

President: Dr Brian Armstrong

**Minutes of the Masters committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2023
via Zoom, Commencing at 19.00.**

Present:

C Robinson	CR	Chair
P Robbins	PR	Vice Chair
C Ralph	CaR	Cornwall
B Armstrong	BA	Gloucester
D Pickup	DP	Wiltshire
D Gibbs	DG	Dorset
A Parham	AP	Somerset

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11. Apologies

P O'Grady	PO	Somerset
S Haigh	SH	Devon

12. Declaration of Interest

12.1 None declared

13. Minutes of the previous meeting on 14 02.2023:

13.1 7.1.2 amended to read...SH stated that the problem is not necessarily using Hy-tek to run the event...it is that Masters do not enter events via a competition secretary or submit entries on disk. While Age Group swimmers normally enter 'en block' through a club entry, masters enter individually, through an entry link set up for that specific meet.

13.2 7.2.1 amended to read...SE Masters may mandate that.....

13.3 After these two amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Acceptance proposed by BA and seconded by CaR.

14. Matters arising from the above minutes:

14.1 8. South West Masters Decathlon Trophy Winner 2022: BA provided the link to the SE Masters website for this item. CR will speak to Sue Dors re the additional criteria that needs to be applied before deciding the eventual winner. Once agreed we will arrange the presentation of the Trophy – possibly at the Masters competition.

15. County Reports:

15.1 Dorset:

Dorset held its Masters Championships in June. The event, which hasn't been held since 2016 due to lack of support, was incorporated into the inaugural Poole SC Masters Open Meet and DCASA affiliated swimmers entering the Poole Meet were automatically entered into the Championships.

From Dorset there were 47 competitors, which represented around one-quarter of our Masters membership but almost all of those registered as Club Compete. The next Poole SC Masters Meet will be 15 June 2024, again at Dorchester. It's worth noting that, should Swim England impose mandatory Club Compete status for the Masters Inter-County, it is unlikely that Dorset would be able to field a team.

Our new Masters Secretary is Karen Yendole, a long-standing member of Poole SC and competitive Masters swimmer. We have discussed the possibility of organising Masters

development activity in-county but doubt it would be financially viable - a joint venture with one or two other counties would probably be a better option.

- 15.2 A good discussion followed the Dorset report regarding Development programme for County Masters and the possibility of Dorset working with Wiltshire or Somerset. Cornwall to possibly talk to Devon. Gloucester and Somerset already work together on a joint County meet on 3rd September

15.3 Gloucester

- 15.3.1 See Appendix 1

15.4 Cornwall

- 15.4.1 See Appendix 2

- 15.5 All other Counties gave a verbal report which they will be supplying and will be added to these minutes in once received.

16. Competitions:

16.1 Individual:

- 16.1.1 BA has been liaising with Jonathan Mills to provide an online entry system for the event. CR to provide the competition conditions and entry pack plus the Stripe payment system details to set this up.
- 16.1.2 BA will add the meet on 8th October to the SE website calendar.
- 16.1.3 Biggest problem for the gala is recruiting officials. This was what we had the most complaints about last year. Some of the officials who did attend last year will not be returning because of the abuse and complaints they received at the event. Whilst the officials do not need to be licensed for this event they should be qualified at least with a timekeeping qualification. We do appreciate that swimmers are preparing for their race when behind the blocks being asked to time the previous swimmer is only what someone else is doing for them!
- The Region does not have contact details for unlicensed officials therefore it is up to each rep here to go back to their County to try to encourage and recruit these people to assist.
- 16.1.4 We also need to look at recruiting an announcer and recorder for the event.
- 16.1.5 CR will try to get the Tuck Shop opened for both spectators and officials.
- 16.1.6 It was agreed that it will be participation medals this year. They will be available for all entrants to collect from the venue on the day.

16.2 Intercounty:

- 16.2.1 We are still awaiting the programme and conditions for the event.
- 16.2.2 We will be requesting all Counties to supply their teams on entry file for this event. A discussion followed.

17. Masters Rep to Swimming Committee

- 17.1 This is a position that desperately needs to be filled. Whilst it is appreciated that most Masters swimmers just want to swim it does need an administrator to oversee this. BA whilst doing a lot at present cannot fulfil this position into the future as he is Regional President currently and also the champion and Manager of the Regional Open Water committee. I am sure that both BA and SH as the previous post holder will be happy to provide information to the new person in role to start with. CR cannot continue providing this cover indefinitely. A discussion followed.

