

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President I Stuart

Minutes of the coaches meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 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
	L.Dunn	(LD)	English Programmes Officer
	J.John,	(JJ)	Exeter City
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucester City
	B. Alldrick	(BA)	Poole
	L. Oliver	(LO)	Swindon
	R.Armayan (Sub JR)	(RA)	Plymouth Leander
	L.Powell	(LP)	Team Manager

Apologies: I.Stuart, Mt Kelly, J.Rudd, M.Puddy, J.Dougall, A.Parfait

16/1 Minutes of meeting held on 15th November 2015 signed as true record

16/2 Matters arising :

- 2.1 2.4 Winter Championships – CT informed the meeting that Plymouth was not available until lunch time for short course events and would therefore mean a very late finish. Hengrove was discounted on Health and Safety grounds as feedback from the short course events held showed there had been many accidents, overcrowding and timing suite unable to see finish. Plymouth have been asked to host 2017 long course Winter championships – awaiting a reply from the council.
- 2.2 3.3 Confirmation that the English team to international event in Italy will be going ahead at the beginning of May
- 2.3 3.5 Coaches conference 2016 – collating replies from 2015 event with requested Topics for future events. No dates as yet fixed – will wait until after National meeting of 23rd February.
- 2.4 6.1 Open water will only take place on Sat 25th June.

16/3 English Programmes Officers report

- 3.1 Senior Performance and age group workshops taking place 23 – 25th November at Loughborough. Match funding available for some.
- 3.2 Symposium held at Millfield is now on line.
- 3.3 2016 symposium will again take place at Millfield on 13th November
- 3.4 Regional training camps for 11/12yr olds booked – Millfield 3/4th September; Sherborne 11th & 18th September
- 3.5 Coaches conference 2016 will be in November TBA.
Regional coach workshops will be held June/July TBA

16/4 Backstroke starting platforms

- 4.1 RM stated that the Finance Committee and the Board have agreed to the purchase of 3 sets of platforms. These will be given to Millfield, Hengrove and Plymouth. Some

sort of guarantee required to ensure these are maintained and always available for use at Regional events but may also be used at other meets. Pools could possibly hire them out which would give them some income for repairs or replacements. Alan Green has been asked to discuss with pool operators

- 4.2 Millfield and Hengrove will require Omega platforms, Plymouth Colorado.
- 4.3 Decisions need to be made very soon as there is a 6 – 8 week turn around. It is hoped they would be available in time for the Youths.

16/5 Swimming Committee report

There had been no meeting since last coaches meeting.

- 5.1 RM queried whether we should use all available lanes for finals at age groups. Agreed to use 8 at each venue.

16/6 Overseas meet

- 6.1 To include education as well as competition.
- 6.2 Discussed meet- possibly Luxemburg or Rome. Need to check the standard of meet and whether swimmers could enter finals.
- 6.3 Team –maximum 26 but no swimmers on 20/20 programme, Phase 3 or European Juniors.
- 6.4 Availability forms required.
- 6.5 Coach/TM meeting between end of Youths (3rd May) and 9th May to select team
- 6.6 ET to circulate application information to possible Assistant Team Managers.

16/7 National Coaches Meeting report

Minutes circulated (attached)

- 7.1 Proposed that 2 weeks before each meeting attendees to be asked to check with all Coaches Committee members for any points for discussion

16/8 Coach Education

- 8.1 Staff try to spread their time around the Region.
- 8.2 Noted that more assistance is needed to move things forwards. ET & LD to put together a paper for the Board requesting further staffing – possibly 15 hrs per week.

16/9 Networks

- 9.1 CT produced a document listing ‘networks’ and clubs involved. This showed some gaps with no contact. South Wilts had no representation although ET was working with Salisbury to rectify this. North Gloucs also had poor coverage. Somerset had good coverage but were poorly represented..
- 9.2 The listing to be put on the coaches website section so that clubs could see who to approach.

16/10 AOB

- 10.1 LO thanked ET for all her hard work on getting a network in the Swindon area.

NEXT MEETING – 7th JUNE

Signed _____
R.Margetts (Chairman)