

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

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Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at the Regional Offices

Present:	R.Margetts	(RM)	Swimming Competition Secretary & Chairman
	C.Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming Secretary & Minutes
	E.Taylor	(ET)	Club Development Officer
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucester City
	B. Alldrick	(BA)	Poole
	L.Oliver	(LO)	Swindon
	J.Rudd	(JR)	Plymouth Leander
	L.Powell	(LP)	Exeter City sub & Team Manager
	M.Puddy	(MP)	City of Bristol
	J.Dougall	(JD)	Aquae Sulis
	R. Brew	(RB)	Mt Kelly
	J.Wills	(JW)	Soundwell
	H.Tooley	(HT)	Cornwall
	J.Mullins	(JM)	Millfield

Apologies: L.Dunn, J.John, M.Skimming, J.Birds

16/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th February 2016 signed a true record

16/12 Matters arising:

- 12.1 2.1 Very unlikely that Plymouth will be available for 2017 Winter Championships. Therefore will be at Millfield
- 12.2 4.1 Backstroke platforms now in Millfield. Hopefully will also soon be in Hengrove and Plymouth. Some clubs are interested in purchasing a platform and queried where to find information. RM to find details.
- 12.3 8.2 Additional staff – will be discussed at next Board meeting.

16/13 English Programmes Report

LD not present but sent comprehensive report:

- 13.1 SW Coaches Workshops will take place in June and July, info to be circulated by ET
 - 13.2 SW camps – coach expression of interest forms to be circulated.
 - 13.3 Excellent turnout for parent talks at Regional Championships (Millfield). 64 on Sat & 57 on Sun). Noted that information re 2017 needs to be better circulated.
 - 13.4 Current discussion re whether finals should be in a separate session as at Nationals. Committee agreed that they wished to continue with finals after each heat session.
- National activity:
- 13.5 Currently writing Sport England strategy for 2017-2021
 - 13.6 Swimmer/coach brochure will be out at summer meets detailing all athlete and coach development activity 2016-17. Needs to be circulated to all coaches/clubs not in attendance.

- 13.7 Observations from Regional age groups at Millfield noted. Relevant issues to be discussed at Events meeting. Observations to be put on website.
- 13.8 Open water- coaches reiterated that the information was received too late. They also suggested that there was a series of events in both lakes and the sea starting in September.
CT to invite Les Debenham to next meeting.

16/14 Overseas meet – Zagreb, Croatia

- 14.1 Team of 12 females and 14 males selected from 11 clubs. All arrangements in hand.
- 14.2 Departure on Thursday 16th June from Heathrow. Programme arrangements and team building and pool sessions on Thursday. Training sessions on Friday plus workshops. Competition Saturday and Sunday and return Monday morning.
- 14.3 Older swimmers will have mentoring roles.
- 14.4 Croatia contact has excellent, dealing with all queries and fulfilling all arrangements requested.
Team wished the best of luck.

16/15 Swimming Committee Report

- 15.1 Backstroke starting platform practice has been booked at Millfield on June 26th for any swimmers who will be attending Nationals. So far only 2 requests. Will cancel if more not received.
- 15.2 RM noted that times on the scoreboard are not always correct and that swimmers should check on rankings to get correct time.
- 15.3 Dates of birth have now been removed from the ASA websites. One person from each club is required to register so that they can get information. Queried how this will affect age on day competitions.
- 15.4 Easter will be late in 2017 and with meets being held over the weekend RM will extend closing date until 10 days before Youth Summer Championships.
- 15.5 Agreed that there would be no change to programme as 1500m free would be at Millfield (8 lanes) Will cope with extra heat if required.
- 15.6 Issue with parents accessing the swimmers areas discussed. Events Committee to discuss. Safeguarding children to be put on website.
- 15.7 Coaches passes to be reduced to £10.

16/16 National Coaches meeting report (attached)

- 16.1 Discussion re possible proposal for Counties to be run long course where possible. Committee not in agreement with this plan.
- 16.2 2017 British Championships will be held in Scotland.
- 16.3 Topics for next meeting will be out 4 – 5 weeks prior to meeting. MP would like feedback for next meeting by 13th July.

16/17 Club Development Officers Report

- 17.1 The new Sport England Strategy is now published 2017 – 2021. Final year of the Clubs strategy so ET is focusing on targets.
- 17.2 Networks – improving. By end of year there should be 12 networks, 10 of them swimming.

- 17.3 15 new S21 essential clubs needed by March 2017. Target 4 S21 performance clubs this year.
- 17.4 Beacon programme changing. Applications due later this year.

