



President Dr Brian Armstrong

Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting held on Monday 03.07.2023 at 16.00 hours via Zoom

Present:

C Robinson	CR	Chair
P Robbins	PR	Vice Chair
J Hilleard	JH	Staff member
C Vickery	CV	Staff member
S Millett	SM	Staff member

Apologies:

G Pearce	GP	Finance Officer
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2023/OC

73 Welcome and introductions

73.1 CR welcomed everyone to the meeting.

74 Declarations of interest – none

75 Minutes of previous meeting held on 03.04.2023

75.1 Minutes of previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true record. PR nominated and SM seconded

76 Matters arising not on the agenda

76.1 67 – GP working away a lot hence the lack of communication.

76.2 71.1 – 1 hour allocated to Wilts and Cornwall re their meetings – JH to attend 6pm for Cornwall and 7pm for Wilts

77 Discipline minutes

77.1 Para – 19.06 2023

77.1.1 13.5 Para hub – discussion held around how this would run.

77.1.2 Para Meet – we have the date and venue but nothing else has been received from South East despite endeavours to obtain info.

77.1.3 Para Committee really pleased dates set for 2024 development days to aid with planning.

77.1.4 12.1 4 7a> Regional Records SM continuing to look at this.

77.2 Swimming – 14.06.2023

77.2.1 Coaches and TMs ratios are have gone down therefore why do the clubs think they need more staff?. This is caused mainly by being reminded of the basic requirements.

77.2.2 Expression of Interest for TMs workshop have been raised as a matter of urgency but not one person has since registered.

77.3 Waterpolo – 26.06.2023 – no minutes to date

77.4 Open Water –No meeting

77.5 Artistic Swimming – No meeting

77.6 Coaches – No meeting

77.7 Officials – No meeting

General remark was made that there needs to be proper two way communication between the county reps and the regional committees.

78 Club Development

78.1 Club Affiliation/Swimmark

78.1.1 Plymouth Leander have not yet uploaded anything. Areas of concern Kingsbridge Kingfishers, Exmouth and Plymouth Leander.

78.1.2 Bradford On Avon – new Swimmark looking good.

78.1.3 October submission clubs have all been informed already.

78.2 Safeguarding

78.2.1 There are still a lot of cancellations and requests to change the dates from one workshop to another.

78.2.2 There are changes being introduced to Wavepower. Wavepower is in the process of being redrafted – James Diamond implementing this and is likely to be a totally new document

78.2.3 CR is in the process of setting up Stripe payment system.to be attached to the new set of safeguarding workshops from September

78.3 Inclusion-

78.3.1 Foundation of Inclusivity Workashop will be free going forward.

78.4 Youth Panel – no update despite JH chasing.

79 Finance

79.1 Accountant says all is up to date as at the end of April 2023.

79.2 CR will talk to GP to plan for the next two months.

79.3 Swim Champs (Summer) only has a surplus of £7K which is largely due to increased pool charges and expenses

80 Updates from SE & BS

80.1 Safeguarding & Welfare plus Diversity & Inclusivity are the hot topics at the moment.

80.2 Code of Good Governance for counties and regions progressing. This includes a recommendation of open recruitment for senior Regional positions as opposed to County nominations

81 Forums and meetings in July 2023

03.07 Ops meeting
03.07 TM2 JH/MC
05.07 Masters CR
08/09.07 YV workshops JH
10.07 Welfare Officers Forum JH
21.07 Awards Panel JH
26.07 Club Dev JH
30.07 Board/Strategy & SG F2F
31.07 National Reg Chairs CR

82 Staff Leave

SM – 10th July
CV – 7TH & 10TH July

83 Miscellaneous

83.1 Club/County issues

83.1.1 West Wilts Diving pool is closing in a year or so. New pool has no diving facility – JH has liaised with Andy Jack to look at this. CV to look at membership nos for West Wilts.

83.1.2 Millfield in conjunction with Chelsea and Westminster are organising an International meet. This will be a 3 day meet over half term in October. LL is discussing licencing with them. QTs look quite slow.

83.2 New Club Affiliation – South Dorset – some replies but mainly from clubs outside of the immediate vicinity. CV to chase those outstanding clubs for a reply.

83.3 Jill Beard has contacted County Presidents and SE President re invites to events dates and attendance for next season. Responses are being received

83.4 still awaiting criteria for youth awards currently

83.5 Bridgwater and Bradford on Avon are on the SE Growth programme pilot scheme.

Exmouth WP Pilot outcome unknown.

84 Date of Next Meeting — TBC

Meeting closed 17.40