



President M.Coles

**Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019
at the Regional Offices.**

Present R.Margetts (RM) Competition Secretary & Chairman
 L.Dunn (LD) England Programmes via webex
 S.Gadd (SG) Club Development Officer
 L.Hill (LH) Assistant Club Development Officer
 J.Richards (JR) Gloucester
 E.Dale (ED) Millfield
 B.Aldrick (BA) Poole
 L.Atkinson (LA) City of Bristol
 J.John (JJ) Exeter
 G.King Lambe(GKL) Mount Kelly
 D. Dew (DD) Plymouth Leander
 C.Vickery (CV) Admin & Events Co-ordinator
 C.Tremellen (CT) Swimming Secretary & Minutes

Apologies M.Coles, C.Alderton, J.Wills, R.Smith, E.Dart

19/17 R.Margetts was co-opted on to the committee at the request of CV

19/18 Appointment of Chairman – R Margetts appointed

19/19 Minutes of previous meeting (6th June) accepted at true record

19/20 Matters arising – none

19/21 England Programmes officers report

21.1 LT's role is changing she will become Coach Development Manager. Her replacement will take over on 28th October

21.2 Annual Regional Forum will take place on Tuesday. CV and LH will attend.

21.3 Pathway programme coach selected – starts Nov.

21.4 Regional Coach advisors re-appointed with funding.

21.5 Athlete programme started - 1st & 2nd at Marlborough, 3rd at Millfield. Opportunities for coaches to observe.

19/22 Overseas meet

22.1 Team will now go to Lisbon International meet as more practical with good flights from Bristol - 6th - 10th Feb 2020

22.2 Flights provisionally booked but need to be paid for by credit card. Finance Officer on holiday so RM will cover payment until her return.

- 22.3 Team selection – a draft list was circulated to check availability of swimmers and their nationality. SE still to appoint swimmers to national programmes. Any selected will have to withdraw from Lisbon camp.
- 22.4 TMs -reporting back to Region over weekend away – CV will arrange for TM to send info to Twitter.

19/23 National Forum report

- 23.1 Discussion on L1 and 2 open meets
- 23.2 SE looking at policy on race suits for younger swimmers.
- 23.3 Noted that 18yr boys are not getting into events - ? need for 15/over meets.
- 23.4 Next meeting will be at Winter Championships.

19/24 Regional Club Development Officers report

- 24.1 Stronger Affiliation is due to come into effect as of Jan 2021. All clubs will be expected to meet the 6 elements of stronger affiliation in order to affiliate to Swim England (these 6 elements already from part of the criteria for Swim Mark). If they don't they risk being suspended. We have 15 months to prepare clubs for this change. All clubs need to start thinking about this now in order to ensure they comply come the deadline. Info at <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/stronger-affiliation-process>
- 24.2 Coaches/Teachers register was launched earlier this year. Currently nearly 9000 coaches and teachers on the register. Aim to get all coaches and teachers from all affiliated clubs to engage with the register.
Info @ <https://www.swimwest.org.uk/news/article/teaching-and-coaching-register-submissions>
- 24.3 Level 2 coaching courses struggling due to lack of tutors. Level 1 running in Plymouth soon, also Truro, Swindon & Gloucs.

19/25 Competition update

- 25.2 Relay Gala cancelled due to lack of numbers. Now taken off 2020 programme.
- 25.3 New event added to Winter Championships – 4 x 50m mixed mystery relay – final event on Saturday night. Max 3 heats, entry on day, no medals
- 25.4 WiFi connection required for coaches use only at Millfield.

19/26 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 26th February 2020 @ 10.15am

19/27 AOB

- 27.1 Problem in Gloucs – dictating when clubs can have meets however they don't meet swimmers needs eg meet qualifying swimmers for National Winter Champs v Gloucs L3 meet
To be discussed at TSC – LT replacement to be invited - 1st item agenda

Signed _____
R Margetts (Chairman)