16/18 Coach education

- 18.1 Lot of networks want courses but not enough tutors. ET now having to work through IOS.
- 18.2 ET will produce an annual plan with centres (Bath, Filton, Plymouth) running courses

16/19 AOB

- 19.1 Request for entries and help at Aquae Sulis L3 meet 2/3rd July.
- 19.2 English Schools – SW under represented. RB will put together a discussion document and to be put on agenda for next meeting.
- 19.3 Suggested that Counties remain as short course and be capped to allow better swimmers to compete at L1 meets.
- 19.4 There is no link between meets. Suggested that a series of 'Grand Prix' type meets would improve quality of racing.
- 19.5 Mt Kelly 50m pool opening in August. 60% of usage will be for swimming community.
- 19.6 JW stated that Soundwell, Severnside and Southwold are now a network.

R.Margetts (Chairman)

Coaches Technical Panel

Meeting notes

Meeting 2 ASA Winter Meet, Altyre Suite (ground floor), Tollcross.

Saturday 16th April 2016, (post heats, working lunch) 90min max!

Attendees Dave Heathcock. (Chair) Matt Puddy (SW), Kevin Brookes (SE), John Stout (NW), Russ Barber (NE), England Programme staff

Apologies Adam Ruckwood (WM), Jacquie Marshall (EM), Alex Pinniger (E), Matt Heathcock (Lon)

	Agenda	Actions
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p><i>GR opened the meeting in DH initial absence and stressed the importance and help that these meetings bring to the wider scope of the ASA. Those present agreed the format useful but may also need to evolve as time passes</i></p>	
2	<p>Calendar planning</p> <p>EP 2016 2017&2017 / 2018 Planning document previously circulated</p>	
3	<p>Selection policies</p> <p>Regional Beacon & England Programmes – For information</p> <p>2017 Commonwealth Games – <i>A discussion was had on the wording of the policy. Conclusions were GR to input times based on up to 2% from medal winning time, relays to be selected first after phase two and then to recirculate for final comment. Policy needs to be published by September 2016. TM, ATM and HC to be interviewed for selection April 2017 and other staff to be selected after initial phase 1 selections.</i></p>	GR
4	<p>County – 1 Direction document, <i>This discussion was put on hold, because of the implication of the forthcoming Sport England 2017-2021 submission and therefore would be part of a bigger document taking into account Regional and National activity. GR to report back when more details and plans are available. England Programmes were planning on doing their Regional forum at Sport Park on the 18th October – 11.00-2.00pm. Also a similar conference for counties on the 19th October (Venue and Times TBC)</i></p>	
5	<p>British swimming update</p> <p>BS HN stroke camps Sept 2016 - A Junior focus for this year. Dates 15th – 18th September in Aberdeen. Little funding available but England will have spaces for 26 males (98,99,00 & 01) and 20 Females (99,00,01 & 02) a loose selection criteria will be published based on 'potential', not performance, but there will be a minimum 'standard', prior to the British Summer meet. Selection and notices will need to be done by 12th August (TBC)</p> <p>Altitude programme – Will be established by BS for P and PP athletes. Swimmers will need to be part of this (no individual plans). Flagstaff in October for 16 PP athletes 1st camp</p> <p>2017 EJC & WJC – <i>One selection policy for both events effectively an A and B team, but up to 50 athletes – Huge opportunities for Junior athletes in 2017. Also CWYG depending on commitments and remaining standard of swimmers.</i></p> <p>2016 'trial' feedback – <i>should have been called a 'Trials' to galvanise atmosphere, Selection policy didn't like wildcards also wanted to know that you would be selected</i></p>	GR on CWYG

6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Top club award at ASA championships – <i>After discussions, ASA summer meet would be good if we keep standard use of top club award but also introduce a ‘Top Coach’ award based on performances in window to performances at meet.</i></p> <p>Licencing issues – <i>Coaches felt that the licencing issue was becoming more and more of a paper exercise and too inflexible, a meeting with licencing would be useful</i></p> <p>Dates and Locations of next meeting</p> <p>4th August – Sheffield, post heats in Skyline suite</p> <p>17th December – Sheffield 2016 (TBC)</p>	<p>GR/SMG</p> <p>GR/SMG</p>
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Winter Meet Agenda	Spring Agenda	Summer Agenda
BS update Summer Meet programme England programmes Selection Policies Future Regional Activities	BS update England Programme review Summer Activities Coach Development for coming season	Winter meet Programme BS update Calendar review