

South West Region Para Meeting 14.05.2020 via Zoom from 1900hours

Present: Graham Cockill, Chrissie Robinson, Dave Hill, Martin Lees, Kerry O'Reilly, Richard Smith, Maria Harris, Kay Willcox Chris Vickery, Mike Coles
Unable to login to the meeting Chris Elliott

1. Welcome to the meeting, Chrissie Robinson Chair of the Region welcomed everyone to the meeting as Graham was having difficulty logging in via Zoom. Discussion continued around the Government's 50 plus page document regarding procedures going forward with regard to Covid 19.
Chrissie also explained the training opportunities during this time for Safeguarding and Team Manager.
Martin Lees asked CR to explain the furloughing happening within the Region.

2. Apologies – Chris Elliott Andy Jack (currently furloughed)

Graham joined the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting dated 06.02.2020 – everyone in agreement and happy with these minutes.
Mount Kelly training day held in February went very well. Dave Hill gave a report on the day which had 12 attendees. This was a good day with excellent feedback from the participants.
4. Matters arising from the minutes of 06.02.2020:
Item 6 Para Swimmer of the Year 2019 – Reece Dunn has been selected as the SW Region overall Swimmer of the Year which is a great achievement. Martin Lees enquired about how to go about putting Reece forward via the local paper in Plymouth as Sports Personality - Chrissie Robinson will try and find out the process.

With regard to the training days and development days for next year – we need to look at planning those days in the autumn of this year when hopefully things will be clearer. We will look at similar dates to this year and liaise with Martin Lees and Dave Hill.

Not planning on running any competitions this year.

DH explained how he has been attending Coaches forums regarding land training etc. The training days may well reflect the importance of the land training side of the sport.

CR asked ML for licencing update in order for guidance to be issued to the Chairs. Richard Smith has the email and will send to us.

5. SW Para Swimming Development Plan – Updates from Martin Lees and Dave Hill to include:
 - a) Establishment of Start Para Swimming Centres
 - b) Regional Training & Development and Competitions
 - c) Workforce Development

These points have already been covered in the discussions from earlier points.

ML & DH looking to work with the visually impaired in Devon. This was in the planning stage until Covid 19 and then stopped. The idea being to work with up to 12 swimmers.

Hope to reschedule when life returns to normal –
a questionnaire to source the swimmers – inviting 20 or so and hoping to have 12.

Oxley Dev Day 14.06.2020 cancelled
South West Para Champs 30.05.2020 cancelled

Still booked at present: Plymouth Training 20.09.2020 & Pewsey Development days
31.10.2020 and 01.11.2020
South West Para Champs 13.03.2021 & 12.03.2022

6. Waterproof Hearing Aids – Chris Elliott was going to cover this as he has a deaf swimmer in Caradon. Need to follow this up with Chris. Discussion around equipment available for deaf swimmers.
7. AOB
 - Cornwall – nil as not in meeting
 - Devon – Nothing except swimmers wanting to get back into the water
 - Dorset – nil as not in the meeting
 - Somerset – Kay – Hearing aids would be useful. Kay has a deaf swimmer who can lip read.
 - Wiltshire – Rich Smith informed the meeting Suzanna Hext has moved from Swindon Dolphin to Swindon ASC
 - Gloucester – Kerry new to the role and asked for clarity on what is required of her role – spreading news and development of Para Swimming in the county. GC available to assist as required and the Regional Office is there to help.
8.
 - Date of next meeting 06.08.2020 at 1900 via Zoom.

Meeting closed.

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