

# ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President C.Elliott

Minutes of the Swimming Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Regional Offices, Wellington at 6.30pm

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	R. Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	C. Elliott	(CE)	President & Cornwall
	G. Cockill	(GC)	Board Representative
	D.Flack	(DF)	Board Chairman
	R.Johnson	(RJ)	Masters Secretary
	L. Elliott	(LE)	Officials Secretary
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	A. Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	M.Coles	(MC)	Somerset sub
	S. Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

**Apologies** - J Stoneman, E.Gilburt, J.John, P.Gonsalves  
The President and M. Coles were welcomed to the meeting.

19/14 **Appointment of Chairman** R. Margetts appointed.

20/14 **Minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014** signed as true record.

21/14 **Matters arising**

- 21.1 15.1 Criteria and application form for funding had been circulated to committee members and was on the website.
- 21.2 16.2 Letter regarding complaint from Millfield at Age Groups – letter sent to all competing clubs
- 21.3 18.6 Lesley Leffers appointed as licensing officer to take over from EG next year. To shadow EG in intervening months.
- 21.4 20.4 Masters inter-county – currently booked at Hutton Moor. Some Counties unhappy with this. Other options to be considered after this year's event.

22/14 **Report on Competition Pathway**

Information was circulated and CT & RM explained the changes to competition for Counties, Regions and Nationally.

The main changes as follows –

- 22.1 **All County, Regional, British and National events** – age to be 31<sup>st</sup> December
- 22.2 **County Championships** – not required to make any changes in 2015.  
From 2016 competition to move to weeks 2-9. Minimum age 10yrs in year of competition.  
No bagcats

- 22.3 **Regional Championships** – Changes come into effect in 2015.  
To be held in weeks 13 – 22.  
Minimum age 11yrs with age groups 11/12 (12 yr QT) 13,14,15,16 & 17/ov.  
To include National relay qualification ages 14/16 & 17/ov.  
No longer a separate Youth and age groups competition. No Bagcats
- 22.4 **Open meets** – ideally should be run for purpose targeting particular meet, Regionals, Nationals. More L/C events required in autumn for qualification to British Championships/Trials. Also S/C competitions for Qualification to Winter Nationals. Licensing guidelines to be updated.  
Age on day allowed.
- 22.5 **British Championships/Trials** will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April.
- 22.6 National Youth and Age Groups no longer exist.
- 22.7 **British Summer Championships** To be held in weeks 30-31 – L/C 10 lane pool.  
Minimum age 13yrs. Age bands 13/14 (14yrs QT) 15,16,17 & 18/ov.  
Top 24 swimmers per event/age band will be selected from rankings achieved between 14<sup>th</sup> March & 31<sup>st</sup> May after swimmers selected to compete at International events have been removed. Relays – top 20 teams invited from qualifying events.
- 22.8 **Home Nations Summer Meet**  
England - Held in weeks 29 -33 .  
Minimum age 12yrs (13yrs QT). Age bands 12/13, 14,15,16,17/ov  
After excluding GB competing swimmers and those who were invited to compete at the British Summer Championships the next 20 swimmers from English clubs on English rankings will be selected to compete. Swimmers can be selected for events other than those they qualified for at British Summer Meet. Qualifying period 14<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- 22.9 Scotland will have 3 day meet (one week earlier than England) for Scottish members and members of Scottish clubs one week prior to ASA competition.
- 22.10 Wales will hold 6 day meet (same period as England). English swimmers may compete but not in events they were selected for at British or ASA Home summers meets.
- 22.11 **Winter Championships** (S/C) will be held in December.
- 23/14 **Minutes of Coaches Meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Minutes had been circulated.
- 23.1 Networks – some working well others still to get going.
- 23.2 Lindsey Dunn organising forthcoming talent camps for 11/12yrs olds.
- 23.3 CT updated the meeting regarding the camp held on 14<sup>th</sup> September which ran well.  
Forthcoming camps - all swimmers who competed in this year's regional competitions had been contacted to establish interest. Final list to be circulated to committee when available.
- 24/14 **Minutes of Masters Meeting** held on 28<sup>th</sup> September  
Minutes had been circulated.
- 24.1 Draw made for the inter-county on 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- 24.2 Training Day – arranged for Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at Taunton School. Maximum 30 swimmers paying £15 per head to include lunch provided by school.

Mark Skimming appointed as lead coach. Will require 4 other lane coaches. Renee McGregor contacted for nutrition talk.

