

## Minutes of the Swim England South West Region Water Polo Technical Committee, held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, at the Regional Offices, Wellington.

1. **Apologies:** John Spicer (Chief Coach, Males), Simon Tomlinson (Chief Coach, Females), Robert Holman (President), Chris Pryke (Dorset), Anthony Stevenson (Cornwall), Andy Hicks (Wiltshire), Colin Hunt (Gloucestershire).

- 1.1. **Attendees:** Stuart Noyce (Chairman), Mike Coles (Secretary/Somerset), Martyn Thomas (Specialist), Roger Downing (Board Vice Chairman), Chris Elliot (Board Representative), Brian Steer (Devon), Sarah Tomlinson (BWWPL).

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** Last meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. These minutes had been circulated and published via the region's website. They were passed as a true record. Proposed by Brian Steer and seconded by Martyn Thomas.

### 3. **Matters Arising:**

- 3.1. The Secretary would now order the electronic timing equipment, following waiting to see if they could cope with the new rules that had been introduced this year.
- 3.2. The chairman asked if the secretary could follow up on the question to Norman Leighton as regards to a question from Simon Tomlinson:
  - 3.2.1. Simon Tomlinson asked the question of if we could get confirmation from Norman Leighton, Swim England Talent ID, whether National Squad members should be going to regional academies? The secretary said that he would email Mr Leighton for confirmation. The secretary has emailed Norman and Andy Fuller.
- 3.3. The item on Job Descriptions was questioned by Stuart Noyce. The secretary informed the meeting that he had completed this task and that they had been sent on to the Regional Office. A copy of these would be sent to Stuart, and they also be included with these minutes when confirmed.

4. **Notice of items for AOB:** The secretary, Mike Coles, raised the matter that the team manager for the Under-14s Girls event, Claire Killa, had been accompanied by her husband and therefore not submitted a claim on expenses. He thought that this was inappropriate and that she should be allowed to make a claim. This was agreed.

5. **Swim England Update** (written): Only item received was the following:  
Dear START Awards recipients,

I hope that the investment you received had a positive impact upon your programme.

I am now looking to conclude the 2018 round of investment with a review of activity to measure impact. To enable us to achieve this, please find below a link to a survey for completion by **August 10 2019**.

In the submissions each applicant was required to complete a table which projected certain outputs linked to the investment. The survey below contains a table which I should like you to populate with your actual figures realised through the investment. I can then compare this with the predicted metrics submitted in the original application.

The survey also provides an opportunity for you to offer insight into the successes and challenges of our programme which you ran.

I look forward to reviewing the responses.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Andy

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/waterpolostartawards2018>

## **6. Swim England Inter-region Championships**

### **6.1. Under-16s Boys, June/July 2019**

6.1.1. Team struggled with new rules and discipline coming fifth resulting relegation to Division 2 for U18s in 2021. A great group of lads who play hard but we're out classed by better teams. MVP Joe Ashworth

### **6.2. Under-16s Girls, June/July 2019**

6.2.1. The South West girls battled really hard but unfortunately lost all four matches. It was nice to see the improvement with every game they played. The team was young, we only had one 15-year-old player and over half the team were born in 2005, so will be back playing U16 again next year. Congratulations to Sofia Fountain who was awarded MVP. Thanks to Jim and Hannah who gave up their valuable time to coach the girls when neither of them had children competing. A bit thank you to Chris Tubby of Cheltenham, who was selected as the South West's Referee for the tournament.

### **6.3. Under-14s Boys, December 2019**

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## **7. Swim England South West Inter-County Championships 2019**

7.1.1. Following on from an appeal by the secretary, as only replies from Devon and Somerset had been received, entries had now been received from all counties in the region. A copy of the entries received can be found in the appendixes.

7.1.2. Following discussion by the committee it was agreed to have a mixed competition at Under 14, but the two counties which entered the girls and boys' competitions at Under-14 would be offered to enter two teams in the mixed competition.

7.1.3. The secretary would contact all counties to see if they wished to reconsider their entries following the above decision.

7.1.4. It was suggested by Roger Downing, that Jackie Hilliard would be contacted regarding the use of the region's Young Volunteer Programme to help with the many jobs involved at the competition, such as programme selling, entry fees, runners, etc.

## **8. Vacant Positions on the committee**

8.1. Finance Officer. Stuart reported that since the resignation of Phil Garrard from the post of Finance Officer for water polo, he had been doing this role, and of all the posts that needed replacements, this was the least onerous. Although it was a continuous search, he was happy to carry on in the short term. It was suggested that they approach John Williams of Devonport, who was an account, to see if he was willing to take on the post.

