

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President S. Dors

Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at the Regional Offices

Present:	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	S.Dors	(SD)	President
	C.Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming Secretary & Minutes
	R.Armayan	(RA)	Plymouth
	E.Taylor	(ET)	Club Development Officer
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucester City
	B.Aldrick	(BA)	Poole
	M.Puddy	(MP)	City of Bristol
	J.Wills	(JW)	Soundwell
	J.Mullins	(JM)	Millfield
	J.John	(JJ)	Exeter City
	E.Dart	(ED)	Cornwall (Sub H.Tooley)
	A.Alexander	(AA)	Swindon (Sub L.Clayton)
	L.Dunn	(LD)	England Programmes by Webex

Apologies: J.Rudd, J.Birds, H.Tooley, L.Thompson, R.Brew

16/29 Minutes of the meeting on 13th September signed as true copy.

16/30 Matter arising

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| 30.1 | 23.2 | Open water |
| | i) | Open water committee have agreed, subject to finance being available ,to hold an event in September in a lake possibly in Devon. |
| | ii) | Use of wet suits – due to the new criteria for water temperature to be no less than 18 deg wet suits will be allowed. Still awaiting decision on what sort of suits will be permitted. |
| | iii) | 2017 Championships will still be held in Weymouth but this may change in 2018. |
| | iv) | Query whether National event will move the date in future. |
| 30.2 | 24.2 | Coaches conference |
| | i) | 15 attendees only. Appears many coaches still did not know about it so improved communication required. Noted that coaches needed to ensure information was disseminated throughout their networks. All coaches in data base informed and poster circulated at Winter Championships. Hoped that new club development officer will be able to assist in spreading the word. |
| | ii) | Some clarity was required regarding the different coaches education opportunities. |
| | iii) | Twitter and other social media sites also a possibility for spreading information. |
| | iv) | Possibly hold a training session for coaches to learn how to access information on the internet. |
| | v) | Positive feedback received from attendees. |

16/31 Overseas meet

- 31.1 TSC agreed for team to return to Zagreb.
Competition dates 8/9th July. Camp 6 – 10th July
Team of 30 approved – ages 15 – 19 plus possibly 4 older swimmers.
Swimmers to have competed in either or both the 2016 Winter Championships or the 2017 Summer Championships.
Must also be in full time training and have accepted their invitation compete at GB or Home Nation Summer competitions.
- 31.2 Suggestion from the TSC that swimmers 18 & over have DBS clearance - thought to be unworkable given the timeframe and unnecessary as National teams not covered.
- 31.3 BA & CT to devise updated selection policy and circulate to committee members for agreement before going to TSC for approval.
- 31.4 Assistant Team Manager. CT explained that this person should be appointed prior to arrangements being made so that they could work with Lindsay Powell. This person would be expected to be Lead TM in 2018. Application forms have been circulated and are on the website (at Coaches). Please advise your clubs – applications close 1st February.
- 31.5 Coaching staff to be appointed nearer the time. Application forms required – level 2 or working towards.

16/32 Report from National Forums.

- 32.1 **County Forum:** All SW Counties sent representatives.
- 32.2 EP writing guidance notes which will be circulated to all Counties.
Cornwall have a meeting next week to decide. Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wilts and Gloucs all keen to be involved.
- 32.3 There will be a 2 day training session for County Lead Coaches on 7/8th February which will be covered by ASA except travel.
- 32.4 **Regional Forum:** CT attended for the Region. Guidance notes for the region will also be circulated in due course. Meeting for Development Officers will be held at the end of February.
- 32.5 Region to organise training for 12 year olds – 36 swimmers in July, Oct and December focussing on starts, turns and finishes. Coaching staff by application- form required.
Lead Regional coaches training -28th February
- 32.6 CT to circulate power point from meeting.

16/33 England Programmes Officer's report

- 33.1 Symposium very well received, so far 1500 hits on website.
- 33.2 Conference attendees very engaged.
- 33.3 Phase 2 training camps 19 – 21st December

16/34 National Coaches Forum Report (MP)

- 34.1 Not enough coaches applying for courses.
- 34.2 Asked for info on dates and venues.
- 34.3 Beacon funding for 1 more year.
- 34.4 Long course opportunities – more needed.
- 34.5 'Off the blocks' released.
- 34.6 ? value of forum as not all the same coaches attend each time.
- 34.7 Commonwealth Games selection policy out soon.
- 34.8 Next meeting after Winter Championships.

16/35 Competition

- 35.1 Winter Championships successful – many rejections. Many more seniors this year.
- 35.2 QT's for 2017 to be long course with conversions. Times from summer meets only
- 35.3 Recommended changes to programme - no relays. Have Senior and Junior finals – no presentations which will allow more swimming.

16/36 Swimming Committee Report

- 36.1 FAST 2018 will be on July 8th not 1st as in previous minutes.
- 36.2 Congratulations to Barry Alldrick and Jo John who have been selected for the 2024 programme.
- 36.3 International representation – CT will be requiring this information in the New Year. This information goes into the Annual Report and therefore important.

16/37 AOB

Dates of future meetings:

7th March 23rd May 19th September

R.Margetts Chairman