

**Minutes from Swim England South West Region Water Polo Technical Committee, held at the Regional Offices, Castle Business Centre, Castle Road, Chelston Business Park, Wellington, TA21 9JQ on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**1. Apologies:**

- 1.1. Stephanie Gadd, Regional Club Development Officer; Chris Elliot, Board Member allocated to Water Polo; Anthony Stevenson, Cornwall Representative.
- 1.2. Present: Roger Downing, Vice-Chairman of the Regional Board; Stuart Noyce, Swim England South West Water Polo Technical Committee Chairman, Mike Coles, Swim England South West Region President and Secretary of Swim England South West Water Polo Technical Committee Secretary, Simon Tomlinson, Somerset Representative and Head Coach of girls; John Spicer, Gloucestershire Representative and Head Coach of Boys, Martyn Thomas, Specialist; Helen Martin-Hicks, Wiltshire Representative; Brian Steer, Devon Representative; Chris Pryke, Dorset Representative.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

- 2.1. Proposed as a true record by Chris Pryke and seconded by John Spicer.

**3. Matters Arising from these Minutes**

- 3.1. No matters arising which were not already an agenda item.

**4. Notice of items for AOB**

- 4.1. None were forthcoming.

**5. Swim England Update**

- 5.1. The meeting was informed that all clubs will need to register to Swim Mark in the coming year as Swim England prepare for closer affiliation process.
- 5.2. Clubs are reminded to apply for START Funding. Details had been sent to all Swim England Water Polo Clubs on how to apply and it was recommended that as many apply as possible.

**6. Swim England Inter-Region Championships**

- 6.1. Under-14s Boys and Girls teams have all been selected and were scheduled to compete on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November/1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 for the Girls; and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> December, for the boys. Both events were to be held at Walsall's Gala Baths.
- 6.2. Under-18s Trials were due to be held at the next Regional Training Sessions being held in November, at Millfield. The competition will be held at East Manchester Leisure Centre, Manchester on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January. The Boys will be held at Ponds Forge Leisure Centre on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February.
- 6.3. Other Dates received post meeting:

U16 (Born 2005 and under) Division 1 girls  
4-5 July, Palatine Leisure Centre, Blackpool

U16 (Born 2005 and under) Division 2 girls  
4-5 July, Walsall Gala Baths, Walsall

U16 (Born 2005 and under) Division 1 boys  
27-28 June, GL1, Gloucester (hosted by the South West)

U16 (Born 2005 and under) Division 2 boys  
27-28 June, Palatine Leisure Centre, Blackpool

U14 (Born 2007 and under) boys  
5-6 December, Walsall Gala Baths, Walsall

U14 (Born 2007 and under) girls  
12-13 December, Walsall Gala Baths, Walsall

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

- 7.1. The schedule of play was put together by Stuart Noyce with the information provided on entries. Detailed order of play to be circulated latter in the month.
- 7.2. Trophies & Medals were being sorted by Stuart and Mike Coles, both of whom were liaising with Sue Dors, the Trophy Controller. All trophies had been returned to the regional office, except the John Spicer Trophy, which was still in Cheltenham, but efforts were being made to get it returned and engraved in time for the event.
- 7.3. Stuart Noyce was preparing a list of roles, and Mike Coles was organising the officials for the event.

## **8. Vacant Positions Update**

- 8.1. Comms Officer: Still looking for a volunteer, so Stuart Noyce and Mike Coles would manage until new person found. Post meeting a volunteer has been found.
- 8.2. Boys Academy Administration: A volunteer had been found and was now taking up the post.
- 8.3. Girls Academy Administration: Again, a willing volunteer had been found and was now taking up the post.

## **9. Regional Academy Update**

- 9.1. John Spicer reported that numbers were down on the boys and girls. There was no one coming from Dorset or Cornwall, and only a few from Wiltshire. The bulk came from Gloucestershire and Devon, and a few from Somerset.
- 9.2. Simon Tomlinson reiterated this point and they needed to do a big push for girls to come along to the sessions.
- 9.3. The meeting was reminded that participants needed to pay for year on line and this appeared to be working.
- 9.4. Remining dates for 2019/2010 were as follows:  
All sessions are at Millfield for boys and girls. The first two hours will be for 06s,07s and 08s. The second two hours will be 03s, 04s and 05s.

12th October	5pm - 9pm
16th November	5pm - 9pm (Under 18 team trial)
4th January	12.30pm - 4.30pm
15th February	12.30pm - 4.30pm
7th March	5pm - 9pm (Under 16 team trial)
2nd May	5pm - 9pm

## **10. Finance Report and Budget**

- 10.1. This is supplied in Appendix A

## **11. Training Courses**

- 11.1. Present Training Courses were a Level 2 Coaches Course scheduled for later in the month at Plymouth.
- 11.2. Table Officials/Referees' Course at Millfield in November
  - 11.2.1. Mike Coles updated to meeting on progress, and because training had not yet taken place, then this course could not proceed.