Income - £450; approximate overall costs – £565 plus mileage

Closing date early December. RJ to email DF with information for poster.

Information to Website.

25/14 **Events Secretary's Report**

25.1 All competitions held since last meeting ran well.

Relay gala entries lower than expected so finals were added to programme.

Masters numbers were higher than previously.

25.2 All arranged for Disability, masters inter-county and Championships.

Next meeting in February

26/14 **Competition Secretary's Report**

26.1 Proposed competition programme for 2015 Summers Championships had been circulated. Although Youths and Age groups are no longer separate competitions it had been decided to hold the events as before with 15/ov at Plymouth and 14/under at Hengrove and Millfield. Some minor adjustments made to programme.

26.2 RM proposed several new conditions to take account of competition changes as follows –  
No 3. Add "Entry times will be taken from ASA rankings. Any conversions must be made using ASA Equivalent Time Converter".

No 6.Delete Youth & Age groups and replace with "Summer"

No 6. Add 2 "and the remaining heats shall be time seeded and the final heat spearheaded. Cyclic seeding shall not be used."

S/C Relays No 3. Change heats to races and add at end " or by finals depending upon entries (To be decided by organising committee)".

Sprint Competition No 2 Delete and replace with – " Swimmers who are invited to attend the British Summer Championships, the Home Nations meets or qualify for the British Championships are not eligible to compete.

Delete Youth and Age Group competitions and replace with " Summer Championships"

All agreed.

26.3 Entry fees – Summer Championships and relays no change.  
Winter Championships increase of 25p per event (£8)  
Masters & Disability £6.50 (1 event); £12.50 (2); £18.00 (3); £22.50 (4) & 26.50 (5 max)  
Coaches passes £20.00 for year's events.

26.4 In view of the low numbers attending the disability gala RM proposed that disability events be held in all Summer Championship galas and that the disability gala be disbanded. RM & CT to meet with Lyndsey Holland. LEasked to attend but CT suggested that there was possibly a need for a meeting with all Counties.

27/14 **Licensing Officers Report.**

EG not present but sent report

27.1 To date only Dorset have submitted their paperwork for 2015. Remaining 5 urgently needed.

27.2 Open meets for forthcoming year – level 1 x 4; Level 2 x 4; level 3 x 23. 16 clubs have applied for Level 4 licenses for club Championships.

27.3 Yeovil DSC applied for license at Hengrove during County period – not agreed.

28/14 **Minutes of Officials committee**

- 28.1 Competitions generally well covered except Masters. Relay gala – many clubs did not adhere to the condition that they must supply an official for each session where they had a team. To be better enforced.
- 28.2 Officials training – numbers holding up well – lots of activity.
- 28.3 List of officials to be canvassed for attending the Zonal meet in January compiled

29/14 **Swimming Secretary's Report**

- 29.1 International representation – CT requested clarification regarding the level of meet that was included in the list of international representation compiled for the annual report. Following discussion it was agreed that the Country represented must be affiliated to FINA.

30/14 **Swimmer of Year Nomination.**

Several names were suggested. Following a vote Siobhan-Marie O'Conner was nominated.

31/14 **County Representatives Report**

- 31.1 Cornwall – reached agreement with pool managers regarding Safeguarding Children courses. In process of becoming a network. Training session held at Plymouth where Emily Taylor also ran a course for committee members. Need Feedback for funding. CT to contact Helen Tooley.
- 31.2 Dorset – Young volunteers programme has run well otherwise has been quiet.
- 31.3 Somerset – County competitions 2015 – looking at running as age on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Young volunteers programme starting again.
- 31.4 Gloucester – were awaiting information regarding competition changes but will probably keep the same for 2015.  
Still having problems re coach education and IOS courses. Running a level 1 coaches course in Bristol in Nov and a level 2 course in New Year.  
Need course for team manager presenters. DF to arrange.
- 31.5 Wilts - 3 networks running well (4<sup>th</sup> not yet underway) but only workforce based. No change to competition next year. Have revamped terms of reference for all committees. Trying to organise an inter-county gala at Hengrove weekend 23/24<sup>th</sup> May 2015

32/14 **Dates of future meetings**

26<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> October

33/14 **AOB**

- 33.1 Medals for Masters – several complaints received regarding system used this year – agreed to revert to -+ one rule.
- 33.2 DF stated that presentation of all Regional events needed looking at to provide the best possible experience.

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C.Tremellen (Secretary)

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R.Margetts (Charirman)