

Minutes of Swimming Masters Meeting
Held via Zoom on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 19.00

Attendees:

Catherine Ralph	CRa	Cornwall County Representative
Sue Haigh	SH	Regional and Devon County Representative
Adele Parham	AP	Somerset County Representative
Philippa O'Grady	PO	Somerset County Representative
Di Gibbs	DG	Dorset County Representative
Brian Armstrong	BA	Gloucester County Representative
Chrissie Robinson	CRo	Regional Chair
Paul Robbins	PR	Regional Vice Chair

Apologies:

Andy Harris	AH	Wiltshire County Representative
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This meeting has been called to decide if it is possible to run the Masters Meet scheduled for 26th September.

There was considerable discussion about various aspects of running this event.

Before the meeting, County representatives had canvassed their swimmers to see if there would be interest for the event if it went ahead.

BA reported that many swimmers from Gloucester Masters would be interested in competing. SH also reported that approximately 25 swimmers from Devon and 20 from Somerset would be keen to take part. DG reported that only a few Dorset swimmers had shown interest in supporting the event. CRa reported that masters had only just got back in the water and she didn't envisage a great number of Cornish swimmers being keen to take part.

CRo was surprised to hear that the Masters meet had been held as an open event for many years. Her opinion was that it should not be held as an open meet this year. CRo stated that she would raise this at the next swimming meeting.

SH reported that opening our meet to out-of-region swimmers has always been popular as it makes the event stronger both competitively and financially.

Finally, after much discussion it was unanimously decided that as we do not know what restrictions/guidelines will be imposed by the Government and Swim England until early July and in light of the three month cancellation policy which Millfield has imposed on us, we should cancel our booking for 26 September.

It was also agreed that another meeting be called in early July, after we have had sight of the new SE guidelines, to discuss if the meet can/should go ahead.

If we decide that we can hold our masters meet in 2021, depending on the existing circumstances and if the date of the 26 September is still available, there is a chance that our meet could still go ahead then. However, if the pool is not available on that date, we would look for a date later on in the year.

The meeting closed at 19.55.