Meeting closed at about 20.30

Appendix 1

Report on Master Activities – September 2023

The year has started with a bang resulting several regional/British/European records for the county's masters swimmers

Royal Navy Meet, Millfield Feb 26th

The first meet of the season for most people had some excellent performances, with regional records for

- Sue Hodge (F, GMSC, 70-74) – 50 free
- Jo Seymour (F, GMSC, 55-59) – 100 IM
- Simon Wintle (M, GMSC, 55-59) – 100 bk

Swim Wales Masters Long Course Meet, Swansea March 4/5

Several swimmers were outstanding achieving multiple National Long Course records

- Don Leatherbarrow (M, GMSC, 85-89) –; 400 IM; 200 IM; 100 fly; 50 fly; 800 free (all British Records); 1500 Free (**European Record**)
- Nia Westlake (F, GMSC, 30-35) – 400 IK; 200 IM; 200 bk (all Welsh and SWR records); 200 fly; 200 breast (SWR records)
- Rob Guy (M, Bristol North, 65-69) – 50 bk; 100bk; 200 bk – all British Records
- Micaela Morris (F, GMSC, 60-64) – 200 bk; 100 bk; 50 bk (all Welsh records)
- Alex Morris (M, GMSC, Senior) – 50 fly (Welsh record)

Other swimmers achieved Regional records

- Simon Wintle (M, GMSC, 55-59) – 50 bk, 100 bk; 200 bk
- Vicki Payne (F, GMSC) – 50 br
- Matt Bailey (M, GMSC) – 100 fr; 100 fly
- Nia Westlake (F, GMSC, 30-35) – 200 fly; 200 br
- Bethan Bell (F, GMSC, 50-54) – 100 bk; 200 bk

Special congratulations go to Don Leatherbarrow for a magnificent showing, breaking 5 British records and 1 European Record

University of Birmingham Masters

A small cohort of GMSC swimmers went to the second UoB Masters Event and the short course records fell again

- Don Leatherbarrow – British records 200Fr; 50Fr and 50Fly
- Colin Stephenson – British records 200Fr & 100Fr

GMSC Open Meet 2023 – Sunday April 23rd, GL1 Gloucester

The meet was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to (another) floor failure. Additionally the attempt to resolve the abysmal quality of the spectator offering (due to all the broken seats) has produced an even worse environment for the swimmers/spectators. All the seats were removed

and the tiers covered with a non-slip coating, but as there are no guard rails in place, building regs only permits the bottom 3 tiers to be used – effectively eliminating 70% of the seating provision. None of the cubs that regularly use the pool for competition are happy.

It seems that the unreliability of the pool, the timing equipment and the management means that few will consider this venue in the future.

British Long Course Championship – June 2nd to 4th 2023, Ponds Forge, Sheffield

The long course event returned to England for 2023

Summary	
Golds	21
Silver	17
Bronze	11
SW Records	28
Welsh Records	3
British Records	3
European Records	1

Upcoming Events

Gloucester & Somerset Masters Meet – September 3rd, Hutton Moor

After a 3yr hiatus, we are finally going to have our county champs again.

South West Region Masters Open Meet – Sunday October 8th, Millfield

International Events 2023

- European Masters Games – 6-9 July, Tampere, Finland
- Fina World Masters Champs – 2⁻¹¹ August, Fukuoka, Japan

A significant number of other UK events are starting to be listed on the SE Masters website at <https://www.swimming.org/calendar/all/?discipline=masters-swimming> as it appears that swimming moves back to pre-pandemic levels for Masters.

British Masters Championship 2023 – Gloucester County Medallists				
Bristol North	Rachel Wood	W 45-49	100 Bk	Gold
			200 Bk	Silver
Bristol Henleaze	David Messenger	M 40-44	100 Bk	Bronze*
			100 Fly	Bronze*
			50 Bk	Bronze*
CoB	Ella Riggall	W 18-24	100 Bk	Gold
			50 Bk	Silver*
GMSC	Micaela Morris	W 60-64	100 Bk	#
			50 Bk	#
			200 Bk	#
	Jessica Partridge	W 45-49	800 Fr	Silver
			400 IM	Gold*
			400 Fr	Silver
			200 Fly	Gold*
			200 IM	Gold
	Jayne Stephenson	W 65-69	800 Fr	Bronze
			200 Fr	Bronze
			400 Fr	Bronze
			200 IM	Bronze
			100 Fr	Bronze
	Nia Westlake	W 30-34	400 IM	Gold*
			200 Fly	Gold*
			200 IM	Gold*
			200 Br	Gold*
	Matthew Bailey	M 50-54	100 Bk	Gold*
			100 Fly	Silver*
			50 Bk	Gold
			50 Fly	Silver*
	Simon Wintle	M 55-49	100 Bk	Gold*
			50 Bk	Silver*
			200 Bk	Gold*
			200 IM	Gold**
	Vikki Payne	W 30-34	50 Br	Bronze
			100 Br	Silver*
Jo Seymour	W 55-59	50 Br	Silver*	
Colin Stephenson	M 65-69	200 Fr	Gold**	
		400 Fr	Gold	
		50 Fr	Silver	
		100 Fr	Gold***	
Tony Cherrington	M 80-84	200 Fr	Silver	
		400 Fr	Gold	
		50 Fr	Gold	
		100 Fr	Silver	
Sandra Jones	W 55-59	50 Bk	Silver	

