

President Chris Elliott

**Minutes of the Coach Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
via Zoom at 1045am**

<b>Present:</b>	Chrissie Robinson	(CR)	Regional Chair
	Paul Robbins	(PR)	Regional Vice Chair
	Rich Smith	(RS)	Marlborough Penguins
	Greg King-Limb	(GK)	Mount Kelly Swimming
	Lisa Atkinson	(LA)	City of Bristol Aquatics
	Barry Aldrick	(BA)	Poole SC
	Jo John	(JJ)	Exeter City Swimming
	Chris Vickery	(CV)	Events Officer
	Stacey Millett	(SM)	Regional Development Officer

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

CR welcomed all to the meeting, apologies listed below.

**Apologies:**

Chris Alderton	Team Bath AS
Jason Quiterio	Caradon SC
Mike Parker	Swim England Talent
Euan Dale	Millfield Swimming

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 09.02.2022**

Acceptance proposed by Paul Robbins and seconded by Greg King-Limb and agreed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising Not on the Agenda**

None

**5. Governance**

A reminder from CR that all Safeguarding and DBS needs to be checked and kept up to date. Clubs to monitor this through their OMS systems.

JJ also supported this comment as with their changes in club management expiries were missed and members of the workforce had to complete these quickly. It was only picked up as the club was due to resubmit for SwimMark.

## 6. Talent Update – Mike Parker

Report available Appendix 1

One question from the coaches was around the dates for National Competitions in 2023 in order for them to start to plan their training and cycles. SM to follow up with MP

## 7. Pathway Programme

7.1 The Pathway Programme will now be known as the Regional Development programme following updates from Swim England in January 2022.

7.2 Head Coach, Skills Coach, Lead Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager positions have been advertised and the closing date was last week. Selections have been made and coaches will be contacted over the next week.

7.3 All is set to go ahead for the first camp on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Millfield. Additional coaches will be invited to observe the sessions.

7.4 Athlete selections to be made in early July once the Coaching and Team Managing team has been established.

7.5 The plan for the 2022/2023 season is to hold three camps, two will be face to face at Millfield with one in the middle online.

7.6 The coach orientation will be online and is being prepared by Swim England Talent to be available to coaches when needed.

## 8. Competitions

### Regional Champs 2022

8.1 The Region need to review the Regional Champs and are looking into the structure of the weekends and welcomed feedback from the coaches.

8.2 A general discussion was held around the champs and what worked well and not so well.

8.3 The coaches asked if they could have a meeting to go through it as a whole and have one piece of feedback instead of each coach feeding back. SM to facilitate a meeting for the coaches, a doodle poll will be sent out for availability on Wednesday mornings.

8.4 Areas to look at when planning Regional Champs:

- Exam Periods
- Bank Holidays
- Qualifying window
- National plan – to be circulated
- Relays and finals
- What other Regions do

8.5 RS noted some feedback from Wiltshire clubs regarding Regional Championships – warm up information for the first weekend wasn't circulated beforehand.

Some of the finals had very few athletes in them, is there a better way of running these? There are no relay opportunities for the Age Group Athletes, is this something that could be arranged?

## 9. Open Forum

9.1 BA asked about how to apply for funding and what is available. All information is on the SW website – [www.swimwest.org.uk/funding](http://www.swimwest.org.uk/funding) - there is a matrix of what is available and then all the forms are listed as well.

9.2 RS asked about delays with receiving qualification certificates. RS to email SM the names and SM to follow up with the IOS.

9.3 BA asked who the representative on the National Performance Implementation Group, this is Euan Dale. It was also asked if the PIG is the same as the National Coaches Technical Panel. SM to follow up with MP to see if they are the same or different.

9.4 LA raised that if a County wasn't participating in the Development Programme how would the coaches from that County be considered for the Regional Programme due to them needing County experience first. How can they gain experience? SM to follow up with MP.

9.5 BA and JJ raised the topic of the Overseas meet, other coaches expressed an interest in this going ahead. CR noted that with the lack of volunteers in the Region we would have to look for help to organise something like this. Coaches to discuss on their next meeting when discussing Regional Champs and to pull together a plan with costings etc.

**Next meeting – TBC**

Meeting closed 1150am

# South West Region Coach Forum

## June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Swim England Talent Report

#### 1. TALENT SELECTION GUIDELINES 2022-2023

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Selection guidelines have been completed for the SE Talent Pathway. They are currently with SE legal department for approval. The SE Talent Extended Pathway selection guidelines have also been completed. They are currently with the wider talent team for comments and feedback. Once this process has been completed, all selection guidelines will be sent to each of the 8 regions.

#### 2. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2022-2023

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We are currently in the process of pulling together a pre-recorded presentation, outlining the proposed Regional delivery for 2022-2023 and onwards to 2025. Once completed, Regional staff will be invited to review the proposed Regional Delivery Plan, which builds on the details shared on a zoom meeting with Regional staff on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The Regional staff will then be invited to a zoom drop in call, where they can discuss in greater detail the Regional Delivery Plan.

#### 3. NATIONAL AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME 2022-2023

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It is our intention to go back to 6 delivery zones, with 2 Face to Face Development Days and 1 Online Education ½ Day.

#### 4. SENIOR COACH 2022-2023 COHORT

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##### APPLICATIONS

**Applications are open from 6<sup>th</sup> June and need to be submitted by midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022.** There are up to 30 places available on the programme across England and Wales with shortlisting taking place from the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

As part of the application process, you will need to submit supporting evidence to confirm that you have met the essential pre-requisite criteria via Google Classrooms. You will have access to this workspace within **48 hours** of starting your application. All applications for the programme must be completed by midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. Applicants will be notified if they have been successful or after the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## COURSE CONTENT

Before applying to the programme, please ensure you can attend all the below dates. All dates are compulsory and will take place in Loughborough.\*

The induction and learning days for this year's programme are:

- Monday 18th July 2022
- Saturday 10th September 2022
- Sunday 11th September 2022
- Sunday 8th January 2023
- Sunday 19th March 2023

## PREREQUISITES

Before starting your application please make sure you meet the following pre-requisite criteria;

- Be at least 19 years of age at the start of the course.
- Hold a valid DBS and Safeguarding certificate.
- Hold a Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate (or equivalent) and have a minimum of 12 months' experience as a qualified swimming coach.
- Be listed on the Swim England Teaching and Coaching Register.
- Be coaching at a SwimMark or Stronger Affiliation accredited club. Those who are not, but meet all other criteria may be considered, further information will be requested on application.
- Currently coaching for at least 10 hours per week, spanning a minimum of 5 sessions, with the same group of swimmers.
- Be the lead coach for a squad of swimmers throughout the programme duration and work with swimmers who are competing at regional level or above. You will need to provide evidence that you have coached at least five swimmers to regional or national standards in 2021/2022 and evidence that you continue to coach at this level for the duration of the programme. Swimmers must be aged 13 years and over (as of the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022).

Further Information can be found on the SE website:

<https://www.swimming.org/ios/course-information/swim-england-senior-swimming-coach/>