



## OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014  
at the Regional Offices, Wellington.

### **Present :**

Chris Tremellen (CT)	ASA SW Swimming Committee Secretary
Robert Margetts (RM)	ASA SW Swimming Competition Secretary
Chris Elliott (CE)	ASA SW Region President
Maureen Davies (MD)	Representative Cornwall
Mel Jeynes (MJ)	“ Devon
Jill Beard (JB)	“ Dorset/Officials Exams Organiser
Neil Harper (NH)	“ Gloucestershire
Graham Cockill (GC)	“ Somerset
Paul Robbins (PR)	“ Wiltshire
Lynne Elliott (LE)	ASA SW SOC Secretary

### **1/14-2 Apologies for Absence:**

Les Debenham

### **2/14-2 Appoint Chairman:**

RM nominated Paul Robbins, agreed unanimously. PR took the Chair.

### **3/14-2 Minutes of meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014:**

There were 2 errors noted, otherwise accepted & signed. LE to send out corrected copy.

### **4/14-2 Matters Arising:**

Young Officials Scheme - problems were reported back to ASA.

Handbook now on web site - Officials listed as requested but remember was based on March list at ASA, please let JB know any changes so she can notify John Bird.

### **5/14-2 Regional Events 2014/2015:**

2014 - The information on officials attendance sent out with minutes. Generally well supported except the usual Masters. Relays - although clubs told entry condition was to supply 1 official per session where a team entered this was NOT complied with. Original list only had 1 team with an official. RM reminded clubs - Southwold replied with names, officials at CO Bristol & Clevedon contacted me. Penzance had no teams swimming on

day, other officials turned up on the day from Severnside, Exeter, Seagulls & Bradford on Avon - but would have been useful to know in advance. Still 6 teams provided no help.

It is still difficult to get replies from some clubs even when I contact them. Those that reply it is still usual excuses - no parents going who are officials, club has no-one as they are a small club, or had some at other events. Some clubs do rely heavily on certain officials (who usually have no children swimming!), only 3 clubs took advantage of nominating an official to represent them.

Discussed problems with Relay event - agreed clubs must submit names of officials on Entry form.

RM to include on form.

Dates 2015 -	May 2/3/4	Plymouth	Youth Championships
	May 16/17	Hengrove	Age Groups
	May 30/31	Millfield	Age Groups
	July 5	GL1	FAST 5
	Sept 20	Millfield	Relays
	Sept 27	Millfield	Masters
	Nov 7/8	Millfield	Senior Championships
	Nov 15	Hutton Moor?	Masters Inter County

Zonal Meet Jan 31<sup>st</sup>/Feb1<sup>st</sup> 2015 at Olympic Pool, London. List of Officials who have helped this year & those offered for Championships given out. Discussed & agreed would like a mix of experience & new officials, need about 12 in order to find 6 who are available. Following list - Alison Munden, Darren Hall, David Sutton, Emily Coon, Tash Coon, Liz Matthews, Helen Rogers, Julie Poitrowicz, Stephen Meter, Jon Beddow, & Refs Les Debenham, Graham Cockill, Dave Avery, Neil Harper, Paul Robbins.

LE to send out invitations, discuss with JB replies to finalise 6 to go.

## 6/14-2

### **Seminars/CPD:**

Reports from Counties -

Cornwall - some individuals/pairs, plan a day for New Year. Did have sessions with Referees re the Race Results.

Devon - Group in September, plan a day for New Year.

Dorset - Had to cancel a couple planned, more planned & will continue programme.

Gloucs - Some individual as needed, look at further.

Somerset - Some individual, and courses, plan for future.

Wilts - 2 courses ran, plan for New Year.

Regional seminar - discussed & agreed to put on 2 Mentoring courses, JB in Bristol, LE Plymouth. Possible dates 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Query arose re Contemporary Issues - any update proposed? FINA DVD for Judging - any update to include changes to rules?

## 7/14-2

### **Officials Training:**

JB reported generally SW doing well on CPD & training numbers. Completions for training are improving - though remember some times of year are better due to competition programme.

Counties reported they are planning their J1/J2 courses - though some trainees very slow to complete. J2S & Ref probably lower numbers this year.

8/14-2

**SOG Report:**

Meeting due to take place in 2 weeks. Requested to bring up query re update Contemporary Issues, FINA DVD, how to advertise CPD courses through ASA (at present cannot find on web site), & seem to be large variations of numbers re Timekeeper courses (? Young Volunteers), Date for Referee exam 2015 as could clash with date set by ASA for Senior Championships.

Reminder - Helen Akers can help young officials at University to find a contact club.

JB to send information to members after meeting.

9/14-2

**Any Other Business:**

RM - Had a query from Jamaica re FINA list as this is part of their selection criteria for recognising officials qualification - discussed but here it would be Licensed Officials (query did they mean this?) as very few in each Country would be on FINA list.

RM - Query re protests as had a vociferous protester regarding forms - as FINA state. Discussed - no forms available, ASA guidelines state 'in writing'. JB to query.

Note - can raise issues not necessarily a formal protest.

RM - At Masters had query from trainee Ref re Meet Conditions - discussed he was told previously they were on web site. Also discussed on-line entries, payment etc - when looked at SE information did bring up a Referee form - this seems to be the checklist needed at Licensed Meets.

RM - National Volunteers Forum, notification re Officials Information - no-one had any Information.

CE - Had spoken to Sharon Locke re National Masters Events, as the event at Swansea was very long. ASA are looking at the timings & may remove the 1500 event.

**Meeting dates 2015 -**      Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Signed      Chairman.....      Date.....

Secretary.....