



President M.Coles

**Minutes of the Coaches Committee held on Wednesday 26th February 2020
at the Regional Offices.**

<u>Present:</u>	R .Margetts	Swimming Finance Officer and Chairman
	C.Vickery	Admin and Events Co-ordinator
	C.Tremellen	Swimming Secretary & Minutes
	A.Jack	Club Development Officer
	Richard Smith	Marlborough
	J.Wills	Soundwell
	J.John	Exeter City
	L.Atkinson	City of Bristol
	M.Puddy	Millfield

Apologies: M.Parker, B.Alldrick, C.Alderton, G.King-Lambe, R.Armayan, J.Richards, E.Dale, L.Hill

20/1 **Minutes of previous meeting** signed as true record.

20/2 **Matters arising**

2.1 AOB Mike Parker attended meeting but issue was not resolved

20/3 **England Programmes Officer report**

- 3.1 Open Water Level 3 CPD – Level 2 award now known as British Open Water Swimming.
- 3.2 SE National Event Camps – 19 - 22nd December 2020 @ Millfield for freestyle & 400 IM & Sheffield or Coventry for all other strokes.
SE National Development Camps 2020-21 to be held zonally
- 3.3. Coach advisors – Committee queried how are the coaches for support were selected
JW said he had only seen his advisor on one occasion.
- 3.4 Request for medal table – we had one for Winter Champs and will have some for all this years events.

20/4 **Overseas Camp – Lisbon**

- 4.1 JJ gave a comprehensive verbal report plus a written report. Meet very well organised, organisers very helpful. Good quality meet, swimmers had to work hard for their second swims with all making the A or B finals. Team worked well together and put in good performances gaining 18 medals, most from the girls. Team won top team trophy.
JJ recommended a return next year however it clashed with half term.
JJ thanked for her hard work.

20/5 Competition update

- 5.1 Winter Championships ran well. One club had issues with withdrawal procedure however it was all circulated prior to the competition.
Millfield pool staff complained they were not aware of the warm up times nor the 1.5 hour break but this had been sent. Decided to keep 1.5 hr break
- 5.2 Mixed medley relay at Winter champs – only few entries and many swimmers had already left. Agreed to run again but at an earlier time.
- 5.3 Advance withdrawals for Youths and Winter Champs but not for Age Groups.
Youth championships– heat sheets will be given to all coaches.
- 5.4 Complaint from some parents re the change of date for the youths this year.

20/6 Regional Development Report

- 6.1 Coaches and teachers register – SW have 80 people missing DBS certificates. Some of these may still be in processing but they are being chased through clubs
Safeguarding needs to be upgraded too.
- 6.2 Courses are on the website but they need to be full.. Query at what point safeguarding course can be taken online. AJ to check.
- 6.3 Coach education courses – biggest problem is lack of tutors in SW.
Some L1 have been run and more scheduled. L2 courses being organised.
- 6.4 Coaches conference 14th March - Felt numbers may be very low as there are 3 L1 meets that weekend as it is the last chance to qualify for British Champs
- 6.5 Stronger Affiliation – 50% SW clubs have Swim Mark accreditation so they are OK. AJ and Jacky Hilleard are chasing clubs. Deadline is Dec 1st. Some facilities may refuse pool time to those who are not affiliated.

20/7 Pathway.

- 7.1 Selection of coaches has caused some confusion. Needs to be agreed whether we or SE select Lead coach and lane coaches. Agreed a spreadsheet of who has done what would be helpful – CV to sort. New document coming out soon.
- 7.2 CT mentioned that it was possible we would be unable to hold our Summer Championships as the government may cancel all sporting events due to the Covid 19 virus. Events team would deal with the situation should it arise.

Date of next meeting 17th June 10.15am

Signed _____
R. Margetts (Chairman)