

President Chris Elliott

**Minutes of the Coach Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2022
via Zoom at 1045am**

Present:	Chrissie Robinson	(CR)	Regional Chair
	Paul Robbins	(PR)	Regional Vice Chair
	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
	Stacey Millett	(SM)	Regional Development Officer

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

CR welcomed all to the meeting, apologies listed below.

Apologies:

Jason Quiterio	Caradon SC
Mike Parker	Swim England Talent
Chris Vickery	Events Officer and Office Coordinator

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 15.06.22

Acceptance proposed by Barry Aldrick and seconded by Jo John 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.

SM also mentioned that with the new Coach and Team Manager Accreditation scheme individuals will not be able to sign up to have a pass for competitions without the correct Safeguarding, DBS and qualifications in place which means it's important for clubs to ensure that the information is kept up to date.

6. Talent Update – Mike Parker

Apologies from MP, no report as preparing for National Age Group Zonal Camps. 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. Development Programme

First Development Programme Camp took place at Millfield School on Sunday 25th September. All went well with all athletes and staff in attendance.

Next camp will be an online education session to be delivered early 2023.

SM is looking into running the Regional Distance Development Programme which will focus on distance swimming and into Open Water. This will be a shorter version that suggested by Swim England but the aim is to provide all of the same elements just over a shorter period.

SM to contact Neil Edward at Mount Kelly, Kevin Renshaw and Paddy at CoB as they are all open water qualified to look at delivery and involvement.

8. Competitions

Regional Champs 2023

LA sent in programme of events for Summer Champs. Two options one heats – finals – heats – finals and a second of heats – finals across the day.

ED emailed comments – can the relays be moved out of the weekend and are we bound by age groups. Both were a no.

A discussion was had within the group about timings to include moving the distance sessions, moving 200m fly and 200m breast events, mirroring nationals and 400m fastest heat being in a final session or the main session.

There was a mixed opinion both for and against the two programmes.

PR noted the availability of Officials needed to be considered as well with some not staying for Finals sessions if their swimmers aren't in.

CR noted that if we run the 400m fastest heat in the final session then what would happen with drop outs, we could risk having to run a heat with few swimmers in.

General consensus was to remove the 400m fastest heat from the finals, and to switch the 200m breaststroke and 200m Butterfly. LA to make changes.

Post meeting note - LA made changes and sent through final programme.

CR proposed one set of finals each day, PR agreed and GKL suggested it would give symmetry across the Age and Youth Champs.

The Swim England document suggests Heats – Heats – Finals for both Youth and Age Group. Everyone in agreement to do this.

CR – the bank holidays for 2023 have been confirmed by the Government however Coronation Day for King Charles III will be on the Saturday of Hengrove weekend. Will need to wait for any information regarding any changes needed.

BA asked if there was any way we could stop the Leisure Pool at Plymouth Life Centre being used during our events. CR said there would be a large cost to this but would speak to Lee at the Life Centre to discuss further.

9. Open Forum

CR – no change to the qualifying period for Winter Championships 2022.

GKL could this be looked into for Winter Championship 2023 to come in line with Nationals.

LA noted that some athletes haven't had the opportunity to swim 100m IM in the qualifying period due to their County Championships being Long Course.

All feel strongly that the Winter Champs Qualifying period needs to include October to December.

Noted and this will be looked into for next year.

BA & JJ discussed the Overseas meet with a suggestion to postpone until 2024 due to timing and not being able to find things suitable in early 2023. CR noted that we need to be aware of the current financial situation and what will need to be contributed by parents.

The decision to postpone was discussed with GKL saying it was a shame to lose the opportunity for those athletes and JJ suggested if a TM could be found to coordinate and organise then we could try and sort.

GKL and ECB put forward Nikki Murton at Mount Kelly to Team Manage and look into organising a camp for June/July time before Summer Nationals. GKL will look into the exam dates and find something after this period.

JJ to give GKL and SM the information for organising the meet, previous details of companies, etc.

Neil Edwards from Mount Kelly to be Lead Coach, agreed by all.

JJ suggested there was some succession planning with the coaching team to ensure we have a Lead Coach who has been involved in the overseas meet before.

JJ informed every one of her new role and the need for someone else to represent the Coach Committee on the Swimming Committee.

GKL will take the role and BA/LA will step in should GKL not be able to attend.

CR – Club websites are being looked into so all are reminded to remind their clubs that information needs to be up to date with no SwimMark badges if the club is no longer accredited.

JJ – how can we increase attendance at the Coach Committee Meeting, Do we invite someone from Taunton Deane as Graham didn't want to be part of the group but they now have a different Lead Coach. What is happening with the Team Bath Coach.

SM brought up the terms of reference, details of who should be on the committee are included. SM to add attendance at these meetings to the job descriptions of the Lead Development Programme Coach and the Lead Para Coach.

CR will communicate to their counties to sort suitable coaches to approach.

BA suggested it could combine swimming, Open Water and Para Coaches.

Next meeting – TBC

Meeting closed 1150am

South West Region Coach Forum

June 15th 2022

Swim England Talent Report

1. TALENT SELECTION GUIDELINES 2022-2023

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

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 10th 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

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

APPLICATIONS

Applications are open from 6th June and need to be submitted by midnight on the 3rd July 2022. There are up to 30 places available on the programme across England and Wales with shortlisting taking place from the 4th 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 3rd July 2022. Applicants will be notified if they have been successful or after the 11th 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 31st December 2022).

Further Information can be found on the SE website:

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