



President: R.Holman

**Minutes of the Regional Swimming Committee held on
Wednesday 20th February 2019 at the Regional Offices , Wellington**

<u>Present:</u>	B.Holman	BH)	President
	R.Margetts	(RM)	Competition Secretary & Chairman
	G.Cockill	(GC)	Board Representative
	C.Robinson	(CR)	Finance Officer
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Secretary
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	S.Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	C.Elliott	(CE)	Cornwall
	A.Osborne	(AO)	Gloucs
	S.Gadd	(SG)	Club Development Officer
	C.Vickery	(CV)	Entries
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary
	L.Dunn	(LD)	England Programmes Officer via Webbex
	S.Millett	(SM)	Ass Club Development Officer

Apologies: J.John, L.Leffers, J.Stoneman, N.Vause, P.Gonsalves

19/1 Minutes of meeting held on 10th October 2018 signed as true record

19/2 Matters arising

- 2.1 28.3 Para gala now on 9th March
- 2.2 Funding: Finance working group (FWG) agreed on this occasion to grant City of Bristol's funding request – noted that requests must be received in advance. Severnside Tritons also to be paid but wording changed to clarify loss.
- 2.3 Funding application information updated – attached as appendix.

19/3 Licensing

- 3.1 LD joined meeting and explained the background to the allocation of gala provision in Hengrove and stated that the performance centres needed to provide adequate competition for top swimmers.
Lengthy discussion followed
- 3.2 Concern expressed that the restriction of 3 meets a year would be detrimental. There was a mis-match of demand – the right level meets should be held at the right time of the year however this was often not happening. Recognised that clubs need the funding but there was often not the right level of expertise, the required officials and some meets had to be cancelled.
- 3.3 Agreed the following until August 2020 -
 - performance clubs would be allowed to hold 4 x L1 meets per year.
 - L2 & L3 meets would continue to be licensed on a county basis as now

- a working party to be set up to devise strategy for the future. SG to organise.

19/4 Minutes of the Coaches Committee

- 4.1 The National Forum report had been circulated regarding the structure of Regional competition. Reviewed in Competition Secretary's report
- 4.2 The Regional Coaches conference will be held on March 17th – need to encourage coaches to attend.
- 4.3 Noted there had been no coach from Wiltshire since the departure of the Swindon Coach. It was hoped that someone could be appointed to cover this area.
- 4.4 Overseas meet – CT had contacted Jo John who was going to look at possible competitions.

19/5 Minutes of the Masters Committee

- 5.1 Development Day at Bath Uni had gone well with 39 out of 41 applicants attending. Feedback, although limited had been positive.
- 5.2 2020 Development Day – SH hoped to return to Bath as facilities were excellent.
- 5.3 800/1500m events – noted there were probably insufficient numbers to cater for this Regionally but suggested that Counties could possibly run an extra heat of each for Masters in their Championships.

19/6 Minutes of the Officials Committee.

- Minutes had been circulated but Officials Secretary not present.
- 6.1 SW being used as soft launch for on line Judge 1 in June with national rollout in January 2020
- 6.2 Para CPD will take place prior to Para gala on March 9th
- 6.3 Polo shirts, clip boards and drinks bottles now to hand and will be distributed to all officiating during the year.

19/7 Minutes of the Events Committee

- 7.1 All venues for 2020 booked
- 7.2 Officials expenses – these had been updated with inclusion of 'Friday' night accommodation for some with a greater distance to travel providing they officiate for at least 2 full days. Lunches and travel for J1 trainee agreed providing booked in advance.
- 7.3 Contingency plans – these cover the absence/illness of all personnel however should the Events Manager be unable to attend a meet at short notice the back up person would need to time to travel to the venue. A named person local to Plymouth, Hengrove, Millfield and Gloucs who could do emergency cover until back up arrived was needed. County Reps asked to provide names and contact details.
- 7.4 Red Polo shirts for team staff and new vests for marshals now to hand
- 7.5 CT stated that she would not be seeking re-election as Events Secretary and it was imperative that someone was found to take this role on. County Reps to see who might be interested in their County.