8.2. Boys Academy Administration: This was going to be a difficult one as it would need starting from scratch following the resignation of Colin Hunt from the position.

8.3. Girls Academy Administration: Mandy Jones had been doing the role, but wished to step down. She had prepared spreadsheets with all up-to-date information, and therefore was going to be a much easier role to step into.

8.4. Communications Officer: The role had been done ad hoc by several committee members but good if one person could take on role.

8.5. It was proposed that the posts be advertised on the South West Region's website and social media. Also, for members of the committee to actively seek volunteers from their counties.

## **9. Regional Academy Updates**

- 9.1. Male Head Coach (no report)
- 9.2. Female Head Coach (no report)
- 9.3. Academy Secretary (no report)
- 9.4. 2019/20 Dates and Plans: Regional Training Dates 2019/20
- 9.5. The dates and times for next years sessions are now confirmed.  
All sessions are at Millfield School Pool for both boys and girls.

The first two hours will be for 06s,07s and 08s  
The second two hours will be 03s, 04s and 05s

21st September 5pm - 9pm  
12th October 5pm - 9pm  
16th November 5pm - 9pm  
4th January 12.30pm - 4.30pm  
15th February 12.30pm - 4.30pm  
7th March 5pm - 9pm  
2nd May 5pm - 9pm

## **10. Finance Report 2019/20**

- 10.1. Income/Expenditure Report: was given out at meeting and added to Appendixes
- 10.2. It was suggested that monies for the regional training centres sessions should no longer be pay on the day, but rather be paid up front to save monies being collected on the day. Agreed
- 10.3. Mandy Jones had done a spreadsheet to show monies collected.

## **11. Training Courses:**

- 11.1. Team Managers Module 1, 28<sup>th</sup> February. This had been a success according to those who had attended.
- 11.2. Level 1 Coaches Course held in Dorset in June. Again this had been a successful course and it was hoped to follow this up in the very near future with a Level 2 course.
- 11.3. Table Officials Course held in Blackpool at the Inter-Region Boys event. Sarah Tomlinson reported that she had taken this course, which had proved successful.
- 11.4. Level 2 Coaches Course at Plymouth: The secretary reported that this was ongoing, and it was hoped to get a final date and tutor sorted very soon.
- 11.5. Table Officials/Referees' Course at Millfield at Inter-County Event. The secretary said that this was reliant on the course structure being sorted on time.

## **12. County Officers Reports:**

- 12.1. Cornwall: Anthony Stevenson reported that nothing has changed within the Cornwall water polo over the past 12 month. We still have three clubs training. Penzance have approx 50 players training on a weekly basis, ages between 8 and 17 years.  
St Austell have a good junior section. (Unsure of numbers).  
Newquay have a senior section, who play certain tournaments throughout the year.  
Cornwall juniors were able to enter a number of teams at the inter county tournament held at Millfield School in November, all teams competing strongly, even though some of our players have limited match experience. We will enter teams again for November 2019.  
Both Penzance and St. Austell have had players playing for Exeter and Devonport throughout the year, mainly to gain experience and match fitness.  
I will again urge the county to push mini junior water polo at all clubs, and will extend an invite for club coaches and members to visit Penzance to see how much enjoyment and exercise is had by all children who take part.  
More participation at this age group is the only way we can ensure a future for Cornish

water polo. (I have offered this invite on numerous previous occasions, but have not seen anyone yet!!!).

Sessions are held on Sunday evenings between 4.30 and 7pm from October to May at PZ leisure centre, and Friday evenings between 6.15 and 8.15pm from June to September, at the Jubilee pool. (Open air lido).

12.2. Devon: Brian Steer reported that the Devon League was again be competed for at all levels, and results could be found on the internet for those interested. He reported that Exeter Ladies would be competing in the British Water Polo League this year.

12.3. Dorset: Chris Pryke emailed his report in together with his apologies. Dorset hosted a successful level 1 water polo coaching course at Weymouth/ Portland during the weekend of Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June. The feedback from those taking part has been excellent. The instructor was Martin Thomas. The Lyme Splash Water Polo tournament is taking place again this year on the weekend of 3rd/ 4th August in the harbour at Lyme Regis. A number of teams from across the South West are taking part and two pitches are being erected to facilitate matches throughout both days. Overnight camping facilities are being provided to participants and officials have been organised. Dorset are entering a total of five teams in this years South West Inter County tournament in November. These include 12 & under mixed, 14 & under boys, 16 & under boys, senior men and for the first time a senior woman's team. We are still awaiting an update for the proposed Dorset based Grade D water polo referees course, agreed in principle earlier this year, but following rule changes has yet to take place.

