

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President B. Batley

Minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014
at the Regional Offices, Wellington.

Present	R.Margetts	RM)	Chairman & Competition Secretary
	E. Gilbert	(EG)	Licensing Officer
	L.Elliott	(LE)	Officials Secretary
	R.Johnson	(RJ)	Masters Secretary
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucestershire
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	C. Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	P.Gonsalves	PG)	Somerset
	C.Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies B Batley, D,Flack, Jeanette Stoneman

14/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2013 signed as a true record.

14/2 Matters arising

- 2.1 27.3 10 bells had been purchased and used satisfactorily in competition
- 2.2 35.1 Members forum had been postponed due to power cut so still to be voted on

14/3 Minutes of the Events management Meeting 5th February

Minutes circulated

- 3.1 2013 Championships had run well but there was concern that 50% of entries came from just 2 clubs. Some clubs have expressed wish for the competition to be long course – all clubs to be surveyed at this year’s competitions.
- 3.2 Time trials – numbers quite low as all Counties except one run L/C distance events and numbers included Masters from out of the region. Agreed to abandon event.
- 3.3 Zonal Meet – ran very well with complements from other regions. Wristband ticketing worked very well. Parking was a problem for officials as attendants allowed everyone in. Income and expenditure still to be finalised but should show a reasonable profit - to be shared between all 3 Regions.
- 3.4 All in hand for Youths and Age groups.

14/4 Minutes of Officials Meeting 5th February

Minutes circulated

- 4.1 Help from clubs still mixed with some providing more than their required share of officials but some clubs providing too few or none at all. All data on the website.
- 4.2 Seminars – update of FINA rules seminars held throughout the region with about 50% of licensed officials having attended to date. Further sessions scheduled. Number of Licensed officials in the region very good – second best % in Country
- 4.3 Accommodation allowance increased to reflect increases at hotels.

14/5 Masters' Secretary's Report

- 5.1 RJ produced a report of her visit to Loughborough for a Masters Development Day which she had found excellent and thanked the Region for allowing her to attend.
- 5.2 Agreed to hold a camp in SW. CT reported that the cost for using Taunton School facilities (incl tea/coffee) would be approx. £400 –£500 for the day. There is £500 in the budget so swimmers would have to pay to cover any experts brought in plus coaches mileage etc.
- 5.3 Records – all details on website
- 5.4 Team event for sprint gala put on hold for this year – RM to investigate how computer would deal with this.
- 5.5 RM suggested that all swimmers entitled to receive a medal to be given one medal of each colour should they qualify for it – agreed.
- 5.6 New fees agreed – 1 event £6.50; 2 events £12; 3 events £18; 4 events £18.50; 5 events £19.00; 6 events £22; 7 events £29; 8 events (max) £35
- 5.7 Decathlon – 2013 winner Simon Veale. CT to arrange award.

14/6 Competition Secretary's Report

- 6.1 Relay Gala – proposed programme to include mixed relay events to be run over 3 sessions agreed.

New condition agreed as follows –

All clubs will have one team accepted in each event. If they wish to make more than one entry they may do so but a maximum of 32 heats will be held in each session and additional entries will be accepted by random draw. Results will be Heat Declared winners.

All competing clubs must provide one official in each session in which they have teams entered.

Entry fees to be sent once teams have been accepted.

- 6.2 Refunds for withdrawal from Championships. Agreed as follows –
 Withdrawal before programme printed – full refund
 Withdrawal from all events before 8.00pm on evening prior to whole competition – 75% of fees.
 No refund for withdrawal from single events. All refunds given as credits to clubs.

14/7 License Officer's Report

- 7.1 Open Meets licensed for the forthcoming year are 4 x Level 1; 2 Level 2; 15 x Level 3. County & Regional galas, age groups and championships are in addition to these.
- 7.2 An impending significant clash in the Licensed Meets in this region is the City of Bristol & Exeter City combined L1 Meet and a L1 Last Chance Meet from Millfield, Street & Taunton – both on 17th & 18th May 2014. The latter's promoter (the last application received) was advised of the clash of dates but wishes to keep to that weekend. Both Meets are being organised by more than one club in part to minimise problems in manning.

- 7.3 UBSC wishes to run a Level 3 meet at Hengrove on the same weekend as the SW Short Course Champs (at Millfield) in December. Agreed to advise them that this was would be problematic regarding officials and is to be discouraged.
- 7.4 The Licence Meet application form has been amended to give permission to publish contact details on the web. Everyone to be encouraged to complete this new version when applying for a Meet licence.
- 7.5 Noted that in 2012 license fee money amounted to £11,098 and in 2013 this had risen by over £6K. This money was initially intended for development and it was queried how this money is being used.

14/8 Minutes of the Coaches meeting held on 7th January

Minutes circulated.

- 8.1 Noted that this meeting was very poorly attended and would have been cancelled had sufficient notice of non-attendance been given in sufficient time. It was hoped this would not be repeated.
- 8.2 List of swimmers for the Talent camp produced by Jo John – as there were so few coaches to discuss this it was accepted.
- 8.3 Noted that new Poole coach needed to be contacted re attendance at future meetings.

14/9 Development Plan

- 9.1 CT stated that the plan and budget had been accepted and that £4,150 was available.
- 9.2 Disability has now been removed from our budget but disability swimming will still come under the TSC.
- 9.3 Noted that a Young Volunteer had been unable to attend a National Training day as the ASA would not agree to paying over night accommodation and it was too late to rectify this. Should anyone be in this situation again funding should come from the Region.

14/10 Swimming Secretary's Report

- 10.1 Income and expenditure for 2012 -13 competitions produced. They were not complete but gave an reasonable indication.
- 10.2 Phase 2 Talent Camp – considerable difficulties experienced in finding a pool on a suitable day but had taken place today at Millfield with 35 swimmers. Two England Talent coaches attended plus a land training expert. Swimmers paid £20 per head, remaining costs from unused Network budget. MB queried whether a Welfare Plan was in place and agreed to supply one for the future. A further camp had been arranged for 14th September.
- 10.3 CT still awaiting a list of SW swimmers who had been accepted on the England Talant Programme.
- 10.4 Noted that a long list of swimmers with international representation had been prepared for the annual report.

14/11 County Representatives Reports

- 11.1 Cornwall: Successful 800/1500m event held in conjunction with Devon, however need to reduce entries in future.

Devon invited to attend Cornwall Masters event.

- 11.2 Dorset: County events start this weekend. Entries up. Masters open meet opened up to include adjoining counties but with no AOE the uptake from other Counties was poor.
- 11.3 Somerset: County events start soon. PA system at Millfield now up and running. Millfield will install. Need to see how well it works.
- 11.4 Gloucs – New Championships Management team in place and changes made to events and conditions. 800/1500 very popular. County events about to start, entries up.

14/12 AOB

- 12.1 Bristol Beacon programme – letter from Emily Taylor attached as Appendix 1
- 12.2 Record applications – 2 rejected as being slower than record time.
- 12.3 Concern regarding certification of pool length at several pools.

C.Tremellen Secretary

R.Margetts Chairman