

President Chris Elliott

**Minutes of the Coach Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th March 2022
via Zoom at 1015am**

Present:

Chrissie Robinson	(CR)	Regional Chair
Paul Robbins	(PR)	Regional Vice Chair
Chris Alderton	(CA)	Team Bath AS
Rich Smith	(RS)	Marlborough Penguins
Greg King-Limb	(GK)	Mount Kelly Swimming
Jon Wills	(JW)	Soundwell SC
Ryan Livingstone	(RL)	Millfield
Chris Vickery	(CV)	Events Officer

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

CR welcomed all to the meeting, apologies listed below.

Apologies:

Stacey Millett	Regional Development Officer,
Jo John	Exeter City,
James Richards	Gloucester City,
Jason Quiterio	Caradon SC

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting 09.02.2022

Acceptance proposed by RS and seconded by PR and agreed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising Not on the Agenda

RS raised the question around spectators at the Regional Championships - CR responded that this will be decided at the Swimming Committee meeting this evening. Streaming over the three weekends will amount to approximately £11k – Spectators at Millfield will be strict on a one swimmer one parent basis.

5. Governance

- CR informed those present of some issues which coaches need to be aware of: Coaching qualifications not showing on OMS or Integra need to be added.
 - DBS and Safeguarding be reviewed before expiry.
 - RS informed the committee the notification window of expiry is very small – CR will feed this back to SE
- If the above is not adhered to clubs will lose their Swimmark/Club Affiliation. The region is still offering free safeguarding workshops. Endeavour to book up early.

6. Talent Update – Mike Parker

No report available from Mike Parker and Stacey Millett also off sick.

7. Competitions

Regional Champs 2022

Some Qualifying Times have been amended – 13year old girls mainly.

3 clubs will facilitate the events:

Millfield – Exeter City

Plymouth – Plymouth Leander

Hengrove – City of Bristol

The region is extremely grateful to these clubs for agreeing to undertake this.

This year is a pilot scheme. If it proves successful all clubs will be given the opportunity to apply to facilitate.

Some QTs/CTs are fast discussion around this followed.

Lead off for relays times allowed? General consensus was yes.

Team Sheets with names submitted on the day.

8. Coach Committee Terms of Reference

Circulated prior to the meeting having been amended by SM –Proposed CA

2nd JW

Unanimous in agreement.

This will now go to the Swimming Committee for signing off.

9. Open Forum

More Team Manager courses are needed – CR will pass this information on to Jackie Hilleard.

CA and RS asked for information on how presenters can obtain the qualification to present. CR will ask Jackie Hilleard to send across the information on this.

Coaching Policy –accepted by everyone present as the standard they are currently working to.

GK raised concern following Devon Counties and the 1:10 ratio of swimmers/coaches/TMs – discussion followed around this and raised the question on school clubs criteria. CR will discuss further with SE.

CA asked if anyone else was experiencing issues with volunteers currently and how to encourage more to help. JW suggested Club Social events; at Meets speak to parents on the balcony asking for help; Parent Talks may also be an opportunity to recruit volunteers.

CA asked who he could discuss Contracting Guidelines and the structuring of – CR responded she would supply him with the link he needs.

Next meeting – TBC probably the beginning of May following Regional Champs.

Meeting closed 11am