

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President I Stuart

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2016 at the Regional Offices, Wellington at 6.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>	I. Stuart	(IS)	President
	R. Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	L. Elliott	(LE)	Officials Secretary
	J. John	(JJ)	Coach Representative
	C. Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	A. Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	P. Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	S. Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies: L. Leffers; G. Cockill; R. Johnson; J. Stoneman

1/16 Minutes of previous meeting held on 15th October: signed as true record

2/16 Matters arising:

- 2.1 Lap cards at Hengrove. Pool has not bought any. Will need to borrow Gloucs – MB to organise.
- 2.2 Date of next meeting changed to 16th June

3/16 Masters Report

Secretary not present

- 3.1 Training camp Jan: 32 applied, 30 attended on the day. (max 42)
Income £640; Expenditure £ 796 - loss £156
Coach, Chris Alderton from Bath very good. Pilates enjoyed and very good talk
- 3.2 Masters individuals – agreed to only give commemorative medals to each competitor.
- 3.3 RJ had indicated that she would not be continuing in post after summer.

4/16 Backstroke starting platforms

Noted that our swimmers will be disadvantaged if not available. Therefore the Region have offered to purchase a set for each of the 3 main pools we use with the proviso that the pools will be responsible for their maintenance and repair.

Millfield have agreed to the arrangement and are ordering. Hengrove and Plymouth still undecided.

Agreed there was a need to persuade Hengrove and Plymouth to accept the offer. County reps asked to talk to pools. CT also to contact AS and C of B to get them to work on the Hengrove. RM expecting to meet with Plymouth provider at weekend.

5/16 Licensing Officers Report

- 5.1 Applications have slowed down and role becoming more manageable.
- 5.2 Several meets licenses cancelled due to lack of officials.

- 5.3 L1 competitions are so over- subscribed with lower limit times too low so that swimmers are finding it difficult to get LC L1 times
- 5.4 Level 3 competitions – many swimmers are finding it difficult to get into L3 meets to get times for Counties and Regional competitions as upper times set too high – in one instance National SC times and swimmers who need times are excluded. Therefore important that upper times are kept at reasonable level. CT to raise at Regional Swimming Managers meeting at weekend. Suggested upper and lower times for all levels of meet circulated and reps asked to discuss with Clubs and coaches and report back to next meeting
- 5.5 Suggested that a weekend towards the end of the County period is kept free for L1 meets (entry/ experience for British Champs) from 2018 – Reps to see if their counties can keep 17/18th or 24/25th Feb free .
- 5.6 Has been agreed that only 2 x L1 /L2 meets and 2 x L3/L4 will be licensed in each County per month. Will apply to County not venue. Initially this will be on first come first served but may be reversed in following year to be fair.
- 5.7 Gloucs, Wilts and Dorset are managing the requests for available dates for open meets which is working well.

6/16 Officials Report

Minutes of 17th February circulated.

- 6.1 Noted we can no longer insist that clubs provide officials however Clubs to be warned (RM to circulate) that if there are insufficient officials with correct qualifications the meet/session will not be licensed.
- 6.2 Intend to hold 3 seminars for trainers in the Counties to get a consistent approach to training. Counties reminded to run CPDs.
- 6.3 Mileage – agreed that where an official with a competing swimmer at boarding school travels from outside the region, mileage will only be paid from swimmer's home club/school.
- 6.4 Still need officials to apply for Summer Championships.

7/16 Events Report

- 7.1 Starters lectern now purchased and will be taken to main 3 pools
- 7.2 Large folding banner to be taken to pools by courier.
- 7.3 Awards – SRS will supply vouchers for top swimmers – 14 required.
- 7.4 Para Gala held previous Sunday ran well with good numbers. Include taster races for novices.
- 7.5 Masters inter –County will be at Dorchester –CT to contact W.Dorset Warriors re manning the AOE
- 7.6 Photography – need a statement that photographs may be taken during racing and presentations to be put on competition entry information. Concerns regarding swimmers use of cameras/phones and sending to internet sites. CT to discuss at Regional Managers meeting.
- 7.7 As RM has lost his assistant there will be no withdrawals for Youths and programmes will be heated. Need to find a team of assistants.

8/16 COACHES REPORT

Minutes of meeting on 9th February circulated

- 8.1 Forum meeting at Loughborough – SW sited as a good model re training camps
- 8.2 Open water camp will be held – possible in SE or E Region
- 8.3 Office staffing – England talent will let us know what we need and JDs
- 8.4 Overseas meet – Golden Bear International Meet – Zagreb 16 -18th June
Outdoor 8 lane 50m pool; full Olympic programme plus 50m back, breast & fly.
Will include training day
Team – 26 swimmers maximum plus 3 coaches and 2 team managers - Barry Alldrick
Lead Coach, Lead Team Manager Lindsay Powell.
Expression of interest forms for coaches/team managers to be circulated. Swimmers
availability forms to be circulated.

9/16 Competitions Secretary's Report

- 9.1 2016 Winter Championships – programme and QTs unchanged.

10/16 Swimming Secretary's report

- 10.1 Funding – slight clarification update on funding parameters for long distance events
(on website)
- 10.2 Budget for 2016/17 agreed –swimming £5400; Para £2,000, Overseas meet £10,000

11/16 County Championships update

- 11.1 Most Counties made considerably less income this year. Probably due to dropping
the 9yr olds, change of age to 31st Dec and problems in getting QTs.
- 11.2 All but Gloucs ran age group finals for 50s and 100s but smaller Counties had low
numbers in finals and these were often same swimmers as in heats.
Some selected Championships as HDW from heats and other extrapolated from age
group finals.

Details attached as Appendix.

12/16 County Reports

- 12.1 Cornwall: meeting in September with Tempus Leisure re who will run the pools
- 12.2 Dorset: Graded meet will be held soon
- 12.3 Somerset: had problems with timing due to faulty starter mechanism.

13/16 AOB

- 13.1 Gordon Smart won Services to Aquatics award also Civic Achievement Award for
Poole
- 13.2 Dennis Yeoman given Harold Fern Award
Congratulations to both.

Signed _____
C Tremellen Secretary

Signed _____
R Margetts Chairman

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REPORTS FROM COUNTIES ON THEIR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Wiltshire: Ran youth and age groups separately
Ran all age groups finals
Championships results extrapolated from finals
QTs Ok
Ran at 80% capacity
Problem running sportsystems on Window 10 but rectified
- Gloucester: QTs only – no consideration times
Ran Championship finals only
Entries 21% down on previous year as many swimmers had no ranked times
- Cornwall: Ran finals as single age groups (one final had only 1 swimmer)
Recorders had problems getting names for finals (RM -need to run as separate sessions)
Entries down by 27% mainly due to difficulty getting ranked times
Financial loss - £4395
- Dorset: Numbers making consideration times lower as QTs were made harder to create distinction between competitions.
Championships - HDW from heats in distance events otherwise from finals
Finals for 10/11; 12, 13,14,15,16/over 50's & 100s
Minor problems with finals first session
Entries 8.5% down income 6% down
- Somerset: Ran finals for age groups but swimmers same ones as in heats.
Want to swim long course next year.
LD events swum long course at Millfield
- Devon: Programme changed to new one in 2015. Entries were down by 26% in long distance events.
Finals all age groups + Championships including 200s
Lack of younger swimmers – made 11/under times easier but very few 10yrs
Part way through competitions it was found that some swimmers did not have ranked times – now nullified.
Reduction in entries 200/400/800/1500m
50s in all ages but 26% down