19/8 Competition Secretary's Report

- 8.1 National Forum Report – a discussion document re Regional Championships: This was discussed at the recent Coaches meeting and feedback has been returned.

- 8.2 Most of the proposals we already incorporate into our Championships however unlikely to change to complete equity across all events as our numbers are OK.
- 8.3 Dry warm ups requested – CT liaising with pools.
- 8.4 The most urgent matter was the agreement for the Winter Championships:
 Agreed -to keep the long distance events on Friday evening.
 to have 2 heat sessions followed by all finals
 to have only A & B finals
 to have a medal table of results
 to provide prizes for top swimmers similar to the Summer Championships.

19/9 Swimming Secretary's report

- 9.1 Para swimmers in County Championships – following an issue that arose in another Region the Swim England Swimming Management Group clarified the a para swimmer who, in integrated heats qualified for a final should not be debarred from that final and to be eligible for a award if 'placed'.
- 9.2 Swim Mark/Everyone Active. Notification from Everyone Active that all clubs using their facilities must have Swim Mark..

19/10 County Rep reports

- 10.1 Cornwall: County blocks finished. Had a lot of officials including trainees. Concern that not doing the Talent Pathway coaches and team managers are being enalised for future development.
- 10.2 Wiltshire: Finishing Championships this weekend. Concern re future of Swindon Dolphins – support from County officers.
- 10.3 Gloucs: Running Talent pathway programme this year. Championships finished except L/D
- 10.4 Somerset: Championships finished
- 10.5 Dorset: completed Championships, starting planning for next year. Request from county coaches meeting –why do we continue to use Millfield.

19.11 AOB

- 11.1 Talent programme now being organised by SM. Will now be held at Millfield to utilise the wedges and backstroke ledges. Dates have had to be changed – now June 23rd, 8th September & 27th October.
- 11.2 Dates of future meetings **12th June & 16th October 2019**

Signed _____
 R.Margetts (Chairman)



REGIONAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE FUNDING

The Regional Swimming Committee funds which can be applied for under the headings below.

Application forms should be returned to:

Christina Tremellen

17 Barrow View, Ferndown, BH22 9SY or

email to christremellen@btinternet.com.

Funding is available for:

- Network activity (three or more clubs working together) that either strengthens the swimmer pathway or retains swimmers within the sport. SwimMark accredited networks can apply for up to 50% of the total project cost after all income has been deducted. Non-accredited networks can apply for 25% of the total project cost after all income has been deducted. (Example at the end)
- Education workshops. SwimMark accredited clubs can apply for up to 50% of the total project cost after all income has been deducted. Non-accredited clubs can apply for 25% of the total project cost after all income has been deducted. (Example at the end)
- Up to 25% of the cost of equipment that will support swimmer development. Clubs that apply for this funding must be SwimMark accredited (or working towards). There is a maximum funding amount of £500 per application for equipment.
- 800m/ 1500m events that are held as discrete galas (i.e. not heats within sessions). Claims may be made for pool hire during racing & warm up, timing hire and officials claims.
- Speed swimming, Para swimming and Masters.

Funding is not available for:

- Competition with the exception of long distance events (see above).
- Overseas training camps (with the exception of regionally organised camps).

Suggested areas for funding:

- Network swimmer development days.
- Coach, parent or swimmer education workshops.
- Friday evening long distance session at a weekend open meet.
- Equipment essential to swimmer development such as starting blocks, lane ropes and backstroke ledges.

- **Please be aware that all applications for funding must be made before purchase and no funding will be granted after purchase except in exceptional circumstances**
- See below AN EXAMPLE to show information expected and required*

Please note that we reserve the right to refuse funding.

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Network development day

Expenses

Pool hire 2 hours		200.00
Lifeguard 2 hours		30.00
Room hire		40.00
Guest speaker		130.00
Other		

<u>total project cost</u>	-	<u>400.00</u>
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Income

Income from swimmers	4x65	260.00
Sponsorship etc		0
Other		
Net income		260.00

<u>Net shortfall</u>	-	<u>140.00</u>
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Total claimed		140.00
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<u>Max allowed 50% of tpc</u>		200.00
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Claim paid		140.00
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