## **12. County Officers Reports**

- 12.1. Cornwall: Anthony Stevenson reported that not a lot has changed. Water polo is played by Penzance, St Austell and Newquay. We have very few matches, but training sessions are well attended. I cannot see this position being any different for many years unless other swimming clubs in Cornwall set up mini / junior sections to play

the game, however I see little evidence that this will happen.

We are entering 5 teams in the Inter County tournament at Millfield, and hope to have full squads for each.

Our main source of experience is to play out of the county for teams in the Bristol and West league, Young St Austell players make up a large part of the very good Devonport under 16 team.

12.2. Devon: Brian Steer reported that the Devon League was finished including the new Under 13 league and the Knock Out finals would be held in early December. Teams had been selected for the forthcoming inter-county event or trials were being held.

12.3. Dorset: Chris Pryke reported The Lyme Splash water polo tournament hosted at Lyme Regis (3rd/ 4th August) continues to grow from strength to strength, with a total of 18 teams having taken part. It is estimated some 300 water polo players and spectators attended the event, in its 3rd year, with teams from as far away as Newquay, Southampton & Aberdare taking part.

A total of 16 candidates successfully completed the level 1 coaching course hosted at Weymouth/ Portland, delivered by Martin Thomas in June. As a result, Dan Kinsey is due to attend the forthcoming L2 course at Plymouth.

A total of 5 teams from Dorset are due to compete in the forthcoming Regional Inter Counties tournament at Millfield in November.

We await developments to be formalised regarding the proposed Grade D referee course we successfully applied to host last year.

Dan Kinsey (Weymouth & Portland) has won the South West Region Personal Achievement of the year award.

12.4. Gloucestershire: John Spicer reported that not a lot was happening on the county front, other than selection of the teams for the forthcoming inter-counties.

12.5. Somerset: Simon Tomlinson reported that the senior men had held their county tournament at Millfield, where Frome narrowly beat Weston-super-Mare, by 1 goal, with Taunton finishing in third place. Brad Poole had selected the team members for Somerset Senior team for the inter-county event. Simon went on to say why he would not be entering any other teams in the event, as only Taunton, at present, had any players in the younger age groups.

12.6. Wiltshire: Helen Martin-Hicks explained the problems encountered within Wiltshire, with not a lot of co-operation between the other clubs in the county. Salisbury, Marlborough and Swindon participated in the trials, but no one came from the fourth club, Bradford on Avon.

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

13.1. The changes in allowances was discussed. This has been changed, and allowances will be based on internet usage by the various members of the committee. Details will be published in the New Year.

13.2. Development Officer: Mike Coles spoke on future developments for officials training and how the South West was being used as a guinea pig to test run a new day long course being presented by the top officials in the region, who would be trained up by Swim England to present the newly written course locally. Dorset was promised the first course.

### **14. Correspondence:**

14.1. No correspondence had been received as regards to the region.

### **15. Items to communicate and protocol for social media.**

15.1. It was pointed out that the region had already written the protocols for social media and that we should follow this protocol.

### **16. Any other business: Nothing discussed.**

Meeting was closed at 9.45pm

Dates of next meeting:  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**Swim England SW Polo Budget 2020-21 - DRAFT**

<b>SUMMARY</b>					
<b>Item</b>		<b>Detail</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Nett Cost</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Committee Expenses</b>	3 meetings per year & Sundries	£ -	£ 939	£ 939
<b>B</b>	<b>South West Championships</b>	7 No. Championships	£ 3,590	£ 4,750	£ 1,160
<b>C</b>	<b>Development</b>	Mini Polo, Workforce Development, Equipment	£ -	£ 7,800	£ 7,800
<b>D</b>	<b>RTC</b>	Junior Player Development Sessions	£ 4,500	£ 6,000	£ 1,500
<b>E</b>	<b>SE Inter Regional Championships</b>	Fielding 6 No. South West teams in SE Regional Championships	£ 3,692	£ 7,160	£ 3,468
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£ 11,782</b>	<b>£ 26,649</b>	<b>£14,867</b>
<b>Nett Investment</b>					<b>£14,867</b>

A Committee Expenses 2020/21								
Item	Topic	Ref	Detail	Mileage	Rate	Meetings	Cost	Notes
1	Room Hire	1.01	Wellington		£ -	0	£ -	
2	Refreshments	2.01	Food for Committee Meetings		£ 42.00	2	£ 84.00	
3	Travel Claims	3.01	Cornwall Rep.	100	£ 0.45	2	£ 90.00	
		3.02	Devon Rep.	50	£ 0.45	2	£ 45.00	
		3.03	Dorset Rep.	140	£ 0.45	2	£ 126.00	
		3.04	Gloucestershire Rep.	160	£ 0.45	2	£ 144.00	
		3.05	Somerset Rep.	30	£ 0.45	2	£ 27.00	
		3.06	Wiltshire Rep.	160	£ 0.45	2	£ 144.00	
		3.07	Development Rep.	0	£ 0.45	2	£ -	see sec.
		3.08	Management Board Rep.	100	£ 0.45	2	£ 90.00	
		3.09	Secretary	60	£ 0.45	2	£ 54.00	
		3.10	Finance Officer	0	£ 0.45	2	£ -	see chairmen
		3.11	Chairmen	50	£ 0.45	2	£ 45.00	
		3.12	Coach	0	£ 0.45	2	£ -	shares with glos. rep
		3.13	Officials Rep.	0	£ 0.45	2	£ -	see sec.
		3.14	B&WWPL Rep	100	£ 0.45	2	£ 90.00	
TOTAL							£ 939.00	

