



President Chris Elliott

Minutes of the meeting of the Members Forum held at the Regional Office on
Wednesday 29th July 2015

1. Welcome

The President Chris Elliott welcomed the members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

30 members attended with 10 recorded apologies.

3. Appointment of Tellers

Roger Downing and Ann Reynolds were appointed.

4. Matters arising not covered by the agenda

There were no matters to discuss, although the minutes of the previous meeting dated Saturday 21.02.2015 had been omitted from the agenda and this was made an additional item.

Page One point 6 last two words should read “ *for 2015*” instead of from 2016

Page Two – Gerry Griffin – members page on website what is happening with regard to access – Work in progress to be added.

Point 9 – Issues raised from Nov 2014 minutes, Number 8.3 – Housekeeping – the protocol and procedures should be available shortly – Work in progress to be added.

The minutes were then accepted as a true recording of the meeting.

5. Secretarial Allowances

D Flack, C Robinson, C Tremellen, J Bird, R Margetts, I Stuart, S Dors all left the meeting.

Marion Britton presented the figures. Overall increase of 2.9% recommended in 3 areas (Chair, Finance and Admin).

Proposed by Philip Russell

Seconded John Masters and Gerry Griffin. Unanimous agreement.

6. Nomination for Regional President 2016/2017

S Dors left the room.

One nomination for the position received – S Dors.

Formally move – G Griffin & P Robbins

In favour –agreed unanimously with no abstentions.

7. Appointments 2015/2016

ASA South West Region

Health & Safety Officer – vacant

Medical Advisor - vacant

Synchro Swimming Committee Secretary – Mary Hooper

Regional Representatives to the ASA Committees

ASA Medical Advisory – vacant

County Representatives to Regional Committees

Devon – Jamie New replaces Dean Pearce

There are other vacancies in all disciplines still to be filled.

8. Report from the Regional Finance Officer

The Finance Officer reported that the accounts are currently with the accountant.

There is an overall increase in funds of £20k

The Finance Officer reiterated that money is there for clubs for bursaries and other help if required but that people must apply for this assistance. All details held on the website.

R Margetts – Will we see a copy of the Accounts before the ACM? – CR replied Yes the certified accounts will be circulated before the ACM.

What will the clubs receive? – CR replied – Copy of the accounts for the year, again before the ACM. Counties will also receive a copy.

Proposal for membership fees:

Cat 1 - £2.90

Cat 2 - £3.65

Cat 3 - £2.25

Clubs £75.00

This is a five pence increase on all categories with a £5.00 increase for the clubs.

Discussion around this issue followed.

CR also confirmed that the Swim 21 clubs will receive ½ of the £75.00 back following accreditation.

9. Report from Regional Chairman

The Chairman gave an overview on a range of issues occurring throughout the Region.

Emily Taylor has returned from Maternity Leave, Paul Shergold has now finished.

The Chair has regular meetings with the DBM Alan Green and also with Jackie Hilleard. It has been agreed the Chair will attend all Swim 21 Panel meetings.

From September 2015 there will be a paper available regarding the Regional Club Development Group which covers various aspects of Swim 21 and is looking to support all Clubs in different ways including funding. David Beament is the Chairman and additional members would be most welcome. The paper will go to the ACM and the Regional Club Development Committee will sit alongside the relevant disciplines. ACM – Sunday 13th September 2015 at the Holiday Inn Taunton. Adam Paker the Chief Executive of the ASA will be attending and giving a presentation.

Cost of lunch £12.00 with a subsidy of £2.00 proposed by G Griffin and seconded by

S Dors

The morning will consist of workshops especially focusing on the key functions of County development – our strength is we work well with the Counties in our Region.

Should the ASA become an Incorporated Body and the Legal issues surrounding this? DF is on the working party that will be approaching the Boards regarding the benefits of this. It will be the membership who makes the decisions and it will be put to councils in 2016.

We have a new resource available first used at the Open Water event recently – A Gazebo which has our logo printed on it in prominent places, looks very good. Should anyone wish to use it please let DF know, it is an excellent photo opportunity.

DF presented the 2014 Annual Report – it contains good localised reports and supplies are available tonight for all to return to their Counties for distribution.

JB – ASA ACM – there are no starred questions, when you receive the report should you have any questions please send direct to Jane Nickerson and she will reply. This is a trial to see how it works. Should you have a question regarding Board minutes please raise it at the time throughout the year, no need to wait until ACM.

DF – Any questions?

S Dors – Awards for Volunteers, are we doing anything?

DF – ASA also have this, please put forward anyone who you wish to nominate, DF will check with ASA re dates and how the system works.

No other questions were asked.

10. ASASW Board minutes (January – April – May 2015)

Issues raised:

P Gordon – 17.06.15 Minutes page 3 point 7 To note Discipline Committee Minutes – Preferential entries can be given to Network clubs – is this correct – Yes.

Page 4 – point 9 – disappointing to see a further decline in numbers. Also why do the ASA's main three areas focussed upon not include clubs?

DF – Get People Swimming, Increasing Learn to Swim and Podium Potentials all involves clubs.

P Gordon – Page 5 – point 12 Should the ASA rely on Sport England for funding? Clarification was requested from Mr Gordon.

DF – The question was could the ASA survive without Sport England? The ASA is not reliant on Sport England but ensures we do not miss out on opportunities etc. The link is very important.

P Jones – thank you for the contribution from the Region towards Water Polo players reaching International level.

11. AOB

J Bird has received no notifications.

Next meeting date needs to avoid the County blocks.

R Margetts stated we are the only Region that has this body (the Forum) and these meetings must serve a purpose.

G Griffin proposed 1 Forum meeting each year timed such as elections etc can be prepared for by ACM, prior to the ACM, when votes can be taken forward – middle to the end of June each year.

Seconded by R Margetts

Vote – For 28 against 2 abstentions 0

Meeting closed 20.30