			50 Fly	Bronze
	Luke Pearson	M 35-39	100 Fr	Silver*
	Vikki Payne*, Jo Seymour, Sandra Jones, Jo Duberley	W 200+	4x100 Medley	Silver
	Vikki Payne, Jo Seymour, Sandra Jones, Jo Duberley	W 200+	4x50 Medley	Silver
	Matt Bailey*, Simon Wintle, Luke Pearson, Colin Stephenson	M 200+	4x50 Medley	Bronze
	Colin Stephenson*, Jo Duberley, John Anderson, Micaela Morris	Mixed 240+	4x50 Fr	Gold
	Nia Westlake, Jess Partridge, Vicki Payne, Jo Duberley	W 160+	4x200 Fr	Silver
	Matt Bailey*, Simon Wintle, Luke Pearson, Colin Stephenson	M 200+	4x200 Fr	Gold

Key

*	SW Region Record
**	British Record
***	European Record
#	Welsh Record

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Appendix 2

Cornwall masters report for SW Regional meeting 5th July 2023 CCASA masters Championships –Sunday 12th March 2023 – Bodmin

With 356 swims from 90 competitors it was great to see we recovered the entry numbers achieved at our 2020 gala just before the pandemic. Swimmers came from 18 non Cornish clubs, predominantly from the SW but some swimmers ventured from further afield, possibly to gain QTs for the imminent opening of entries to the British Masters gala in June. The following records were taken (all awaiting ratification)

Female

400 m free

40-44 Anna Harrold (Carrick) 5.17.77 County record

65-69 Alison Russell (Carrick) 8.16.83 County record

100m Fly

35-39 Sarah Quartermaine (Carrick) 1.09.77 **Regional record**

200m Free

35-39 Megan Cookson 2.37.39 (Carrick) County record

400 IM

35-39 Sarah Quartermaine (Carrick) 5.43.37 County record

200m Breast stroke

60-64 Ninette Hibbs (St Austell) 3.32.83 County record

Men

100m Fly

65-69 Graeme Milne (Carrick) 1.17.49 **Regional record**

200m Free

30-34 Robert Bale 2.00.06 (Bude) County record

75-79 Peter Stephens (Carrick) 3.11.97 County record

100m Breast

75-79 Peter Stephens (Carrick) 2.11.88 County record

50m Back

18-24 Tom Parker(Carrick)29.56 County record

(DEVON swimmer 80-84 John Holding (DTS) 48.55 **Regional record**)

400m IM

45-49 Edward Richardson (Bude) 6.37.97 County record

200m Fly

18-24 Freddie Caslake (Bude) 2.58.05 County record

100m Back stroke

(DEVON swimmer 80-84 John Holding (DTS) 1.47.35 **Regional record**)

Cornish Club Results

1	Carrick Masters	576
2	Bude Sharks	232
3	Caradon SC	173
4	St Austell Asc	51
5	Newquay Cormorants SC	36
6	Truro City SC	18
7	North Cornwall Dragons SC	12

British masters 2-4th June 2023 . Ponds forge, Sheffield. Results for Cornwall

The following Cornish swimmers attended

Malcolm Barton (65-69) representing Team Luton – member of Carrick

Vicki Buck (70-74) representing Team Anglia – member of Carrick

Thomas Greet (18-24) Caradon

Graeme Milne (65-69) Carrick Masters

Sarah Quartermaine (35-39) Carrick Masters
Peter Stephens (75-79) representing Spencer – member of Carrick
Bernie Buck was involved in the administration and recording of this event

Podium positions for athletes representing Cornwall

400m IM

Thomas Greet- 3rd place 5.25.13

100m Fly

Graeme Milne – 1st place – 1.19.36

Sarah Quartermaine - 3rd place -1.11.46

200m Fly

Sarah Quartermaine -1st place – 2.46.39

(Thomas Greet 4th -2.29.93)

200m IM

Sarah Quartermaine – 3rd place 2.47.96

50m Fly

Graeme Milne – 2nd place 30.86

World masters in Japan 2nd- 11th August .

Graeme Milne (representing Carrick) and Peter Stephens are attending. They were both required to apply for an international permit and complete a risk assessment (a template for the risk assessment was provided and completed by Carrick masters Chair)

CCASA masters gala – March 2024 Bodmin – tbc