

ASA SOUTH WEST REGION

President S Dors

Minutes of the Swimming Committee meeting held on Thursday 22nd June 2017 at the Regional Offices

<u>Present:</u>	S Dors	(SD)	President
	S.Haigh	(SH)	Masters Secretary
	J.John	(JJ)	Coaches representative
	A.Smart	(AS)	Dorset
	S,Yeoman	(SY)	Wiltshire
	P.Gonsalves	(PG)	Somerset
	C. Tremellen	(CT)	Swimming & Events Management Secretary

Apologies R.Margetts M.Britton, G.Cockill, L.Elliott, L.Leffers, C.Elliott,
J.Stoneman

In the absence of R.Margetts The President was appointed Chairman

17/14 Minutes of the meeting held on February 23rd signed as true record

17/15 Matters arising – none

17/16 Licensing Officers Report

LL not in attendance.

16.1 Licensing is running more smoothly now.

16.2 National RLO meeting on 9th July.

17/17 Minutes Coaches Committee

Previously circulated.

17.1 L 1 meet in County period now agreed as Dorset happy for top swimmers to attend.

17.2 Still many problems with clubs setting L3 meet upper times too high.

17.3 Issues with programming especially in Bristol area. Coaches agreed to have programming meeting after next coaches meeting (19th Sept). Coaches from other clubs who run L1 meets to be invited. A Osborne to co-ordinate.

17.4 Beacon programme in Bristol – selection policy clarified.

17.5 Discussion re winter Championships – see Competition Secretary's Report

17.6 Report received that ineligible swimmers had been competing in Regional Summer for some time. Noted this was unlikely to happen in future but Championships Conditions will be circulated and need to go on website

17.7 Open water now haves canoeists so competition will go ahead.

17/18 Masters Secretary's Report

18.1 Wales not now participating in inter-county event.

18.2 Masters conference at Loughborough on 30th September. SH unable to attend. County reps will be attending. Suggested someone else to go in her place possibly S.Veale.

- 18.3 Development Day at Mt Kelly on June 11th. Programme involved 2 pool sessions, land training and a talk by Sports Psychologist plus a Q & A session. 27 swimmers attended. Feedback very positive.

17/19 Events Secretary's Report

- 19.1 Para gala went well with plenty of officials
- 19.2 Summer Championships complete. All ran well at Plymouth.
Hengrove – PA poor and did not work on Sunday so had to use a backup system which was far from ideal. Officials given £5 instead of lunch which worked well.
Millfield no problems
- 19.3 FAST 5 RM away – Rob Hart covering. CT has programmes etc.
- 19.4 Relays moved to Plymouth and Masters to Horfield in September which is fortunate as Millfield not opening until late October. Hopefully will be open in time for our Winter Championships.
- 19.5 Now have a new 5 year contract with Plymouth for the Youths.
- 19.6 SD queried whether we should supply backstroke ledges to other pools who run competitions but CT stated they were bought for our own use in the pools where our own major competitions were held but could be lent to other meets held in those pools.

17/20 Competition Secretary's Report

- 20.1 Not present but sent information regarding Winter Championships. Following lengthy discussion at the Coaches meeting re finals it was agreed that an A & B final and a Junior final be held with awards only for A and Junior. Juniors who qualified for the A final could not withdraw to swim in the Junior final. The Junior champion would be the fastest overall..
- 20.2 Summer championships 2018 – unsure whether we will have to include reverse 800/1500 free and mixed relays. CT to find out at forthcoming meeting.

17/21 Swimming Secretary's Report

- 21.1 Pathway – Regional conference – poor attendance.
Swimmer selections - still awaiting some forms – 2 swimmers given ultimatum to return forms by following day. This causes a lot of extra work. In future to inform swimmers that if forms not returned in time they will lose their place.
- 21.2 Zagreb – all arrangements complete. Awaiting kit which will arrive within the week.
- 21.3 Noted that Intergra is very poor as clubs are not updating changes of address and emails making contacting swimmers very difficult. CT to ask Stacey to put in next newsletter.
- 21.4 We now have a new logo in line with swim England.
- 21.5 Website needs updating and still waiting for new site.
- 21.6 Noted that swimmers whose family were experiencing financial difficulties were sometimes unable to afford development opportunities such as the Beacon programmes, Regional overseas camps etc. The Ray Clash Fund was suggested as an option for assistance but did not cover these areas. The following changes (in red) were proposed–

The Fund, both capital and income, shall be applied for the purpose of “providing financial assistance, grants or loans to Divers, Swimmers, Synchronised swimmers, Open Water swimmers and Water Polo players, but not Officials of the Sport, whose ASA Membership Fees are paid by a Club Affiliated to ~~are members of~~ the Region for the purpose of enabling those ~~persons~~ athletes to attend courses or development activities promoted or organised by the Region or by the ~~Amateur Swimming Association~~ Swim England or British Swimming or by such other body that has been approved by their Officers. Applications should be sent to the Finance Officer.

21.7 Accommodation and mileage protocol for officials updated.

17/22 Secretarial appointments and allowances

Appointments:	Competition Secretary	R.Margetts
	Events Secretary	C.Tremellen
	Masters Secretary	S.Haigh
	Officials Secretary	L.Elliott
	Official Training Co-ordinator	J.Bead
	Licensing Officer	L.Leffers

No change to Allowances

17.23 County Reps reports

- 23.1 Wilts Not much happening at the moment. Calendar now prepared for 2018. Development Gala on Sept 15th for swimmers below Championship level. Networks – Swindon working OK.
- 23.2 Dorset - quiet period. Development meet July 1st & 2nd. One swimmer going to World Championships and one to European Juniors.
- 23.3 Somerset Development meet in autumn – possible issue with Millfield being closed
- 23.4 Devon - 3 day Development galas now complete. Inter-club was better supported this year. Waiting for Life Centre to agree dates for 2018.

17/24 AOB

- 24.1 The President thanked everyone for making her so welcome at all the competitions she attended. She noted the large number of young volunteers and officials helping which is encouraging.
- 24.2 SY queried need for meeting. To be discussed at October meeting.
- 24.3 PG informed the committee he had officiated at a regional/area meet in USA where they used very few officials. Noted could not have been under FINA rules.
- 24.4 SD has emailed widely regarding the National Volunteers awards.

Signed _____
C. Tremellen Secretary

Signed _____
R.Margetts Chairman

Next meeting October 12th.