



Minutes of the Regional Swimming Committee held on Thursday 22nd February 2018
At the Regional Offices , Wellington

<u>Present:</u>	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	R. Downing	(RD)	Board Representative
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	P.Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	M. Britton	(MB)	Gloucs
	C. Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	J. Stoneman	(JS)	Devon
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wilts
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies: Robbins, G. Cockill, J. John, C.Robinson, L.Ieffers, S.Haigh

Committee stood in silence after being informed of the sudden death of Malcolm Anderson an official from Somerset.

18/1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October Signed as true record

18/2 Matters arising:

- 2.1 34.3 Development Plan. The plan has been submitted but still awaiting review. CT concerned re lack of communication regarding the allocation of funding etc.
- 2.2 24.2 SY comments noted re need for meetings
- 2.3 27.1 Devon – have no co-ordinator

18/3 Minutes of Coaches Committee

Minutes previously circulated.

- 3.1 Coach advisors – J. John & E.Dale had been allocated 4 coaches each to work with. Meeting queried how these were selected and whether coaches should apply.
- 3.2 COB coach position – 25 applicants, 6 to be interviewed shortly.
- 3.3 Concerns re swimmers changing on the balcony/poolside. Noted there was nothing in Wavepower. Notice to team staff to be attached to programmes reminding them that swimmers must use the changing rooms.
- 3.4 Photography – information highlighting issues of putting photos on the internet to go in programmes
- 3.5 SY stated that swimmers had been disappointed that conditions had changed for reverse 800/1500 f/s. Had been changed in line with SE policy.

18/4 Overseas meet

- 4.1 Zagreb date had changed therefore an alternative meet required. Bulgarian National Championships in Sofia selected as good timing with full range of events. This is a 4 day competition and therefore will require an additional days stay.
- 4.2 Swimmer selection policy changed to give flexibility in selecting swimmers for events. Now states selection for all events *considered*.
- 4.3 Staff selection – J. John Head Coach, 4 assistant coach applications received to date. L. Rayment Lead Team Manager, no applications for assistant to date but applications don't close until March 23rd. Selections to be made on 26th March.
- 4.4 Flights, hotel and transport booked
- 4.5 Kit - CT had just received information from SRS regarding their free provision of kit – T shirts and hats.
- 4.6 Swimmers contribution £200

18/5 Minutes of Masters Committee

Minutes previously circulated

- 5.1 Considerable discussion regarding the requirement to be category 2 for inter-county. This especially affects Cornwall and Dorset.
- 5.2 Competitor numbers remain low for Regional event.
- 5.3 Development day. 2017 events successful so SH looking at possible venues for 2018.

18/6 Minutes of Officials Committee

Minutes previously circulated

- 6.1 New Official Secretary appointed and will take over in May.
- 6.2 Mentors – the new online J1 will be live soon and it is imperative that there are sufficient mentors who are up to date. Three Mentors seminars to be held in the autumn.
- 6.3 Jury of Appeal – constituent members of JOA is undergoing a review which may assist organisers of meets.
- 6.4 Development programme – hopefully this will continue. No-one in Region eligible to apply for a place this year but some need a just a few more days at Nationals to qualify.
- 6.5 British Masters will be held in Plymouth in June. Most officials expected to come from SW.

18/7 Minutes of the Events Committee

Minutes previously circulated

- 7.1 New 5 year contract with Plymouth and have secure booking at Hengrove for date in May each year.
- 7.2 Winter Championships – computer issues as new AOE system at Millfield not compliant with RM computer. Requires a replacement. Agreed. RM to investigate.
- 7.3 There were fouling issues at Millfield in the male toilets and changing rooms. CT spoke to all coaches but difficult to monitor
- 7.4 SY stated that the pads at Hengrove needed replacing as 14.5 % of swims failed to register touches at recent Championships. CT to contact Hengrove and send letter to MB for City of Bristol council.
- 7.5 JS pointed out that the meals at Plymouth were not so good.

18/8 Competition Secretary's report

- 8.1 Conditions for FAST 5 now updated and sent to the website.
- 8.2 Winter Championships will be SC in 2018.
- 8.3 Para swimming – Para Pathway Officer Dave White was no longer in post which was a concern for the future of disability and Para swimming in the Region. The Para gala will be held at Horfield on March 11th but there will be no training and no 'introductory' swimmers. RM to contact one of the newly appointed para coaches to see if they will attend the gala.

18/9 Swimming Secretary's report

- 9.1 CT informed the committee that last November she had been sent left over kit from SRS for disposal. With their agreement it was sold at the December pathway camp and raised £151 for Children in Need.

18/10 Talent Pathway update

- 10.1 2017 programme completed – well received. Income and expenditure not confirmed but appeared within budget.
- 10.2 2018 programme – camps book at Oxley Sports Centre again. Staffing – Head Coach – Jon Wills. 10 skills coaches applied
- 10.3 County Coaches conference booked for March 17TH – open to all L1 coaches
- 10.4 Team Manager Conference also on March 17th – open to team managers from all clubs in the Region. CT requested that County reps encourage their clubs to send their TMs
- 10.5 Regional coaches conference on June 23rd

18/11 County Reps reports

- 11.1 Somerset: Championships completed. PA at Millfield has been repaired
- 11.2 Dorset: Championships finished – very successful with high numbers. Visited by SE President. Graded and Development meets later in year.
- 11.3 Devon Championships completed with numbers up again. Lots of older swimmers competing. Included 16yrs finals which went well. Did not hold reverse distance events but will include next year. L/C distance meet following weekend. Talent Pathway all organised. Held a Team Managers courses day – well attended. Also ran a safeguarding course. Parents talk very poorly attended.
- 11.4 Cornwall: Championships ran well. SE President attended. Parents talk in pathway programme – only 7 parents attended. Quarterly meeting with GLL who are only training staff to STA qualification. Yvonne Stead (new Club Development Officer) will be attending committee meeting in March. Possible further development day in Oct/Nov depending on coach agreement. Safeguarding and Team managers' courses held as required.
- 11.5 Wilts: Championships concluded. Entries slightly down – possibly due to tighter times. SE President visited. Sprint gala will be held at end March, Development gala

in autumn. Talent camps all organised Parents talk very poorly attended - held talks on 2 days but on second day no-one attended.

- 11.6 Gloucs: Championships finish following weekend – very busy - had to start late due to lessons at pool therefore late finishes. Talent camp – all booked – using school pools therefore all in school holidays. Staff not yet selected. Parents talks – numbers very poor. Possibly holding a development day for 13yrs on starts and turns and 14/15yrs on race processes TBC. County dinner in April. Young volunteers programmes – trying to get it going but not much interest. Possibly running distance meet on Dec 9th.

18/12 AOB

- 12.1 National Masters Officer Sharon Locke would like to attend County swimming/ exec meetings. Somerset Masters Committee member Rosemary Johnson now retiring after many years' service.
- 12.2 Safeguarding course held in Regional offices.

Signed _____
C.Tremellen Secretary

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R. Margetts Chairman

NEXT MEETING June 21st