12.4. Gloucestershire: Martin reported that Cheltenham had won the British Championships.

12.5. Somerset: Mike Coles reported on behalf of the Somerset representative, Simon Tomlinson. Somerset were unable to enter any of the county championships other than the Senior competition. The reason for this was because the other teams in the county were unable to provide players. The seniors were hoping to hold their tournament which aided selection between Taunton, University of Bath, Frome and Weston-super-Mare at Millfield School in October, prior to the championships, as part of the Somerset League.

12.6. Wiltshire: No report received

### **13. Reports from the following officers:**

13.1. Roger Downing reported back from the latest board meeting.

13.2. Mike Coles reported on Development Meetings, which had mostly been covered in other reports.

Supplemental: Swim England came back to Mike the day after the meeting to say that the official's qualifications were now under review and that volunteers were being requested to help formulate a course for the future.

13.3. No report from the Master's Representative

13.4. Officials Report: Previously covered.

14. Correspondence: All correspondence had been disseminated as it arrived to all parties.

15. Items to communicate and protocol for Social Media. The regional office would be contacted to see what already existed in regards to this.

16. Any Other Business: As previously notified, The secretary, Mike Coles, raised the matter that the team manager for the Under-14s Girls event, Claire Killa, had been accompanied by her

husband and therefore not submitted a claim on expenses. He thought that this was inappropriate and that she should be allowed to make a claim. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that Mrs Killa should submit a claim for the accommodation and for one meal.

17. **Work Plan:** SN would circulate a plan for the committee for the year.

**18. Dates of next meetings:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**SESW Water Polo - Finance Summary - May -July 2019**

Revision Date 24/7/19

<b>May-19</b>					
Exp					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
04-May	RTC - Pool Hire	Millfield 4 hours	£ 886.40	17-Jun	
04-May	RTC - Mileage Claim	Boys HC	£ 73.80	24-Jul	
04-May	RTC - Mileage Claim	Boys HC	£ 19.80	24-Jul	
28-May	IR U16s Comp Entry	£400 per team	£ 800.00	28-May	
Income					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
04-May	RTC adhoc Player Charge	£10 x 15 players	£ 150.00		
04-May	Refreshments		£ 20.00		

<b>Jun-19</b>					
Exp					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
30-Jun	IR U16 Boys Rooms	Hotel Rooms x 7	£ 525.00	24-Jul	
30-Jun	IR U16 Boyss Eve Meal	15 x meal	£ 230.57	08/07/2019	
30-Jun	IR U16 Boys Refs Exp	Travel	£ 160.33	08/07/2019	
30-Jun	IR U16 Boyss TM Exp	Travel	£ 274.50	08/07/2019	
30-Jun	IR U16 Boyss Coach Exp	Travel	£ -		
30-Jun	Boys Tshirts				
Income					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
June	IR girls U16 Player Charge	£70 x 12 players	£ 840		
June	IR Boys U16 Player Charge	£70 x 12 players	£ 840		
June	Boys T-Shirts	£12.50 x 4 players	£ 50		

<b>Jul-19</b>					
Exp					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
6-7 Jul	IR U16 Girls Rooms	Hotel Rooms x ?			
6-7 Jul	IR U16 Girls Eve Meal	15 x meal	£ 168.71	24-Jul	
6-7 Jul	IR U16 Girls Refs Exp				
6-7 Jul	IR U16 Girls TM Exp	Travel and hotel	£ 304.38	24-Jul	
6-7 Jul	IR U16 Girls Coach Exp	Travel	£ 197.10	24-Jul	
08-Jul	Meeting refreshments		£ 27.00	24-Jul	
08-Jul	Mileage Claim	Secretary	£ 32.40	24-Jul	
08-Jul	Mileage Claim	Devon Rep	£ 29.25	24-Jul	
08-Jul	Mileage Claim	Glou Rep	£ 76.50	24-Jul	
08-Jul	Mileage Claim	B&W Rep	£ 40.50	24-Jul	
13-Jul	RTC - Pool Hire	Millfield 4 hours	£ 886.40		
13-Jul	RTC - Expenses	Girls coach	£ 33.93	24-Jul	
13-Jul	RTC - Expenses	Boys coach	£ 73.80	24-Jul	
Income					
Date	Item	Discription	Amount	emailed CR	banked date
13-Jul	RTC adhoc Player Charge	£10 x 10 players	£ 100.00		
13-Jul	Refreshments		£ -		