

President R.Downing

Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2020 via Zoom.

Present	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	C.Robinson	(CR)	Board Chairman
	S. Millett	(SM)	Assistant Club Development Officer
	J.Richards	(JR)	Gloucester
	J.Wills	(JW)	Soundwell
	L.Atkinson	(LA)	City of Bristol
	J.John	(JJ)	Exeter City
	B.Alldrick	(BA)	Poole
	E.Dale	(ED)	Millfield
	M. Puddy	(MP)	Millfield
	R.Smith	(RS)	Malborough
	C.Alderton	(CA)	Bath
	E. Collings Barnes	(ECB)	Mount Kelly
	C.Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming Secretary & Minutes

Apologies: R.Downing, E Dart

20/17 **Matters arising from minutes of 17th June 2020**

17.1 9.3 Stronger affiliation – current situation - Office staff are chasing remaining clubs. Still awaiting some DBS confirmation. 267 coaches have no current DBS certificates.

20/18 **Future of competition**

18.1 SE held zoom meeting for Regional Swimming Managers on September 20th. The plan has changed many times and is still subject to change. Every plan has to be approved by DCMS. There are 5 phases

18.2 **Phase 1** is entry into competition programme – all run in training sessions such as timed kick sets, decathlon

18.3 **Phase 2** ongoing competition – simulated competitions eg stand up swims at the end of the session, informal time trials. Events should be 50s and 100s only
These can be started now but must be done in training sessions so that swimmers remain in the swimming bubble.

18.4 **Phase 3** – level X

* Launch likely to be in mid to end of October with data base going live in November.

* Level X is a time trial activity and takes place within club training sessions – only swimmers who train in that session. It is not a gala but a training session with a racing focus.

* All Government and facility Covid 19 regulations must be adhered to.

* Ages as at midnight 31st December

* SE license not required.

* All events shall be short course format

* Results will be placed on SE rankings as Level X times providing submitted file is correct. If any inaccuracies file will not be accepted.

* Level X rankings shall be in usual age groups.

* SE will publish leader boards for some Level X events.

* 11 pilot schemes running, one at Taunton Deane.

* Sportsystem will make software available for all clubs to download

18/5 **Phase 4** (level 4 meet – 8 clubs)

Hoped this could start in January but likely now to be delayed.

18/6 **Phase 5** (licensed meets levels 1,2 ,3)

Still to be confirmed and DCMS approval will be required.

18/7 Zoom meeting held with Counties previous Sunday and next Sunday. County Championships will have a much longer window.

18.8 Regionals – no decisions yet.

18.9 Discussion followed where Coaches stated that they were not happy with some arrangements

Noted that swimmers needed something to aim for.

50s & 100m events – these are the wrong events – should be longer distance

Uneven playing field as blocks will be available for some while others will start in the water.

Submitting times every 2 weeks was not conducive to good training and racing.

Would gaining extra water time and then running time trials be illegal?

Noted that competing in a league would be good to raise competitive spirit.

20/19 **Availability of water time**

A mixed picture with some clubs having all they had previously, others had reduced time. Some clubs having difficulty but pools are opening slowly however some are opening to public only.

Cornwall opening more pools

Gloucester – most clubs have all the water time back

Wiltshire – some pools still not open

Dorset – pools all open

Devon – Life Centre closed for repairs until April. N Devon , Barnstaple only pool open.

Many clubs have picked up water time at Mount Kelly

Bristol Most pools open. Parkwood want to pull out. Costs have gone up in Hengrove as Clubs must provide their own lifeguards but pool hire cost unchanged.

Bath – 80% of water time back but 2 pools not open. Trying to do a deal with a local school and trying to help partner clubs.

20/20 Clubs should complete the **Return to pools document** detailing their increase/decrease in water time and any increase in costs, Andy Jack is working with clubs on this.

2021 SM stated that coaches forums have been working well during lockdown

2022 **Talent Pathway**

Now completed. Run virtually over 2 days. A few technical issues but otherwise all went well. Meeting for 2021 programme - Stacey will attend

No date set for next meeting.

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R.Margetts Chairman