

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President Ms S.Dors

Minutes of the Coaches Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13TH June at the Regional Offices.

Present;	S.Dors	(SD)	President
	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	L.Dunn	(LD)	England Programmes via webex
	J.John	(JJ)	Exeter City
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucester City
	J.Wills	(JW)	Soundwell
	E.Dart	(ED)	Cornwall
	R Brew	(RB)	Mt Kelly
	R.Pavoni	(RP)	Plymouth Leander (Sub R Amarayan)
	C.Alderton	CA)	Team Bath AS
	B.Aldrick	(BA)	Poole
	M.Puddy	(MP)	City of Bristol
	E.Dale	(EDa)	Millfield
	L.Leffers	(LL)	Licensing Officer
	C.Tremellen	CT)	Swimming Secretary & Minutes

Apologies: A.Alexander, R.Amarayan, E.Taylor, S.Millett

17/10 Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th March signed as true record

17/11 Matters arising

None

17/12 Zagreb Camp update

12.1 Lot of difficulties contacting swimmers as intergra not up to date with postal or email addresses. Suggested in future letters went via coaches. Selection now complete.

12.2 Kit ordered, Log books almost ready for printing.

12.3 BA meeting with assistant coaches following day to finalise details.

17/13 Licensing

Licensing Officer invited to attend to discuss dates and QT problems with coaches.

13.1 Date for L1 meet in Jan/Feb period. Dorset have moved their dates which now clashes with date of meet but have agreed the principle that only very top swimmers be allowed to attend the L1 competition.

13.2 Entry times for L1 & L3 meets. LL has had so much negativity regarding upper and lower times that she has now abandoned the suggested times. Clubs are however encouraged not to make the L3 times so high that the lower end swimmers who desperately need long course time are shut out.

13.3 Noted that there was also an issue around programming with identical meets being held on same dates in close geographical areas. Complaints received that Bristol

clubs are dominating meets in the area resulting in lack of pool availability for other clubs and putting pressure on meets not far away.

- 13.4 Various options of running L1 and L3 meets at the same time discussed.
- 13.5 Agreed that a meeting of all coaches whose clubs run L1 meets will be held after the next coaches meeting on 19th July to discuss and try to formulate a sensible plan. Meeting to start at 1.00pm. Coaches who do not attend the coaches meeting to be invited. AO to organise.

17/14 Regional Pathway Update

- 14.1 Parents talk at Millfield – 41 parents attended.
- 14.2 Regional Conference – poor attendance – only 16 coaches attended, 7 of whom were the coaches for the camps. The Team managers conference was extremely disappointing – just 5 attended from 2 clubs, 2 of whom were the Team Managers for the camps.
- 14.3 Swimmers selection – still waiting for several replies. Some unavailable, reserves invited.

17/15 Bristol Beacon Programme

- 15.1 Queries received regarding the selection criteria for the Bristol programme. LD stated that it was not a pathway programme aimed at younger swimmers but was biased towards older swimmers. It was agreed there needed to be more clarity but coaches had been emailed to express interest.
- 15.2 40 swimmers from 9 clubs are involved and the networks coaches have been very supportive.
- 15.3 Payment for training paid to City of Bristol as they were paying for the water time. Noted that although CoB have 18 hours of free water time this was across all disciplines.

17/16 England Programmes Officer's Report

- 16.1 Discussions soon with Junior League & ESSA due to try and resolve scheduling issues.
- 16.2 Regional Pathways programme – MP to set programme which will be circulated to all caches in Region who will be invited to observe.
- 16.3 A booklet being put together with all dates for phase 1 and 2 – will be available at Nationals and later electronically.
- 16.4 Phase 1 & 2 have expanded programme – Phase 1 – 3 x 1 day camps in Sept – Dec and Phase 2 – 2 x 2 days.
Jak Mullin Head coach for Phase 1. Coach selection criteria will be in booklet.
- 16.5 ESSA finals 18th November

17/17 National Forum Report

- 17.1 Discussion whether forum should continue in it's current form
- 17.2 Next meeting is at Summer Championships. Items for MP to raise to be sent to him by July 28th.

17/18 Competition Secretary's Report

- 18.1 Winter Championships 2017: RM proposed having a 16yrs final as so many 16 years olds especially boys missed out on finals. Lengthy discussion followed with final agreement to hold Senior Open A & B finals and Junior (15/under) final.
- 18.2 Summer Championships 2018 – discussion re need for mixed medley relays and 800m for males and 1500m for females.
Need clarification from Swim England. CT & LL attending meeting on 9th July.
- 18.3 CT reported that she had been informed that there was at least 1 swimmer (plus possible others) competing this summer who was not a resident of the Region, the competitor concerned admitted he flew in from abroad to compete.. General conditions state that swimmers must be resident for at least 60 days prior to the competition. RM will watch out for this in future but it was thought unlikely to happen again.

17/19 AOB

- 19.1 Open Water- There were issues regarding canoeists for the Regional competition in July which might have to be cancelled. Committee made a strong recommendation that the event be swum in a lake.
BA requested guidance regarding coaching and training for open water as he had been unable to find any. Suggested he contact Sharon Locke.
- 19.2 Funding support for swimmers in need. Noted that the cost of some activities eg extra training/camps etc are putting financial pressure on some families. Noted that the Ray Clash fund rules could do with updating to ensure help can be given if needed.

Next meeting Tuesday September 19th at 10.15am followed by Coaches Licensing meeting at 1pm.

Signed _____
R Margetts Chairman