1 Lengthy discussion re qualification of officials at open meets especially whether J1s in training have passed T/K section.
- 29.2 Para –swimming CPD course run prior to competition on 4th Oct. 19 attendees, 13 of them new
- 29.3 New Contemporary Issues module is now necessary for all J1s.
- 29.4 ASA Training course held at Loughborough 10th Oct. All 6 County exams organisers plus LE attended.
- 29.5 SW training figures holding up well against rest of Country.
- 29.6 LE congratulated on making top three to go forward to SOUK awards.

30/15 MINUTES OF PARA-SWIMMING MEETING 12th SEPTEMBER

- 30.1 Regional competition held on 4th October. Unfortunately unable to hold classifications but water time used for talent ID.
- 30.2 Dave White (Para-Swimming Pathway Officer) working in several areas including Bristol & Wiltshire. Working with Exeter & Bournemouth to set up a link.
- 30.3 Help requested from Counties to itemise all disability sessions and for each county to get 6 new swimmers in the next 6 months.
- 30.4 All county and regional websites are out of date or have no link.
- 30.5 Proposal to change the Regional competition – to work jointly with SE and have 2 competitions a year, one in each Region. SW to hold one in March in 2016.
- 30.6 Para-Swimming Swimmer of the Year – Alice Tai (Bournemouth Collegiate) agreed unanimously.

31/15 SWIMMING SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 31.1 A Regional review meeting was held at Loughborough 4th July. Although there were differences in the format in each region it was agreed that the changes had worked well. Proposed that Youths should be held over 1st weekend in May and age groups over 2 further weekends.

Discussion re whether to have standard QTs across all regions with each region setting their own consideration times. Spreadsheet produced showing big differences – matter still under discussion.

- 31.2 Request made to have invitations to national events sent out as early as possible so that accommodation bookings can be made. Very high percentage take up on invitations.
- 31.3 Letter of apology received.
- 31.4 Composition of coaches committee – information on website re attendance if 10+ swimmers. No response but one club invited to attend.
- 31.5 SW Coaches Conference will be held on 29th November.

32/15 SWIMMER OF YEAR

- 32.1 CT produced a list of achievements from World Championships. One nomination received from Devon but was on the list.
- 32.2 Following a vote James Guy was almost unanimously chosen. CT to contact Jol Fink for more details.

33/15 COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- 33.1 Somerset – held development meet previous weekend.
- 33.2 Devon –All info re 2016 County Championships sent to RLO.
Clubs confused re level 4 meets and qualification to Counties. Also concern that if hub clubs run L4 meet for the network they may end up with a loss which they have to bear.
- 33.3 Dorset - New Masters Secretary – Karen Yendle. Dorset Championships approved. Dorset Masters comp now an open event to be held in Poole.
Disappointment that the Regional training day clashes with the day of travelling to Sheffield for the inter-county event making it difficult and tiring for swimmers and parents
- 33.4 Cornwall – all county dates sent to RLO. Safeguarding & Time to Listen courses being run. Young Volunteers programme will now be run in the county.
- 33.5 Gloucs – taking QTs from rankings is an issue. Will no longer have consideration time.

34/15 AOB

- 34.1 Dorset thanked Region for allowing their L4 novice meet.
- 34.2 Noted that Gordon Smart has been nominated services to aquatics award.
- 34.3 RJ noted European Masters will be held in London next May.
- 34.4 Concern that information from ASA regarding officials required for the inter-county event at Sheffield is arriving very late.
- 34.5 RM queried what had happened to the SW coaches awards – to go to Coaches committee.
- 34.6 The President thanked the meeting for inviting him.

Dates of future meetings: 25th February, 23rd June & 13th October.

C.Tremellen Secretary

R.Margetts Chairman