B - SW CHAMPS 20/21																	
Item	Ref	Event	Entries	INCOME			EXPENDITURE			Nett Costs							
				Entry Fees	Prog / Entry	TOTAL	Pool Hire	Expenses	TOTAL								
1	1.01	Club Seniors Intermediate	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.02	Club - 18&U Male	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.03	Club - 16&U Male	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.04	Club - 16&U Female	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.05	Club - 14&U Mixed	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.06	Club - 12&U Mixed	0	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-				
	1.07	Inter County Snr Male	4	£	480.00	£	50.00	£	530.00	£	500.00	£	50.00	£	550.00	£	20.00
	1.08	Inter County - Snr Female	4	£	480.00	£	50.00	£	530.00	£	500.00	£	50.00	£	550.00	£	20.00
	1.09	Inter County - 18&U Male	3	£	360.00	£	50.00	£	410.00	£	375.00	£	50.00	£	1,100.00	£	690.00
	1.10	Inter County - 16&U Male	4	£	480.00	£	50.00	£	530.00	£	500.00	£	50.00	£	550.00	£	20.00
	1.11	Inter County - 16&U Female	2	£	240.00	£	50.00	£	290.00	£	250.00	£	50.00	£	300.00	£	10.00
	1.12	Inter County - 14&U Mixed	5	£	600.00	£	50.00	£	650.00	£	750.00	£	100.00	£	850.00	£	200.00
	1.13	Inter County - 12&U Mixed	5	£	600.00	£	50.00	£	650.00	£	750.00	£	100.00	£	850.00	£	200.00
		<b>TOTAL COST</b>		£	3,240.00	£	350.00	£	3,590.00	£	3,625	£	450.00	£	4,750.00	£	<b>1,160.00</b>

**Notes:**

Entry Fee       £                           120

Pool Hire       £                           125

Based on Milfield £250 per hour.

16 hours

C Development		20/21					
Item	Topic	Ref	Detail	Number	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	Nett Costs
1	Development of Mini Polo	1.01	Mini-polo taster sessions	0	£ -	£ -	£ -
2	Workforce Development	2.01	Coaches - level 1	1	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
		2.02	Coaches - Level 2	1	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
		2.03	Grade D Referees Courses	1	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
		2.04	Table Officials Courses	0	£ -	£ -	£ -
3	Equipment	3.01	New Caps / Balls /Timing equipment	0	£ -	£ 4,800	£ 4,800
<b>TOTAL COST</b>					£ -	£ 7,800	£ 7,800

**Notes:**

Refs courses to be funded by BWWPL this year

Run Two Coaches Course

Extra Balls - £300

Timing equipment - £2500

3/4 Goals - £2000





E - SE Inter Regions 20/21										
Item	Ref	Detail	INCOME		EXPENDITURE					Net Cost
			Contribution	TOTAL	Entry Fees	Event Costs			TOTAL	
						Hotel	Evening Meal	Coach/ TM Travel		
1										
	1.01	U14 Boys	£ 923.00	£ 923.00	£ 400.00	£ 490.00	£ 210.00	£ 490.00	£ 1,590.00	£ 667.00
	1.02	U14 Girls	£ 923.00	£ 923.00	£ 400.00	£ 490.00	£ 210.00	£ 490.00	£ 1,590.00	£ 667.00
	1.03	U16 Boys	£ 923.00	£ 923.00	£ 400.00	£ 490.00	£ 210.00	£ 490.00	£ 1,590.00	£ 667.00
	1.04	U16 Girls	£ 923.00	£ 923.00	£ 400.00	£ 490.00	£ 210.00	£ 490.00	£ 1,590.00	£ 667.00
	1.05	U18 Boys	£ -	£ -	£ 400.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
	1.06	U18 Girls	£ -	£ -	£ 400.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			£ 3,692.00	£ 3,692.00	£ 2,400.00	£ 1,960.00	£ 840.00	£ 1,960.00	£ 7,160.00	£ 3,468.00

**Notes**

1. The Inter-Regional events budget is for 6 Competitions organised for regions.
2. The Inter-Regional events budget assumes entry fees of £400.
3. The venues for the competitions are taken as an average, therefore Walsall has been assumed as an average for these purposes.
4. The Inter-Regional Player Contribution is for the following:-  
all costs for accommodation, breakfast, evening meal, coach and team manager expenses

**INCOME NOTES**

- Contribution = 13 players x £71 each

**EXPENDITURE NOTES**

- Hotel = 7 rooms @ £70 per (6 twin rooms + 1 triple room for Players, Coach & Team Manager)
- Evening Meal = average £14 budget for Players, Coach & Team Manager
- Travel to cover Coach & Team Manager