

Overview of Directors Meeting
Held via Zoom on 5th May 2021 at 18.30

Present:

Chrissie Robinson
Paul Robbins
Gerry Griffin
Dan Corbett
Andy Smart
Diane Lee
Mike Coles - arrived at 18.45

Apologies:

Roger Downing

British Festival of Swimming:

The concept of the event was explained:

- All home nations participating:
 - Scotland to support 4 District events,
 - Wales 2 zonal events – North and South,
 - Each English Region to host at least one event

- All to be held in 50m pools
- Licenced at Level 1
- To consist of all 100m, 200m and 400m races at a minimum
- Age groups to be at least 13yrs, 14yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17yrs and 18/over
- All races to be HDW
- To be held over a 2 day event between 17/07/2021 and 08/08/2021

A long discussion followed about the timing of the event, possible financial loss, unknown restrictions that may be in place by this time.

Venue:

Discussions have taken place between SE and Plymouth, Millfield and Hengrove re pool availability.

Millfield has benefits being an ideal location being centrally located within the Region but is only 8 lanes and there are no space to allow for social distancing if still required. It is available 24/25 July.

Plymouth benefits from being 10 lanes and could allow for distancing with use of the sports halls in close proximity. Its location is not ideal. Plus it may well be a lunch time availability because of LTS activities scheduled into the pool planning. It is available 24/25 July.

Hengrove – no feedback from SE re venue

Proposal to Swimming Committee:

We should promote and facilitate the festival as we do not wish to disadvantage the Regions athletes.

- We will use two venues – Plymouth and Millfield - to facilitate the events. Plymouth – Devon and Cornwall, Millfield – Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire.
- We will try to discourage overnight stays by programming each age group to a one day event structure.
- Produce a programme
- Advertise ‘consideration’ times and not qualifying times
- Include a 12 and under age group to all events
- Include a 50m freestyle
- Ask a club local to each venue to facilitate on behalf of the Region Plymouth – PL, Millfield – Millfield / Team Bath
- The Region to underwrite any financial losses but any profits would be given to the facilitators

Meeting ended at 19.25 but the attendees remained and the Swimming Committee members joined at 19.30

Additional attendees:

Kelly Podbury
Sandra Yeoman
Andy Osborne
Nicky Vause
Sue Haigh
Lesley Leffers

Apologies:

Chris Elliott
Dave Avery

The meeting:

The concept of The Festival of Swimming was explained to those who were not aware of it.

A long discussion followed re why it was happening at this time and how people felt about the event.

All County Reps had been asked to get feed back from their County Clubs about the event and whether they thought their members would support. There was a very mixed response with some Counties not having any feedback to share. Main points raised were travel distances and overnight stays. As well as timing of the event.

The proposal of the way forward:

The Directors proposals were explained as detailed above.

These were agreed.

Chrissie Robinson was tasked with approaching PL and Millfield / Team Bath with the proposal o facilitate the events.

She will also obtain a programme for the event that includes the points requested

Chrissie thanked everyone for attending at relatively short notice and especially those who had obtained the requested feedback

Meeting closed at 20.55