



OFFICIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2015
at the Regional Office, Wellington.

Present:

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

1/15-1 Apologies for Absence:

Les Debenham, Maureen Davies, David Flack.

2/15-1 Minutes of Meeting held 1st October 2014:

These were accepted & signed.

3/15-1 Matters Arising:

Zonal Meet 31st Jan/1st Feb. Representatives were - Tash & Emily Coon, Les Debenham, Liz Matthews, Alison Munden. Stephen Meter could not come at the last minute due to family bereavement. Everyone enjoyed the weekend & we were well looked after by London. I have sent thanks to Kay Grimshaw.

JB - as there were no comments about the March list of Officials has sent to the Region. Reminder to check lists regularly.

4/15-1 Correspondence:

Officials retiring from poolside - Herbie & Pauline Adams, John Hamblett, Rosemary Johnson. Have sent thanks to them all.

Check everyone has the communication from Helen Akers regarding training officials and officials at Licensed Meets.

5/15-1 Regional Events 2014/2015:

Request to officials for 2015 events has been sent out, please give out to any other officials. So far 16 replies.

2014 - Copies of attendance & comparison of years sent out. Relay Event was probably the worst attended despite the clubs being told to provide an official for each session they had a team entered. Hopefully will improve with the information required on the Entry Form. Varies over the other events but there are still a few clubs who did not have any officials whether or not required - Cinderford, Newton Abbott, Tewkesbury, Paignton, Penzance. Other attendance was mixed but not always when required - Aquae Sulis, Bournemouth Collegiate, Chard, City of Bristol, Kelly College, Kingsbridge, Poole, Salisbury, Soundwell, St Ives Bay, Taunton Deane, Tavistock, Tigersharks, Trowbridge, Truro City, United Bristol, Weston Super Mare, Yeovil. Some of these did have more than required at some events & some rely heavily on particular officials who cannot attend every event. There are particular clubs who help a great deal, even when no swimmers are entered & I would like to thank them for their support - Bristol Central, Devonport, West Dorset, Swim Bournemouth, Swindon Dolphins, Bridport, Corsham.

6/15-1 Seminars/CPD :

JB held a Mentoring CPD before Christmas, LE has Mentoring CPD in Plymouth on 15/2/2015. Details are on web site, Otherwise contact LE.

County updates -

Cornwall - will be setting up a date soon.

Devon - will arrange date.

Dorset - has regular dates, held 2 before Christmas.

Gloucestershire - Will catch up as needed.

Somerset - FINA Rules 16/2/2015

Wiltshire - Organising Contemporary Issues.

JB reported next officials list should be out next week. Updated Contemporary Issues due later in the year. There is an on-line version of this module, cost £5 - really designed for a wider audience, it does count for Officials, but would really prefer them to do a group session.

7/15-1 Officials Training :

Annual Report sent out to members. Generally numbers increasing & our Licensed Officials stand at 584, 52% up to date with CPD but licenses are due to expire. New trainees are keeping up, completions slightly lower. MJ - query re new J1 book - some TK questions incorrect, send information to JB & she will check.

MJ contact JB

MJ - Query re officials qualified abroad. Need to look at their record of officiating, see them working & make a recommendation through JB to ASA.

8/15-1 SOG Report :

No meeting date yet.

GC/NH - query re pass mark for Referee exam 2014, at 85% ? thought was 80% which is a high level already. JB thought it had changed a few years but will discuss. General discussion it was felt no consideration given to the adults (who make up most numbers) who have not done formal exams for many years & find writing these papers very daunting, it is not always the case that they don't know the answers or would not be good Referees.

JB reported that there is some discussion about bringing in a Club Referee qualification as well as the present BS Swimming Referee. Some discussion about perhaps a further qualification for FINA Referee.

9/15-1 Any Other Business :

LE - any comments for Para Swimming meeting 7/2/15, contact her.

LE - Query of holding Lap Cards over end of pool, discussed & agreed it should not be done as the risk of back injury is high. JB discuss at SOG.

CT - query if Para swimming course should be held again this year - discuss at meeting.

JB - reminder to use as much variety of level of galas for mentoring where they are staffed well including club galas. League events okay providing there is a variety over all the training, only BS Referee to sign off each competency.

PR - Level 3&4 meets, Insp of Turns reference to ASA Tk - can these not be Licensed? Yes - it is a competency as a part of J1, does not have to be taken separately, if someone does not want to go on through J1 it can be registered at ASA at TK level - would need to notify JB to do this.

Next Meeting - 7th October 2015.

Signed Chairman Date

Secretary

